

A caring Christian community celebrating God, proclaiming Christ, and serving others in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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#### Today's Readings

Malachi 3:1-4 + Hebrews 2:14-18 + Luke 2:22-40

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#### Upcoming at Christ Church

- Monday, February 2, 2025
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Brampton Cubs @ 7:00 pm Auditorium
- Tuesday, February 4, 2025
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Brampton Scouts @ 7:00 pm Auditorium
- ✤ Wednesday, February 5, 2025
  - Funeral for Eleanor Cowan @ 1:00 pm
  - Worship Collective Rehearsal 7:30 pm
- ✤ Thursday, February 6, 2025
  - Choir Rehearsal @ 7:00 pm
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Brampton Beavers 5:45 pm
- ✤ Sunday, February 9, 2025 | 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany
  - Church In-Person @ 10:00 am welcoming the Steel Orchestra (Pans) of St. Paul L'Amoreaux & Potluck to follow
  - Confirmation Class on break to enjoy the festivities
  - Church Online@ 4:00 pm
  - NA Group @ 7:00 pm Auditorium
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#### Readings for next Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13) + 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 + Luke 5:1-11



On gray winter days in, we are reminded:

#### Brother Give Us a Word | Shine

No one covers a lamp with a basket or puts it under a bed, says Jesus. Hiding a lamp makes it ineffective. A lamp is made to share light, to be out in the open so others may see. We are made to shine, to illuminate, to point people to God.

Br. Luke Ditewig, Society of St. John the Evangelist (Jan 28/25)

# Prayer for the Parish Selection Committee

Lord, we thank you for the many blessings Christ Church has enjoyed over the years and especially during this interim season. We pray that you continue to guide the Parish Selection Committee through the crucial final steps of their search for a new incumbent. Please send your Holy Spirit to guide the selection committee, so they may clearly and prayerfully discern the way forward to meet the needs and potential of the parish. May the congregation open their hearts to the new incumbent and the ministry you call us to in the years ahead. We pray our new Incumbent will find inspiration and fulfillment at Christ Church and that the parish will continue to thrive, grow and serve the community in faith. Amen

Charlene Bickerstaffe, Elizabeth Charters, Chinweike Chike, Ken Egbuna, Peter Harvey, John Joukema, Nancy Kee, Stan Szepesi (Chair)

# New February Banner

You may have noticed that there are 15 different banners that the Altar Guild hangs above the pulpit according to the month and/or season, from Advent to Pentecost, at least one for each month. Most of these banners were created around 50 years ago by different individuals and groups and commemorated important liturgical and sometimes secular images for the specific period.

The banner for February, which showed a heart for God's Love (and Valentine's Day), has not held up as well as some of the others. Last year, the Altar Guild decided to replace it with one that includes themes from Black History Month, an important February observance for our congregation. The Altar Guild commissioned Phyllis Moffatt and the Sacred Sewing group to create a new banner. The image was chosen by Marjorie Taylor. We thank everyone who was involved in making it possible to offer you this fine new banner today.

You can see the new banner hanging now. The heart for God's love is still central, but the cross behind it and the clasped hands symbolize the unity and mutual support offered by people of all backgrounds throughout the Christian world. This is an image that is particularly appropriate in Christ Church, where there is love amongst the many members of our shared "Non-DNA Family".

# Parish Life | Join Us...

...following the service for a time of conversation and refreshments. We meet in the auditorium immediately following the service. All are invited | All are welcome | No experience required





# Parish Life | Mark Your Calendars!

- On Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, we welcome the Steel Pans of St. Paul's L'Amoreaux at our Sunday morning worship. To make an even more festive day, a Parish Potluck will follow. Sign up today!
- We are delighted that John Joukema is leading the charge for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper to be held on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more information.





# Outreach | Coldest Night of the Year



Christ Church's 2024 Christ Church Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) is forming-up! Can you imagine being homeless or under-housed in these last few days of cold & rain? For several years, Christ Church has participated in CNOY in support of Regeneration Outreach Community which serves the homeless and near homeless right in our neighhourhood. Christ Church is a long-standing community partner of Regen and you can read more about their ministry here: www.regenbrampton.com

Where	The event starts & finishes at Garden Square at Main & Queen St. in downtown Brampton.	
When	Saturday, February 22 <sup>nd</sup> with a 4:00 pm gathering & a 5:00 pm start & a 7:00 pm end	
What	2km or 5km routes	
Captain	Jeremy l'Anson-Joukema has once again accepted the role of team captain!	

Everything you need to know is on our website at: <u>https://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/coldest-night-of-the-year</u>

Please consider joining our team or sponsoring the team or a team member. This year our 2025 Confirmation Class will be taking this on as a service project.

To join our team, donate to our team, donate to a team member: The link below takes you to the Christ Church donation page. There you may sponsor either the team or an individual member ~ it's that easy!

https://CNOY 2025 Christ Church

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On the evening before the Coldest Night of the Year (Friday, February 21), the Brampton Folk Club is hosting a concert at St. Paul's United Church in support of Regeneration/Coldest Night of the Year. Our own Sally Campbell is participating! Doors open at 7:00 pm. Adults \$22 Seniors & Student \$20.



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Coldest Night of the Year | Feb 24/24

### **Resource Management**

#### Financial Giving

Because the life and vitality of our Church is important to us, we are each called to make a financial commitment to ensure that the ministry of our church continues to flourish now and for the years to come. We are so grateful for the intentional, purposeful, and sacrificial gifts that enable us to invite, welcome and connect all of us together with Him who abides with us in all times and circumstances. We have several ways to give:

- 1. Envelope Sets are available by contacting the parish office.
- 2. <u>Pre-Authorized Remittance ("PAR")</u> is a monthly amount withdrawn from your bank account.
- <u>E-Transfers</u> via the Interac system. Email address is: <u>christchurchbrampton@bellnet.ca</u> If you are new to us please include your name and address in the notes section for receipting purposes.
- 4. <u>More information</u> is available at: <u>https://www.christchurchbrampton.ca/how-to-give</u>

# Parish News

#### R.I.P. Eleanor Cowan October 28, 1930 – January 28, 2025

Visitation for Eleanor will be at Wards Funeral Home on Tuesday, February  $4^{th}$  from 7:00 – 9:00 pm with a funeral at Christ Church on Wednesday, February  $5^{th}$  at 1:00 pm.

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#### Name Tags Available for Pick-up

Our recent order of names tags is now available in the Narthex ~ that's "church speak" for the area before you enter the church. It is our practice to order semi-annually so watch out for a request to order in the coming weeks.



Children & Youth Event (Jan 24)



Coffee Hour (Jan 26)

### **Connect With Us**

Address: 4 Elizabeth Street North, Brampton, ON L6X 1S2				
Interim Priest-in-Charge	Arthur Boers (905-45	51-6649 ext. 22)		
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Treasurer	Kathy Newbert	905-454-0527		
Envelope Secretary	Carolynne Atkinson	905-453-8323		
Parish Visitors	Joan Powell	905-451-4694		
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### Follow Us







### Parking

As a courtesy to newcomers, the disabled and those with young families, we kindly ask you that you leave the parking in front of the church and those spots along the north wall of the church for those who are less able bodied. Additionally, the 1<sup>st</sup> two spots along the north wall are for those with a handicap permit or another equally valid reason. In addition to ample street parking, Sunday morning parking is available at the following locations:

Medical Arts	<ul> <li>Located on the northeast corner of Queen and</li></ul>
118 Queen St. W.	Mill Street.
Brampton Go	<ul> <li>Located on the northeast corner of Elizabeth and</li></ul>
***NEW***	Nelson

<u>Please do not park</u> at the Sterling Dental lots as they require spots on Sunday for their clients.