



CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

MEAFORD

34 Boucher St. East | Meaford, Ontario | N4L 1B9
519-538-1330 | office@christchurchanglican.ca | christchurchanglican.ca



The Good Shepherd window; Christ Church Anglican, Meaford

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026 Holy Eucharist 10:30am

Presider: The Rev. Canon Kevin Bothwell

Lay Reader: Francis Richardson

Organist: Ashton Dunk

Server: Sarah Howard

Reader: Garry Minielly

Cantor: Lynn McTaggart

Greeter: Gene Latour



Our Land Acknowledgement

We at Christ Church are gathered together on the territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation and commit ourselves to the hard work of reconciliation.



Our Mission Statement

Christ Church is committed to live in a generous and loving spirit in all its relationships.

Our Contacts

The Rev. Brendon Bedford	Priest & Rector	226-974-5060	brendonbedford@diohuron.org
The Rev. Canon Kevin Bothwell	Honorary Assistant Priest	905-933-1032	kevinbothwell@diohuron.org
Bill Alcock	Churchwarden	604-833-9025	williamja@icloud.com
Garry Minielly	Churchwarden	416-931-0535	dgminielly@gmail.com
Toni Bothwell	Deputy Warden	514-229-2044	TABothwell@gmail.com
Gail Latour	Deputy Warden	226-662-0227	glatour1@rogers.com

Christ Church office hours are Tues, Wed., Thurs., 9:00am to 2:00pm
Ph: 519-538-1330; office@christchurchanglican.ca
www.christchurchanglican.ca

<p>MANY PEOPLE NO LONGER CARRY CASH OR CHEQUES.</p> <p>If you would like to support our mission to love and serve God and all our neighbours, know that you can donate online.</p>	<p>Point your phone's camera at the QR code below and scan.</p> 
 <p>CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN MEAFORD</p>	<p>Tax receipts are provided by PayPal Giving Fund upon donation.</p>

Welcome and Announcements

Post-Covid, we have curtailed the “passing of the plate” at Christ Church. There are offering envelopes in the pews and on the table at the back of the church. We thank you for your donation to the ministry and upkeep of the parish which can be placed on the offering plate as you enter the church.

Prelude Pastorale (Ira Wilson), In Perfect Peace (Shuler), The Good Shepherd (Kern)
Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SENTENCE

The service begins at the font at the back of the building.

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presider: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: **May he fill our hearts with joy!**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Presider: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness.

.....
To him to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Processional

Hymn: When Morning Gilds the Skies (vs 1,2,3, &6) #2 blue hymn book

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Please be seated.

Children’s Focus

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

Reader: A reading from the Book of Acts.
Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

The psalm refrain is sung once by the cantor and is then repeated by the congregation.

The Lord is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in 3/4 time, with lyrics: "The Lord is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want." The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in 3/4 time, featuring a bass line and a treble line with chords.

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. **R**

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Peter
Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (from Sing a New Creation)

190 Alleluia

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia #190. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). Above the treble staff, there are nine chords: D, A/C#, G2/B, D/A, G, D/F#, Em, A, and D. The melody in the treble staff is: A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), and C4 (half). The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the treble staff. The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp and a common time signature. The bass line consists of: A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter), F#2 (quarter), E2 (quarter), D2 (quarter), C2 (quarter), B1 (quarter), and A1 (half).

Please turn to face the Gospel reader.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the reading:

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #190 Alleluia (from Sing a New Creation)

repeated by congregation.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

The Rev. Canon Kevin Bothwell
Honorary Assistant Priest

Please stand, as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

Lay Reader: Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please sit, kneel or stand, as you're able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Francis Richardson

Lay Reader

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace.

Remain standing, as you are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN: The King of Love My Shepherd Is #520

blue hymn book

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer # 3– BAS page 198 with Preface for Easter

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: (BAS, pg 222) Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth,

..... Therefore joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

THE SANCTUS (HOLY)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord - #212 *Sing a New Creation*

Please see Insert, provided in your bulletin.

BAS pg 198

Presider: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;
..... Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Presider: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

.....
..... by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

#684 blue hymn book

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (FRACTION RITE) sung

Lamb Of God (Agnus Dei)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

THE COMMUNION

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion at God's altar. If you are not baptized, you are very welcome to come forward to the communion rail for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you are interested in exploring baptism, please speak to the priest after the service.

Gluten free host (wafers) are available at the altar rail upon request.

COMMUNION HYMN Alleluia No. 1 #405 blue hymn book

Please stand, as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE DOXOLOGY (Sung)

All: **Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE FINAL BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN To the Name of Our Salvation #377

blue hymn book

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

THE POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns (R.M. Stults)

Psalm from Gordon Johnston © 2001.

Reprinted/podcast/streamed with permission under One License #A-711900, All rights reserved;
CCLI Streaming Plus Licence™ A 22817038. Alleluiah! #190 Gospel Acclamation from "Sing a New Creation"
Prelude and Postlude from The Organist, Number 1 (Lorenz Publishing).

This Week's Prayer List

(We invite you to hold all on our list in your prayers for the coming week.)

The Diocese: We hold in our prayers the people and clergy of: St. George's, Owen Sound; Parish of the Saugeen Shores • St. John's, Port Elgin • St. Paul's, Southampton; Christ Church, Tara; Parish of the Blue Mountains, St. George's, Clarksburg.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: Ken & Carol Ormsby, Lois Ormsby, Bonnie Ouellette and their families as well as all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

The Wider Church: We hold in our prayers the clergy and people of the Episcopal Church of the USA; the clergy and people of the Diocese of Jerusalem; the clergy and people of Bath Abbey and St. Giles, Cripplegate, UK as well as bishop Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Intercessions: For healing and hope we hold up to God: Ayako, Carol Ann, Charlie & Marg, Deanie, Fraser, Gord, Katharine, Ted and their families, and any others who are in need of our prayers.

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one, please contact Muriel Armitage, with advance notice if possible, at 519-538-2852.



Our Prayer List. Please let Canon Kevin know if there is anyone who continues to need our prayers and whose name will continue on the prayer list into the next month.

†††

Memorial Flowers on the Altar

Flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and with grateful thanks for the life and ministry of my mother, Viola Knight, a gift of Dennis and Joanne Knight.

†††

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, May 3, 2026, Fifth Sunday of Easter & Vestry

The readings are: Acts 7:55-60 (or alt. Pr 4:10-18); Ps 31:1-5, 15-16 (or alt. Ps 119:9-32); 1 Pet 2:2-10; Jn 14:1-14.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for Coffee & Fellowship following the service.



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

SAVE THE DATE: We have a SPECIAL VESTRY MEETING coming up on Sunday, May 3rd. Please plan to attend as we request your vote and approval for necessary repairs to restore the bell tower.

The Vestry meeting will follow the church service – grab a cup of coffee and a snack and join us for a brief 15-minute meeting in the nave.

Thanks.



Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? Is a fundraiser for Christ Church on Saturday, May 23rd. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE. You may consider being a host or a guest. Hosts will provide the dinner, their home and # guests they can seat at their table. Guests will have a fabulous evening full of wonderful friendship, fun and food! Guests are asked to make a freewill donation with all proceeds gratefully accepted by Christ Church Anglican, Meaford.

Sign-up sheets for host or guest are available now in the Parish Hall – please fill them out or call the office to have one sent to you, 519-538-1330.

Info: Victoria Alcock, Carol Norton or Chris Clark or 519-538-1330 or office@christchuranglican.ca For details, see eblast or bulletin boards.

In an attempt to continue to make Christ Church a good earth steward, we would appreciate it if you would place used compostable cups, plates & napkins as well as leftover food in the green (compostable) bin in the collection area as you leave the Parish Hall. Thank you.

The Free Community Breakfast is every Monday (unless a stat holiday) from 8:30 to 10AM as usual. All are welcome.

Midweek BCP (said) Eucharist and Bible Study is paused next week, May 1st.

The Wednesday Eucharist and Study Group resumes on Wednesday May 6, 2026. Canon Kevin will be the officiant. Following the service we will begin a study of the Book of Genesis. Please review chapter one. All are welcome!

If you are interested in singing in the choir, or would just like to try it out, please arrive on Sunday for 9:30am. We welcome new members.

For Pastoral Care, from April 20 to May 2nd inclusive – please contact the Rev. Canon Kevin Bothwell at kevinbothwell@diohuron.org or 905-933-1032. For all other questions, concerns or ministries, please contact office@christchuranglican.ca or 519-538-1330.
