



**Christ Church Anglican Meaford  
Eblast for September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Come and join us in the church!**



**Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, Holy Eucharist  
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:30 am with interim priest The Ven. Canon Judy Walton.**  
See below for details.

**Readings:** Job 1:1, 2:1-10, Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

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**Parish Announcements**

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1. The **Wardens** will meet **Sat. Oct. 2**, at 10:00am in the parish hall.
2. The **Parish Council** will meet **Sat. Oct.16**, at 9:30am in the parish hall.



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**3. FEAST DAY OF ST. FRANCIS- BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS.**

Christ Church Anglican Meaford invites you to come for our annual Blessing of the Animals **this Sunday October 3rd at 4pm.**

During our liturgical Season of Creation and in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, we will bless the animals (big, small, or stuffed!). This is an annual tradition that we look forward to each year and you won't want to miss it.

We are still under the COVID-19 restrictions, masks will be required and socially distanced seating will be marked off.

This will be a fun, interactive service where Gilles our postulant will lead the service and Archdeacon Judy will be blessing your pet, picture of a pet, or stuffed animal.

The blessing service will take place in the Church. We invite you to join us and celebrate God's creation.

After the blessings, Chef Gilles will provide refreshments outside if the weather permits.

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4. **World Food Day is Oct. 16** and the **Bighead River Foodgrains Project** is once again placing a Toonie Tree in our church to collect funds for Canadian Foodgrains Bank in their mission to end global hunger.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has severely exacerbated the hunger situation in the world with the United Nations estimating that 118 million more

people are now experiencing hunger putting world numbers at 768 million people. While we are blessed in Canada to have vaccines, social safety nets and a steady supply of food, the same is not true for millions of people in developing countries.

***Please help us in this effort with your donation of loonies and toonies in our Toonie Tree.***

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***We are worshipping inside the church and continue to follow strict protocol within Huron Diocese and Province of Ontario guidelines with requirements to wear a face covering, physically distance, and using hand sanitizer. There is also single file and distanced protocol to receive the bread.***

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Dear friends,

As we approach Labour Day weekend, we are all aware that cases of COVID-19 are once again rising in Ontario. Due to this rise, the diocese will continue to follow the Reopening our Churches Step 3 guidelines for at least the month of September. The guidelines are available at the link below. I am asking all parishes to resume in-person worship effective September 12th. Some may prefer to continue to worship outside as long as the weather allows, some may prefer smaller services at a time other than Sunday morning. If a parish in a public health unit with a weekly COVID-19 case count of greater than 40 cases per 100,000 population wishes to request a later date for the return to in-person worship, the rector and wardens must seek permission from their Territorial Archdeacon, outlining the reasons for the request. The weekly case counts may be obtained [here](#) or directly from your public health unit.

As Christians, we welcome all in the name of Christ and so the diocese will not be requiring vaccinations for all persons attending worship. However, those in ministry leadership positions have been entrusted with responsibilities which include protection of the vulnerable. For this reason, the following people will now be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to serve in the Diocese of Huron during this pandemic.

All clergy who are presently in an appointment, interims, those who function as honorary assistants and who do supply

All Licensed Lay Readers

All liturgical leaders including, but not limited to, organists and choir directors, choristers, musicians, lectors, intercessors, Eucharistic Administrators, wardens, greeters and servers over 12 years of age

All Sunday School teachers and youth leaders

All pastoral visitors

To continue in these roles, all persons must have received their first dose of vaccine by September 30th and the second no later than October 31st.

Each parish will maintain a record of the lay persons in these roles with an indication that they have provided proof of vaccination. A trusted person in the parish is to be assigned to visually check each person's vaccination confirmation and record the name of each person and the date of their second vaccination. The record is to be maintained securely in a locked file or password protected computer file. A warden, Safe Church Coordinator or parish nurse may be good choices for this role. A person may access their vaccination confirmation [here](#). Once the new provincial system for verifying vaccination status is in place, parishes may use that system.

Clergy will provide proof of their vaccination to Ms. Jennifer McLaughlin [jmclaughlin@huron.anglican.ca](mailto:jmclaughlin@huron.anglican.ca) if you are uncomfortable sending a copy of the vaccine confirmation by email, please arrange to meet with Jennifer at Church House or by zoom so that she can visually confirm the document. The information will be kept in a locked file in the HR office. This will not become part of your permanent clergy file.

Those who are medically unable to be vaccinated must obtain a written doctor's note exempting them from this vaccination requirement. They will be required to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken less than 72 hours before the time they are scheduled to serve in their ministry role. Stipendiary clergy to whom this applies will be required to send to Jennifer proof of a negative COVID-19 test twice weekly. Those who have a Human Rights exemption from being vaccinated for COVID-19 are to contact Archdeacon Tanya Phibbs at [tphibbs@huron.anglican.ca](mailto:tphibbs@huron.anglican.ca)

All diocesan staff will also be required to be vaccinated by these deadlines. While we encourage the parishes to require this of any parish staff that are not in the categories above, that is a decision of the wardens to make as they are the employers.

Some people may feel that this policy goes too far, some will think it does not go far enough. I pray that it will strike a faithful and safe balance while we continue to gather and serve in this time. Please offer one another grace if there are disagreements, keeping each other in prayer and Christian love.

Yours in Christ,  
+Todd  
The Right Reverend Todd Townshend  
Bishop of Huron

### [REOPENING OUR CHURCHES STEP 3](#)

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***\*Please note Truda Howard will be our point person for collecting data re the above.***

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## Pastoral Care

*The Venerable Canon Judy Walton began her interim ministry with Christ Church on June 1. She is covering any parish emergencies, pastoral needs and the various meetings that arise within the parish and deanery. Should you need to contact Judy, please call her home at 705-444-0233 or her cell phone 705-607-0870. Her email is [revjudy@rogers.com](mailto:revjudy@rogers.com). Leaving a message at the office 519-538-1330 will also be forwarded to her in a prompt manner.*

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*We are saddened to learn of the passing of Ida Louise Almond on September 22, 2021. A private Celebration of Her Life was held on Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at Christ Church Meaford. Our heart-felt condolences to the family. The obituary is [here](#).*

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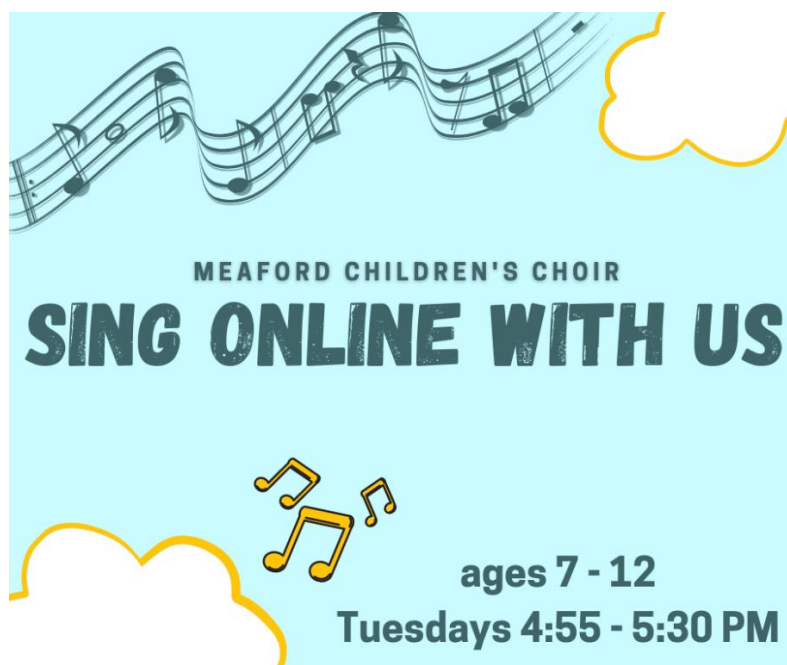
**Meaford Children's Choir** The choir will continue to meet online this fall, moving to 4:55-5:30pm starting on September 28.



Please tell your friends! Lauren has attached an image you can share. The zoom information is the same as before. The poster is below.

It is appreciated if new and returning members RSVP to the email address following so that Lauren knows who will be attending, names and ages of new choir members, etc.

There continues to be no cost to participate thanks to the generosity of the Christ Church Anglican BAC. Lauren and our community look forward to another fantastic season of singing! Please contact Lauren at [meafordchildrenschoir@gmail.com](mailto:meafordchildrenschoir@gmail.com).



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## Community Announcements

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**Fall Spiritual Care Training programs begin.** This program is designed as an introduction to Spiritual Care visiting; in home, in hospital and long-term care, and virtually. This is not professional training and would be good for those people who are supporting their faith communities with some pastoral/spiritual visiting, or who may be interested in volunteering in hospital or long-term care.

The cost for 4 sessions is \$75.00 which should be sent with registration to the Spiritual Care office, attention: Evelynne Hazen. Cheques can be made out to Grey Bruce Spiritual Care Council, or e-transfers can be arranged. Evelynne is copied on this email. Registration should be in by September 27th.

All sessions are from 1 - 3:30 p.m. by Zoom. Link will be sent at the time of registration.

Dates are as follows:

October 6

October 20

November 3

November 17

The above info provided by Grey Bruce Health Services

T 519.376.2121 x2861

[www.gbhs.on.ca/spiritual-care/](http://www.gbhs.on.ca/spiritual-care/)

### Contact Info

Church office.

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***The church office is open Tuesdays from 9:00am to 12:00noon or leave us a message to call you back promptly - 519-538-1330.***

*You may also watch us here*



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