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Week of January 29, 2012

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

Peter Niewolik, son of Peggy and the late Edmund Niewolik, brother of Irena & Margaret

In preparation for our JUSTICE CAMP throughout Lent, our children and teens have launched a massive Food Drive; part of our ongoing efforts to make a difference in the lives of others. Please take part by making a donation each week – the list of items requested is posted in the Narthex. All that we collect will go to help people in Hamilton, especially teens and young families who are in need. Thank you for your generosity.



Next Sunday – Canned Meats & Fish

Ginger Group, a gathering of retired men of the parish and their guests will meet February 6th at 11.45am for refreshments followed by lunch and a presentation about technology for seniors. Contacts: Winston Campbell, 905.336.1397 or George Beadle, 905.637.8640.

Pizza & Movie - *Wednesday, February 1 - 5:30 pm*
We will watch 'Easy Virtue' – a 2008 British-Canadian Comedy film based on Noel Coward's play. Please phone Betty Anne Millar 905.637.3318 if attending.

For the Bible Tells Me So
This Wednesday 7:00 - 9:00pm in the Great Hall
Another chance to see this documentary movie that explores the ways Christians have perceived and abused LGBTQ people. For more information, speak with Mike Deed.

Our **Annual Vestry Meeting** will be held on Sunday, February 12th. For that Sunday only, service times will be **8:00am and 10:00am**. A light lunch will be served after the 10am service followed by the vestry meeting. In order to prepare, please join us on Wednesday, February 8th at 7:30pm for a complete review of the parish's financial situation. All parishioners 16 years and older; who have for at least six months been involved with this parish through worship, fellowship and financial support; and have not voted as a member of any other vestry within the past six months, are eligible to vote.

Please pick up your **2012 givings envelopes** today in the Narthex.

Parent Connection



Our gathering of parents with infants and young children every Wednesday 10am-11.30am will be having several guest speakers in the coming weeks:

On February 8th St John's Ambulance will be coming to talk about emergency first aid with infants and children. On February 22nd we will have a presentation on managing misbehaviour. Please speak to Mike Deed for more information.

Seniors' Lunch

Thursday, February 9th at Noon
All seniors are invited to join us for lunch. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to the office at 905.634.1809.

Youth Groups

On February 12th we will be taking part in a pottery class at the Burlington Arts Centre. For more information, please speak to Mike Deed.

Open-Enders: February 6th at 9:30am in the Family Room. We will discuss two articles from England and Nunavut – one on church buildings and one on suicide prevention – that reflect a different 'take' on Christianity than we experience at St. Christopher's and in the Diocese of Niagara. Handouts are available in the Open-Enders' box in the Narthex.



Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 21st 5:00 - 7:00pm
Join us for a great meal! Tickets are on sale in the Narthex and will also be available at the door. Adults \$6.00, Seniors \$5.00, Children \$2.00, Families \$12.00. Help is needed in the kitchen – both men and women are welcome! Contact Doug Froom at 905.634.7668 or Ian Milroy 905.333.3189 if you can help.

Please remember these people in your prayers: For confidentiality purposes, the sick list will no longer be printed online.

MEMO!

- Did you book April 28th, 2012 on your calendar?
- You forgot? Oh no! Make sure you do it today!

Ash Wednesday Religious Education Day

February 22nd from 8:30am - 3:00pm

The Burlington Anglican Churches' Ash Wednesday program entitled "Jumping Off the Page" is being held this year at St. Luke's, 1374 Elgin Street. Snacks are provided, children must bring their own lunch. Please complete a registration form on the table in the Narthex and return to Mike Deed.



Sunday Noon Study Group will meet on February 19th following the 11:15 service to discuss the book "The Celestine Prophecy" by James Redfield. Everyone is welcome to participate, whether you have read the book or not. This is a very informal discussion group that gets together monthly to explore life through good reading. Please contact Steve Hopkins or Rodney Lott for more information.

Choral Evensong

Sunday, February 5th at 4:00pm Christ's Church Cathedral Choral Evensong in celebration of the 60th Anniversary to the Accession of Her Majesty the Queen. The service will feature special music by the Cathedral Choir under the direction of Bruce Cross and The Very Rev. Peter Wall. Guest Preacher is The Rt. Rev. D. Ralph Spence.

Bus Tour to Boston & Cape Cod

Christ's Church Cathedral presents this 5 day tour from May 3 - 7. An information session will be held on Sunday, February 12th from 1 - 3pm at the Cathedral. More information is on our bulletin board or contact Rosemary Barnes at 905.527.1316 x 226.

Upcoming Concert

Hamilton Area's internationally successful breast cancer survivor dragonboat team, Knot A Breast, is holding a musical fundraising concert here at St Christopher's Church next Saturday, February 4th at 7:00 pm. 'Kevin Ernst and Friends' will present various genres that are sure to entertain all tastes, including four part harmony, Jazz standards, Buble; Groban; and Pop tunes. Tickets are \$20 and available from Mary Loree, who is a paddler on the Knot A Breast team, at 905.637.0105 or mloree@cogeco.ca. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Birthdays/Anniversaries This Week:

Birthdays

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| <i>Helen Sheppard</i> | <i>Charlie Turpin</i> |
| <i>Joan Butcher</i> | <i>Debbie Brooks</i> |
| <i>Matthew Cain</i> | <i>John Hood</i> |
| <i>Alan Baker</i> | <i>David Griffiths</i> |
| <i>Kathy Watson</i> | <i>Matthew Collard</i> |
| <i>Barbara Main</i> | <i>Bill Rice</i> |
| <i>Tracy Freeman</i> | <i>Michele Honan</i> |
| <i>Herb Walton</i> | <i>Bonnie Hopkins</i> |
| <i>Andre Leclerc</i> | <i>Susan Olynyk</i> |
| <i>Kevin Kapusty</i> | <i>Shane Guther</i> |

Anniversaries

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| <i>Tim & Debra Denike</i> | <i>(32nd)</i> |
| <i>Gord & June Archbell</i> | <i>(57th)</i> |
| <i>Ray & Tina Zhang</i> | <i>(13th)</i> |

Services This Week

Thursday 9:30am Holy Eucharist

Services Next Sunday, February 5th

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Child Care provided at the 9:30 & 11:15 Services

Readings Next Sunday

2 Samuel 6: 12-20; Luke 2: 22-38

Meetings & Activities This Week:

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| Sunday | 5:00pm | Middle School Youth Group |
| | 7:00pm | High School Youth Group |
| Monday | 9:30am | Fitness Class & Coffee Break |
| | 7:30pm | Band Practice |
| Tuesday | 2:00pm | Seniors' Social |
| | 4:00pm | Open Doors Free Clothing Store |
| | 4:00pm | Kids' Club/Tween Club |
| | 6:00pm | Community Dinner |
| | 7:00pm | Calling All Parents |
| Wednesday | 9:30am | Fitness Class & Coffee Break |
| | 10:00am | Parent Connection |
| | 5:30pm | Pizza & A Movie |
| | 7:00pm | Educational Study Group |
| Thursday | 10:30am | Bible Study |
| | 4:00pm | SHINE |
| | 6:30pm | Guitar Group |
| | 7:30pm | Choir Practice |
| Friday | 9:00am | Fitness Class & Coffee Break |
| | 7:30pm | Bridge Group |
| Saturday | 10:00am | Open Doors Free Clothing Store |