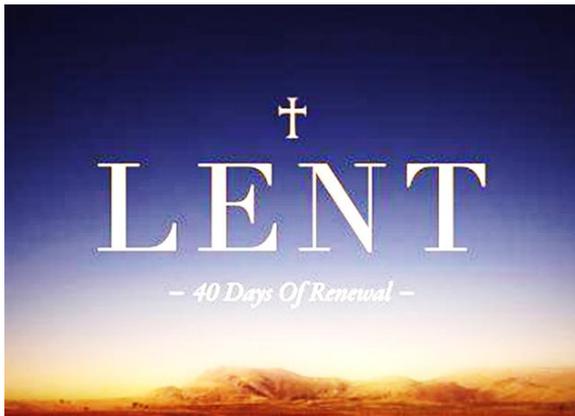




Eblast for February 18, 2026

**Please join us SUNDAY for In Person Worship
The First Sunday in Lent**



February 22, 2026

Holy Eucharist – 10:30AM

**Presided by: The Rev. Brendon
Bedford**

**The readings are: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7;
Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11.**

**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”.**

**This service is followed by the Vestry meeting held in the nave. We
invite all to pick up a plate of sandwiches (GF provided) & a beverage
in the parish hall and proceed to the nave for the meeting.**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

** 1. The Ash Wednesday service is tomorrow (February 18th) at 10:30am.
Please join us for the service which includes the Imposition of Ashes. Note
that this service will be livestreamed, so available online at 10:30am. Please
do not risk icy conditions, should they prevail in our area on Wednesday.**

**PLEASE NOTE: There is NO MIDWEEK BCP Wednesday.; however, the Bible
study group will meet, after the Ash Wednesday service, at 12:00noon.**



2. **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH** is the first session of the book study, based on the book, *Revelation for Everyone*, by N.T. Wright. **It begins here at Christ Church**, and will alternate with St. George's, Blue Mountains in Clarksburg. **The book study begins at 4:00pm** and will continue on Thursdays through Lent. If you're a library member, (and don't have a book yet or on order) this book is available on Hoopla (free of charge) at both the Blue Mountains and Meaford libraries.

3. **The BAC will meet on Saturday, February 21 at 9am** here in Memorial Hall – this meeting has been transferred from the usual Sunday to avoid a conflicting time with Vestry. Anyone who may wish to join them is invited and should speak to Gene Latour at glatour1@rogers.com or 226-662-0227 to ensure numbers for the breakfast. The speaker is Johanna Hayward of Ferguson's Funeral Home.

4. **VESTRY IS THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND**. As mentioned on the previous page, the Vestry meeting follows the church service (similar to an annual meeting) and all are invited to join us for a light lunch (GF provided). Bring a plate and your beverage into the nave for the meeting after the church service. Copies of the Vestry Report will be provided to those who want one (please only one copy per couple).

5. **PLEASE NOTE: The Free Community Breakfast resumes Monday, February 23rd (after the Family Day break) and goes from 8:30am to 10:00am – all are welcome.**



6. **World Day of Prayer is Friday, March 6.** The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement that brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year. If you would like to explore this event of faith-followers around the world, organized by (in Canada) the Women's Inter-church Council of Canada, here is the link. <https://wdpcanada.ca/world-day-of-prayer/> This year's organizing committee is from Nigeria.



7. **Bio of Ashton Dunk, our brand new Organist/Choir Director. He began last week and the music was enjoyed immensely by all – come out to hear some wondrous music!**

My name is Ashton Dunk and I am looking forward to joining all of you this Sunday as the Music Director of the parish, but also as part of Christ Church's community of faith.

To give you some background of my musical journey, I began my musical journey at the age of 9 and I have always been drawn and passionate about music and the Church. That is when I began learning piano. When I was about 12, I attended the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour in Owen Sound, with my grandma. Shortly after being confirmed I joined the choir, affirming my love of music and the Church. I knew right then what I was called to do. So from there, I

began lessons from the choir director and organist. I watched every move she made on the organ and piano.

Jump ahead to when I was about 15 or 16, I played my first service at the Lutheran Church. Shortly after that, when the previous organist retired, I became a full-time organist there and stayed in that role for about 6 years.

Since 2017, I have been a member of the Royal Canadian College of Organists (RCCO) Grey Bruce Centre.

After I finished high school in 2019, I attended Cambrian College in Sudbury, Ontario, receiving my degree in piano performance. However, because it was an interest of mine, I also received organ lessons and engaged in choral conducting, in addition to my other regular studies in the program.

When I graduated from Cambrian College in 2022, I moved back to Owen Sound at the beginning of 2024. Shortly after this, I embarked as the organist and choir director at Lucknow United Church. Since 2023, I have served on the executive of the RCCO Grey Bruce Centre, serving two years as Vice President. Last year, I was elected as Centre President and I have enjoyed every aspect of working with and around such an amazing group of musicians.

My music of interest is mostly focused around the classical and romantic eras. This includes composers such as: Bach, Mozart, Handel, and Schumann. Aside from the classics, my favourite thing to play are the hymns of the Church, reflective of a variety of denominations. My favourite organists are Paul Fey and Diane Bish.

Overall, it has been a great musical journey, thus far. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone at Christ Church, Meaford and creating some lovely musical memories with you all.

8. 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.

9. **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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4:00 PM

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COPY OF THE BOOK. ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE.



Facilitated by Canon Gray and Fr. Brendon



The Echo of Ashes - a Poem by Joyce Rupp, from *Out of the Ordinary: Prayers, Poems and Reflections*. Notre Dame Ave Marie Press, 2010.

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*“Remember you are dust
and to dust you shall return.”*

*the large brown bowl
rests on a purple cloth
its roundness holding ashes
freshly burned
black and ready for wearing.*

*blackened thumbs
press the ancient sign
upon the waiting foreheads.*

*I hear the message repeated
until it haunts and hunts me down:
remember, remember, remember
you are dust, dust, only dust
someday only dust will remain.*

*the echo of the Lent stained ashes
speaks the truth of my humanity:
the humbleness of my beginning,
the simplicity of my departure.*

*A few wise words
echoing through Ash Wednesday
urge me to deeper things:
renewed dedication,
constant compassion
and mindful awareness.*

*I leave marvelling
at how simple and sublime
is this envelope of the soul,
which one day returns
to dust, dust, only dust.*