



CHRIST CHURCH
ANGLICAN
MEAFORD

Eblast for January 21, 2026

Please join us SUNDAY for In Person Worship



Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 25, 2026

Holy Eucharist – 10:30AM

Presided by: The Rev. Brendon Bedford; homilist: John Howard.

The readings are: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 5-13; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

If unable to join us in person, you may join our livestream which begins at 10:30am Sunday mornings – from our website, www.christchurchanglican.ca and click on “service video”.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **The Midweek Said BCP Eucharist is offered every Wednesday at 12:00noon in the chapel -- all are welcome!**
2. **Following the Midweek Eucharist, we offer a Bible Study– continuing with the First Letter of John.** If you plan to come to both the Midweek Eucharist and the Bible study (at 1pm), consider bringing a lunch.
3. **The Free Community Breakfast is every Monday, (unless a stat holiday) offered from 8:30 to 10:00am. Invite your neighbours for a hearty breakfast.**

4. **Vestry Sunday – is February 22nd.** Please ensure you have this date marked on your calendar. This is your opportunity to have your say in the operation of the church, including voting on the new budget for 2026 - where your attendance and vote is very

important to our parish. The brief meeting will follow our regular church service, with coffee/tea/juice & a light lunch provided.

5. MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

February 8	Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	10:30am
February 14	Repair Cafe (& Valentines Day)	9am to 12noon (Sat)
February 15	Transfiguration Sunday (please bring in your palm crosses)	
February 16	Family Day (civic holiday) - office is closed (Mon)	
February 17	Shrove Tuesday, aka Pancake Tuesday – details TBA - If you can volunteer some time, please let the office know.	
February 18	Ash Wednesday service at CC	10:30am
February 18	Lent Bible Study begins	1:00pm
February 22	1 st Sunday in Lent & Vestry Sunday	10:30am

6. **CANCELLATION OF ROBBIE BURNS SUPPER/FUNDRAISER** – with regret, our Robbie Burns Supper, scheduled for Friday, January 23rd, 2026 had to be cancelled due to insufficient ticket sales.

If you had purchased tickets and wish a refund and have not already done so, (or to make a donation), please contact the office at 519-538-1330 or office@christchurchanglican.ca

7. Honouring British Home Children – the most recent newsletter of Home Child Canda is posted [here](#).



8. **Coffee & Fellowship Ministry.** Thank you to those who have signed up to host this ministry following the church service. We still have the Sundays of January 25th and February 15th to be filled. **If you are able, please sign up on the Parish Hall bulletin board, or speak to one of the wardens or Chris in the office.**

9. **Diocesan Council Highlights** (for December 2025) are on following page, and are [here](#).

10. During these winter months, if there is a forecast of poor weather &/or road conditions, please check our website www.christchurchanglican.ca or facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchMeaford/> for possible cancellation of service or for more information.

11. **PASTORAL CARE:** For urgent care, please contact the Rev. Brendon Bedford, Rector at brendonbedford@diohuron.org or 226-974-5060.

For all other concerns, questions, or ministries, please contact the office office@christchurchanglican.ca or 519-538-1330.

Office hours are: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:00am to 2:00pm.

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Today's Chuckle

A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

Several children found a dead robin. Feeling that a proper burial should be performed, they secured a small box and some cotton batting, dug a hole in the back yard, and made ready to dispose of the deceased. The minister's 5-year-old son was chosen to say the prayer. And so with great dignity, he intoned, "Glory be to the Father...and unto the Son...and into the hole he goes."

A preacher was completing a temperance sermon. With great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river!" The congregation nodded their approval. With even greater emphasis he added, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river, too!" The people clapped and were saying "Amen." And then finally, he concluded, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river!"

As he sat down, the song leader then stood up quite cautiously and announced, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365: "Shall We Gather at the River."

The above taken with permission, from <https://www.swapmeetdave.com/Humor/Religious.htm>





December 10th, 2025

Highlights

INSURANCE UPDATE:

2026 Insurance Renewal

Archdeacon Stephen shared that the renewal for 2026 the Insurance Subcommittee met yesterday with representatives from AON to go over the 2026 Renewal.

Renewal info shared with Council:

- Insurance coverage is now bonded for 2026.
- fairly benign renewal
- Boiler reference on invoice- means equipment electrified or heat producing (not covered under property insurance)
- PSA - Physical/Sexual Abuse coverage increase to \$800/certificate
- General liability is a 10% increase
- Director & Officers has a decrease in the premium (\$5k cheaper)
- Broker fees only increased by the rate of inflation
- Overall increase is approximately 3.2%
- If you have specific questions about coverage please speak to Helen or Stephen
- Helen has done an immense amount of work to assist us in our coverage for accuracy of insurable needs.
- Invoices will be sent directly to parishes, but we do not know of exact timing yet

Archdeacon Stephen will send out more information (via email) once he knows more.

APPROVAL OF 2026 BUDGET:

Following consultations held at the deanery level, Jacqueline Davison, Director of Finance and Archdeacon Tanya Phibbs shared with Diocesan Council the final draft of the 2026 Budget and 2026 Apportionment calculations.

Motion #DC-2025-12-10-02 Approval of 2026 Budget
Moved: The Venerable Tanya Phibbs, Secretary-Treasurer
Seconded: The Rev'd Canon Tom Patterson

Be it resolved that this Diocesan Council approve the acceptance of the 2026 budget as presented.

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[Click here for a link to the Budget](#)

LEARNING CHURCH MOMENT:

Archdeacon Tanya Phibbs reviewed with Diocesan Council the following information:

- Diocesan Council "Covenant" of how we will interact in our meetings
- Expectations for Diocesan Council before, during & after a meeting
- Council was reminded to feel free to reach out if you have questions during your preparations... and pray for the church with the holy spirit in our midst.
- As a council we will respect and listen to our fellow members
- Information will be shared following every meeting
- What does "Alternate" status actually mean?- elected alternate representatives to Diocesan Council are not considered a substitute but only to be used if one must stop being a member of the council.

CHAIR'S CORNER:

Archdeacon Stephen McClatchie chaired the meeting because Bishop Todd was attending the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission On Unity, Faith & Order gathering in Rome.

Archdeacon Stephen welcomed the newly appointed Diocesan Council Youth Representatives :

- Liam Caissie & Alyssa Hickey have been appointed for the 2025-26 term.