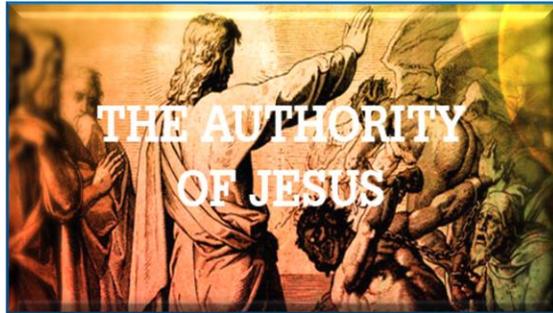


**THE PARISH OF HOLY TRINITY ST. STEPHENS
ANGLICAN MEMORIAL CHURCH**

**Weekly Newsletter - Covid-19 edition #43
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany – January 31st, 2021**



Worship readings for next week's 4th Sunday after Epiphany, Jan 31st are:
Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Worship readings for next week's 5th Sunday after Epiphany, Feb 7th are:
Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-12, 21c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

In conjunction with Rev. Rob's worship video you can find a link for the week's readings posted on the Worship Schedule page of our website.

Those noted below have a place of importance for us as a parish family to honour and remember.

JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS:

Jan 3 - Given to the Glory of God by Anne Buchanan in memory of her Father, John B Nesbit.

Jan 10 - Given to the Glory of God by Colin & Carol Shutt in memory of their parents Don & Kay Shutt and Al & Laura Adie.

Jan 17 - Given to the Glory of God by Dave & Marnie McEwen in memory of Dave's parents, Harold & Florence, and brothers Jackie, Lloyd, Bill, and Ted.

Jan 24 - *Available for dedication. Please contact Anne Buchanan for details.*

Jan 31 - *Available for dedication. Please contact Anne Buchanan for details.*



PRAYER CHANGES THINGS STARTING WITH THE ONE WHO PRAYS



PRAYER INTENTIONS

***THIS PRAYER MINISTRY IS MOST IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW!
Your prayers DO MAKE a difference. Please take additional
time in your day and in you daily prayers for those most
vulnerable and in need of healing.***

We are honoured to hold in prayer – family, friends, loved ones, and all in need. We pray especially for those listed in this bulletin and those in our hearts this day.

Prayers for those in need of Health and Healing:

Rev. Pam, Chris & family, Christina, Mike, Joan, Nancy, Marilyn A., Judi S., Len W., Al & Yvonne, Kelly M., Sandy M., Dianne, Linda R., Steve I., Kathryn H., Kathy G., Molly Rose, Susan U., Luke, Lucy, Jill, Jennifer A., Edi, Jerry, Carol, Hiba, Petra, Hailey, and Jeff P.



Prayers for those in Long Term Care or Seniors Homes:

Margaret K., Wayne, Diane, Noreen, Jim M., Gene, Evelyn, Dave, Shirley, Laurie, Leona, Rhiannon, Junia, Cliff, Shirley Mac, Florence, Gloria, Joanie T., Hazel, Bob.

CHATTER BOX Phone Team

The Chatterbox Phone Team have been calling parishioners who have been unable to come to services. Now that we are in lockdown, we will be expanding our lists to include ALL parishioners. As you can imagine this will be a large endeavor! If you are able to help us out, please contact: Beth McKinlay at: (c) 519-709-2123 (h) 519-681-9530 or beth_mckinlay@hotmail.com.





HTSSM Building Announcement

With the declaration of a State of Emergency for the province of Ontario beginning at 12:01am on Thursday, January 14, 2021, please note that the church building is closed. Please do not drop into the building for any reason without prior authorization from the wardens. Please contact either of them at: Beth McKinlay 519-709-2123 or Harry Harris 519-681-8529.

Offering envelopes and messages may still be placed in the mailbox.

Do not leave cash in the mailbox. The building is checked every day.

The next few weeks will be difficult in many ways but we are not alone.

God is with us, "an ever present help in times of trouble." May you feel God's presence with you during these during these days.

Rev. Rob+

Virtual Morning Prayer and Coffee Hour

Rev Rob will again be leading a time of prayer and conversation every Wednesday morning from 8am-8:30 on Zoom. All are welcome!

To register, email robhenderson@diohuron.org

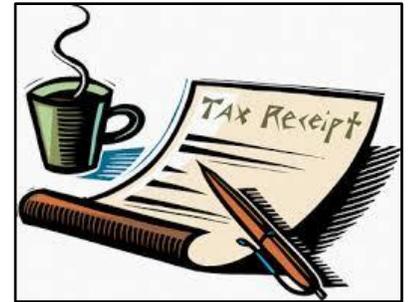


2021 CHURCH ENVELOPES

The 2021 Church Envelopes are now available, please contact the church office if you need to make arrangements for pick up/drop off. Please note that your envelope number has changed. Should you have any questions; wishing to change your method of payment; or increase automatic withdrawals; please contact Jeanette in the Church office at 226-456-8776.

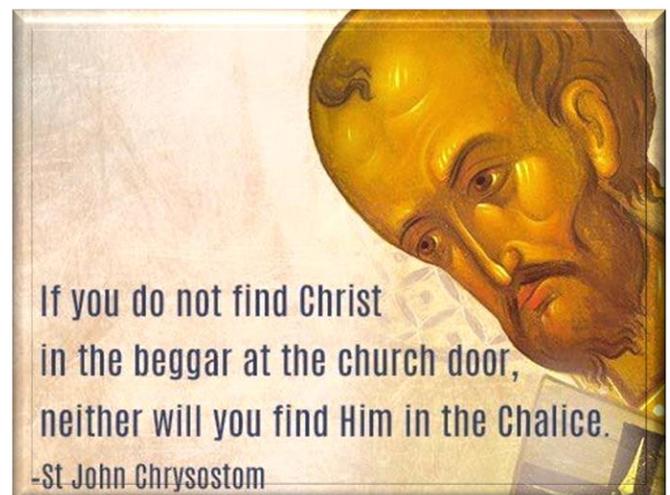
INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

These are hopefully expected before mid-February, if not sooner. Further details on distribution will be sent out shortly. Jeanette will update you as to the status in later January 2021. Should you have any immediate questions, please contact her by calling the Church at 226-456-8776.



'Music For All' on the HTSSM Website

Are you enjoying Dave's musical talent that complements the weekly online worship videos? Indeed you are among the many, and now you can listen to these beautiful individual hymns anytime by visiting the HTSSM Website at www.parishofhtssm.ca. Simply click the 'Music-For-All' picture on the home page and you will be directed to all his recordings.





**THE DEANERY OF LONDON INVITES YOU TO
UNBINDING HEAVY BURDENS: A LENTEN JOURNEY**
THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD OVER ZOOM



FEATURING:
BEST SELLING AUTHOR
DIANA BUTLER BASS

February 24
March 3, 10, 17, 24
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

FEATURING:
BISHOP OF HURON
TODD TOWNSHEND

TO REGISTER: ——— OFFICE@ST AidANS.NET ——— 519 471 1430

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JANUARY 20, 2021

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Finding God in unsettling times

By [Archbishop Linda Nicholls](#) | January 1, 2021 | Anglican Journal - Opinion

When I lived in the Himalayas, we had occasional earthquakes. During a Bible study I wondered who was shaking the bench I was sitting on only to realize we were experiencing an earthquake. As we leapt to our feet I realized there was nowhere to go to escape—the very earth under our feet was rumbling, and running away would not change that. It was profoundly unsettling. Where do you seek safety when everything around you is unstable?

We begin a new calendar year with no end of the pandemic in sight, though news of vaccines is encouraging. Every benchmark we have set for gathering for family celebrations has been cancelled: Easter—Thanksgiving—Christmas. Just when things begin to look hopeful, we are plunged back into uncertainty. Where do we find stability?

The only place of stability I know, for this or any other upheaval in our lives, is in God. The Creator of all is our refuge. Psalm 121 records that, though we may look to the solidity of the mountains, when we ask, “Where is my help to come from?” the answer is, “My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.” I have a sense that we are being pruned of our reliance on anything or anyone else through the COVID-19 pandemic. We are being invited to ensure that our foundation is in God first. We hold all else lightly, so that if it is taken away we are not discouraged or defeated, and if we retain it we enjoy it with delight and gratitude.

The practice of this kind of stability is at the core of the monastic life and is central to a grounded, hopeful joy that cannot be destroyed by the ups and downs of daily experiences. It is also a stability that is practiced through prayer and intentional immersion in God. I suspect that is why the opportunities for daily morning or evening prayer or compline have attracted many people during the pandemic.

The dean of Canterbury Cathedral, Robert Willis, spoke to the Anglican Church of Canada’s House of Bishops in October about his experience of moving the daily offices online when the cathedral was locked down. Those daily offices were initially intended for those who lived nearby but could no longer attend services in person. As cathedral staff prayed them online, however, they discovered thousands of people worldwide who were hungry to be in touch with God in the midst of daily life. The ordinariness of praying in the garden with the cat, or while standing in the drizzle, reminded those watching that God is here in the messiness of now. Stability was found in offering each day to God through worship, Scripture reading and prayer.

This is not new. It is foundational to the Anglican understanding of community life: parishes that pray daily and offer to God praise, intercessions, confession, hopes and agonies in the certainty that in God—the stable heartbeat of our lives—these prayers will be sorted and answered as God wills, in God’s time.

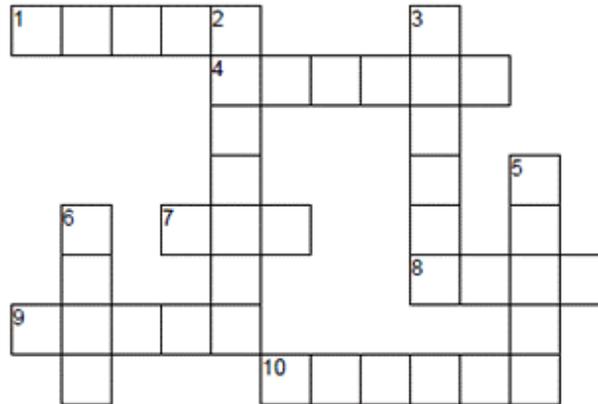
We may be weary of the ongoing struggle of COVID-19, tired of remaining isolated, longing for what we have lost. For now, look to the source of stability that will carry us through. Be in touch with God daily. “From where is our help to come? From the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.... The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in forever more.” (Ps. 121).

Jesus Drives Out an Unclean Spirit

The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." Mark 1:27



The puzzle is based on Mark 1:21-28 (NIV)



HORIZONTAL

1. The Son of God
4. To be extremely surprised
7. An adult male human being
8. Immoral, bad, or wicked
9. To instruct or train someone
10. A supernatural being such as a demon

VERTICAL

2. The day of the week set aside by some religions as a day of rest and worship
3. Human beings; men, women and children
5. Making very little or no noise
6. To do what you are told or expected to do

TEACH	PEOPLE	SABBATH	EVIL	QUIET
JESUS	MAN	AMAZED	OBEY	SPIRIT

Don't forget to check out the Vicars' Crossing Podcasts on any of the following:

iTunes, YouTube or Soundcloud



Are you unable to attend, or not ready for in-person worship service? No Problem! Just check out Rev Rob's latest YouTube worship video! Simply go our **Parish Website Home page** and click the YouTube button, or go to Rev Rob's Corner and find the latest edition!



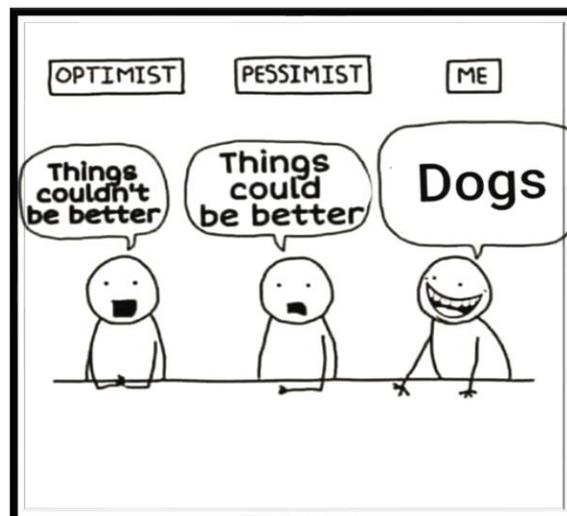
Saint John Chrysostom
Bishop and Doctor of the Church
c. 349 - 407
Patronage: Constantinople, education, epilepsy, lecturers, orators, preachers

Prayer of Saint John Chrysostom
Before Reading or Listening to the Word of God

O Lord Jesus Christ,
open Thou the eyes of my heart,
that I may hear Thy word and understand
and do Thy will, for I am a sojourner upon the earth.
Hide not Thy commandments from me,
but open mine eyes, that I may perceive the wonders
of Thy law. Speak unto me the hidden and secret
things of Thy wisdom. On Thee do I set my hope,
O my God, that Thou shalt enlighten my mind and
understanding with the light of Thy knowledge,
not only to cherish those things which are written,
but to do them; that in reading the lives and sayings
of the saints I may not sin, but that such may serve
for my restoration, enlightenment and sanctification,
for the salvation of my soul, and the inheritance of life
everlasting. For Thou art the enlightenment of those
who lie in darkness, and from Thee cometh every
good deed and every gift.
Amen.

HTSSM's Social Media!!

Be sure to always stay connected and share our events with your friends and family through our Parish Website and Facebook page.



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