



Eblast for March 4, 2026

Please join us SUNDAY for In Person Worship



The Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

Holy Eucharist – 10:30AM

**Presided by: The Rev. Canon
Kevin Bothwell; Homily by:
the Rev. Brendon Bedford.**

The readings are: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42.

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. Today, there is a Midweek (said) Eucharist at 12:00noon in the chapel.

Please note the usual 1pm Bible study is paused until after Easter.



2. **THURSDAY, March 5th (tomorrow) at 4pm is the third session of the book study**, based on the book, *Revelation for Everyone*, by N.T. Wright. **This week, it takes place here at Christ Church.** If you have not a book, please contact the office, 538-1330 or office@christchurchanglican.ca.



3. **A Prayer for peace and “sound minds” among leaders. A letter from the Anglican Archbishop of Jerusalem & the Middle East. Please see following page.**



4. **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, prepared by the WDP Committee of Nigeria. "I Will Give You Rest: Come" Matthew 11: 28-30. Here is their video for 2026 <https://youtu.be/rJ4seNnOH-A>.

5. After a very successful Vestry Sunday, on February 22nd, our Rector, the Rev. Brendon Bedford sends us his Charge to Vestry, which was given that morning in place of a homily. Please see the attached along with this email.



5. **TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD!** A gentle reminder that Daylight Savings Time returns this Saturday, March 7th, at 2am, so turn your clocks ahead one hour Saturday evening before going to bed. (Of course, in the digital age, many clocks do this automatically.) To keep us safe, changing smoke detector batteries is also advised.

6. The first new Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday, March 10th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Please send in your regrets, if unable to attend, and/or any items to be tabled on the agenda.



7. The Free Community Breakfast is every Monday, and goes from 8:30am to 10:00am – all are welcome.

8. "FUN-RAISING" EVENT – Guess Who's Coming to Dinner is Christ Church's next social event. Please **SAVE THE DATE IN YOUR CALENDAR – MAY 23, 2026.**

Details will be provided in mid-April. You may also decide whether you'd like to be a GUEST or a HOST! This is a fundraising event where guests will pay for their dinner (to the church) while hosts provide the meals. Funds raised will go towards the upkeep of Christ Church. Sign-up sheets available in April. Watch for posters on bulletin boards then.

9. **Coffee Time Schedule** - Most people enjoy after church Coffee / Fellowship time. We have a new schedule up on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. If you can find the time to host the after church fellowship on a Sunday, we would greatly appreciate your help. All it takes is to bring a plate or two of cookies, or a snack, and if possible a Gluten Free alternative. **Sign up on the bulletin board, or phone in your preferred date to Chris in the office. 519-538-1330.**

10. **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@christchuranglican.ca or 519-538-1330.

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

New Contact Info for 2026

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The Most Reverend Hosam E. Naoum
Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem
The Fifteenth Bishop of the Episcopal/Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem

28 February 2026



Dear Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you are all now painfully aware, in the early hours of this morning, February 28th, a coordinated and massive military assault was launched by the United States and Israel against numerous cities and installations within Iran. This operation, described by the leaders of the two nations as a “pre-emptive” attack, has brought fire and destruction to the heart of Tehran, Isfahan, and beyond, striking at the very centers of governance and civilian life. Moreover, just prior to these events, Israel had also “pre-emptively” attacked various targets in southern Lebanon, where the number of casualties has yet to be determined.

Tragically, the cycle of violence has expanded with terrifying speed. In the hours following, Iran launched a widespread reprisal, with missiles and drones targeting Israel and U.S. military assets across the Gulf—striking installations in Kuwait, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Kurdistan-Iraq, Jordan, and Qatar. Sirens also blared across the Holy Land, warning of incoming missiles from Iran. Suddenly, our people from the Mediterranean to the Persian Gulf find themselves once again huddled in shelters, fearing for their lives as the shadow of a total regional war looms over us.

These developments strike at the very soul of our Province of Jerusalem & the Middle East. Every single nation now engaged in this combat, and those bearing the brunt of the retaliatory strikes, resides within our ecclesiastical boundaries. Our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Iran are currently enduring the terror of aerial bombardment; our members in the Diocese of Cyprus & the Gulf are witnessing the arrival of war at their doorsteps; and our faithful in the Diocese of Jerusalem—extending across Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria—face an unprecedented threat of military escalation.

In the face of such overwhelming force, we recall the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (Matt 5:9). Today, that calling feels heavier than ever before. When the “spirit of fear” threatens to consume our hearts, we must anchor ourselves in the “spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind” (2 Tim 1:7).

First, I call upon the global Church to join us in urgent, unceasing prayer. We implore God to protect the innocent—the mothers, the children, and the elderly—who are caught in the crossfire of this “Operation Epic Fury” and the subsequent “crushing responses.” We pray specifically for a “sound mind” for the leaders of the United States, Israel, and Iran, that they might recognize the futility of this bloodshed and turn back from the precipice of a global catastrophe.

Second, we must offer each other the sanctuary of Christian love. I therefore urge our clergy and laity to be beacons of comfort. In a time of “regime change” rhetoric and military ultimatums, let our message be the unchanging promise of Christ’s peace: to build each other up (1 Cor 8:1), for our hope is not in the strength of armadas or missile shields, but in the Prince of Peace.

Finally, we must remain “Bridge Builders.” Even as diplomatic windows seem to slam shut, the Church must keep the doors of reconciliation open. We refuse to see our neighbors as enemies, whether they be in Tehran, Tel Aviv, or the military bases of the Gulf. I extend an urgent invitation to the wider Anglican Communion and all people of goodwill: Intercede for us now. The hour is late, and the danger is great. We remain “battered and bruised, but not defeated.” May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

In Christ,

++ Hosam Jerusalem

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