



Eblast for October 8, 2025

Please join us **SUNDAY** for In Person Worship



Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Holy Eucharist – 10:30AM

Presided by: The Rev. Canon Kevin Bothwell

The readings are: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100; Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **The Midweek Said BCP Eucharist is offered today** and every Wednesday, beginning at 12:00noon in the chapel. All are welcome.



2. **TODAY, Wednesday, October 8, 2025, the second session of a new, ongoing Bible Study**, starting with the Letter of James, begins at 1pm, following the Midweek Eucharist.

If you plan to come to both, consider bringing a lunch and a Bible with you (if you have one)– there will be time to grab a bite between the service and the Bible session. No registration or cost to this is required. Bibles can be supplied, if you don't have one.



3. **UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH, MEAFORD:**

† All Hallow's Evening Prayer service will take place on Thursday, October 31st at 4:00PM, followed by a candy shellout.


† All Saints' Day, will be celebrated at Christ Church on Sunday, November 2nd at 10:30AM.

† All Souls' Day with the Blessing of the Graves will take place on Monday, November 3rd at Lakeview Cemetery at 10:30 AM. Those who have loved ones buried there may wish to join us.

† Remembrance Sunday, November 9th will be an ecumenical prayer service @ Meaford Community Centre at 10:00AM. There will be no service at Christ Church that day.

4. **October is “Toonie Tree” month.** A toonie tree has been placed in the back of the church by the Bighead River Foodgrains Project to collect funds during the month of October for Canadian Foodgrains Bank. With the cutback in humanitarian aid by the US and others, your donation will bring hope and food to some of the thousands who will be impacted by this move.

5. **The Chancel Guild is looking for pairs to team up to fill this important ministry** for our church. **If you can spend a couple hours per month on a schedule, please contact the office or speak to Jean Richardson.**

6.  **Do you have any canning or preserves you would like to show off? The church would love to display them for our Thanksgiving service? (We promise you will get them back!) The Chancel Guild will be decorating our window shelves on Saturday October 11th at 10 am. Please join us! If you cannot be there on Saturday, simply leave your decorative bounty at the back of the church anytime.**

7. **We hope you will participate in our COUNTRY KITCHEN & CRAFT SALE, which is Saturday, October 25th from 10am to 1pm. Items suggested are: pies, bread, GF baking, bake table, crafts, etc. Please spread the word! Posters are available at the back of the church.**

NEW THIS YEAR, a light lunch will be available for a freewill offering, in support of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (working together to end global hunger).

Please bring in your items for the sale and put them downstairs in the lounge, if you’re able, or simply leave them on the pews at the back of the church. Our poster follows.

8. Christ Church’s Music Director Search committee is actively seeking a part time keyboard and choral music director to lead in our parish community. If you know someone who may be interested, please speak to Fr. Brendon Bedford or one of the wardens. For more details of the position, please check our website, <https://christchurchanglican.ca/pages/employment-opportunity-music-director>

9. **World Food Day is recognized on Oct. 16. On Sunday, Oct. 19 at 2:00 p.m., the Bighead River Foodgrains Project is hosting a World Food Day concert at Knox Presbyterian Church in Meaford featuring singer Susan Dietrich accompanied by Don Buchanan on the keyboard, and guest dancer, Tracy McNally. (See posters on bulletin boards.)**

10. Bishop Townshend joins with our Primate, Archbishop Shane Parker, and the rest of Anglican Church of Canada in rejoicing at the appointment of the Bishop of London, **the Right Reverend and Right Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally DBC, as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury.**

The Archbishop-Designate will legally assume the role at the end of January 2026 and will be installed as the Bishop of the Diocese of Canterbury in March 2026.

Additional information may be found at <https://www.anglicancommunion.org/communications/announcing-the-next-archbishop-of-canterbury.aspx>.

11. **Monday Breakfast Paused for Thanksgiving holiday–** please note the next Free Community Breakfast will be **Monday, October 20th from 8:30 to 10am.** We hope to see you there!

12. **A reminder: the next Repair Cafe is this Saturday, October 11th, going from 9:00am to 12:00noon. If you have a small item that needs repair, please bring it into the church – we’d love to see you.**

13. **PASTORAL CARE:** For urgent care, please contact the Rev. Brendon Bedford at brendonbedford@diohuron.org or 226-974-5060. For all other questions, concerns or other ministries, please call the office at 519-538-1330 or office@christchurchanglican.ca.

May you enjoy the fruitful harvest of our area and think of sharing it
with those less fortunate than ourselves! Happy Thanksgiving!

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New Sign marking Christ Church as an historic
Meaford Landmark. Check it out on our front
lawn.



What's Blooming at Christ Church, October 8th, 2025

Sweet Alyssum, [Lobularia maritima](https://www.garden.org/plant/lobularia-maritima), which has been blooming for months in the Memorial Garden at the base of the flag pole, is most often grown as an annual. However, actually it is a short-lived perennial. The Sweet Alyssum growing at Christ Church has self-seeded and returned each year to bloom for over 15 years. I give credit to Donna Eagles and Gladys Williams, as the gardeners who maintained the plantings around the church for many years for originally planting these long-blooming plants. *Lobularia maritima* is native to the Mediterranean. The tiny flowers bloom in clusters and emit a sweet, honey-like fragrance, attracting pollinators like bees and butterflies. The abundant flowers that bloom from spring to fall are available in varieties that have white, pink, or purple flowers. It makes an excellent floral groundcover, or can be used as a border plant. If planted among other annuals or perennials as a companion plant, its showy blooms and sweet scent make it useful to attract pollinators and beneficial insects. It forms a low-growing mound

which reaches 3-6 inches in height but can spread 12-14 inches or more. *Lobularia* prefers full sun but will tolerate partial shade. It thrives best in well drained, fertile soil, and once established is quite drought tolerant, which is the case of the conditions it is growing in at Christ Church. Sweet Alyssum can benefit from a light trimming when the initial blooms begin to fade, as this will encourage new flowers to form. The tight, free-flowering plants are also great for planters or hanging baskets as they will spill over the edge and create a more abundant appearance. The genus name *Lobularia* comes from a Greek word meaning 'small pod,' referring to the shape of the fruits in other members of the genus. Interestingly the word *Alyssum* can be translated as 'lack of madness,' which is in reference to the historical use of the herb as a treatment against rabies. The species name *maritima* refers to its native coastal habitat.

Country Kitchen & Craft Sale

Saturday October 25, 2025.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Christ Church Anglican

34 Boucher St. East (off Sykes St.)

Meaford, Ontario.

519-538-1330 * office@christchurchanglican.ca

Soups, Bread, Bake Table, GF Baking, Chili,
Chili Sauce, Pickles, Crafts, and more.

No admission charge

Family friendly



On the same day, join us downstairs
for a lunch in support of the
Canadian Foodgrains Bank.



Free will offering

A partner organization of the Anglican Church of Canada.

