



Christ Church Anglican Eblast for September 1st, 2020

COME TO CHURCH ONLINE! Join us, in the safety of your own home for an online, interactive church service, a liturgy of the Word and stay online for fellowship and friendly discussion following the worship service. To sign up for the service this Sunday, August 16th at 10:30am, please email the church office at office@christchurchanglican.ca, or by calling 519-539-1330.

Our interactive services and You Tube videos, will continue lead by our lay readers Francis Richardson and John Howard, until an interim priest is in place.

Church Gets Plastered!

The repairs to the interior walls of the nave and the exterior stone on the river side of the church are underway. McLean Masonry, a company that specializes in the restoration of historical buildings, will be on site for several weeks. They will tackle the repairs to the interior first, removing the deteriorated plaster around the stained glass windows on the river side of the church and refinishing those areas with fresh plaster. On the river side of the exterior, they will fill the joints between the stones with a limestone mix that matches the original mortar. As their work progresses, they will also replace the worn out window coverings on the river side of the church with new coverings that are transparent, ventilated and removable for easy access to the stained glass.

With God's help, our beautiful church will continue to serve our community well for many years to come!

“Our doors are closed but our mission goes on.”

Wardens and friends

I watched the YouTube service yesterday and I had to let you know I found it comforting and uplifting. I have watched a couple of the earlier services and thought they were okay and served a purpose. Yesterday, I saw that you have met the challenges and conquered the learning curve. Well done!

The church was awash with sunshine, Graham's stole was colourful, his sermon was excellent, his message to us about our challenges as we search for a new rector was to the point and relevant. I looked up the Robert Frost poem when the service ended.

The hymns were beautiful and I sang along. Lauren your musical ability is priceless. You play the piano with your whole body. You sing from your heart. Your talent is god given. Thank you for sharing it with us.

Nathan the production values of the video are very good. There was a small snag at the reader's desk because David sounded tinny. I am sure that is easily

remedied. It was a professional production. Thank you for your talent. Francis and John thank you for your "lay reader" skills and your dedication. These services would not have happened without you. As we cautiously transition back into the church I think some people will want to stay with YouTube services. No social distancing, no masks and singing is allowed!

In God's Peace,

Linda

Church Administration

With the retirement of our former Parish Administrator Viv Baker the Wardens have been arranging for an interim office administrator, who will commence working in September. Office administration for the month of August will temporarily be covered by Truda Howard and Francis Richardson. Truda will prepare the weekly bulletins and Eblasts and Francis will monitor the telephones and any mail.

Please welcome Chris Clark! Our new Parish Administrator will start this month. Chris plans to be in the church office on Tuesday mornings and will also work remotely from home. Please give her a warm welcome as we transition.

PARISH SEARCH COMMITTEE To date the committee has had no direct response from the Diocese on the status of potential candidates to interview to be our next Incumbent. However, Archdeacon Graham Bland is looking for an interim priest, to lead our worship until our next priest is in place.

Pastoral Coverage for Christ Church

Good News!! – Archdeacon Graham Bland has arranged for priestly pastoral care for Christ Church for the remainder of 2020. Incumbents from our surrounding parishes have stepped up to look after us for services, funerals and visitations requiring a priest. Our Lay Readers & Wardens will continue doing all they can and have been doing up until now. Coverage will be –
August (remaining) – Archdeacon Graham Bland
September – Grayhame Bowcott (St. George's, Clarksburg)
October – Jeff Kischak (Christ Church, Markdale)
November – Regional Dean Carrie Irwin (Saugeen Shores)
December – Archdeacon Graham Bland
Archdeacon Graham & Bishop Todd will continue to look for an Interim who can be with us full time until they find an Incumbent for Christ Church. Be aware that there are 17 vacancies in the Diocese of Huron so the latter may take some time. In the meantime, we will be well looked after. We thank the archdeacon and all the incumbents for their willingness to go "the extra mile".
Please continue to leave messages at the church (519-538-1330) for any questions/requirements. The voice mail is monitored. Also, please continue to

join our virtual services on Sunday mornings at 10:30 and/or watch our videotaped service on the church website - <https://christchurchanglican.ca/sermons/>

