



Eblast for April 29, 2026

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



The Fifth Sunday of Easter & Special Vestry Meeting

May 3, 2026

Holy Eucharist – 10:30AM

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

Homilist: John Howard, Lay Reader

The readings are: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16;
1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14.

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



1. **SPECIAL VESTRY MEETING – THIS SUNDAY, May 3rd**, following the worship service. We invite you to grab a coffee, tea or juice and a snack from the Parish Hall and then join us in the nave for a brief meeting re your approval for the restoration to the bell tower.



2. Our 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!

PLEASE NOTE: Today’s Midweek Eucharist and Bible Study are paused.



3. **GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?** is a fundraiser for Christ Church Meaford on Saturday, May 23rd. You may consider being a host or a guest.

Hosts will provide the meal, their home and the number of 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 (purple) or guest (blue) are available this Sunday – 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@christchurchanglican.ca For details, see poster following, or on bulletin boards.

4. **Earth Day** has just passed on April 22nd this year to remind us to continue to follow good practices in earth stewardship. However, it is something our church deems important at all times of the year. One simple way is to compost, recycle and reuse -- our Repair Cafe is about that and is offered the second Saturday in each month.



In May, Repair Cafe is Saturday, May 9th, and goes from 9am to 12noon. Bring your small items to be repaired and join us for a cup of coffee or tea.

We also ask our parishioners and guests to compost (or recycle) items and place any other garbage in the appropriate container, found in the collection area in the Parish Hall and downstairs in Memorial Hall.

Christ Church has been using our reuseable porcelain mugs and when convenient, compostable cups, plates, cutlery and napkins for sometime. If you're not already doing so, after the Sunday service and coffee/fellowship time, it would be helpful if everybody would deposit their compostable plates, napkins (and cups, if not porcelain cups) in the green bin (compostable) in the collection area as you exit the parish hall (right beside the door).

Please note that we have put up new notices, provided by our municipality and their contractor on the wall, in the hallway leading downstairs. We know our congregation will take notice of this new Recyclable Material List and follow it as much as possible. Thanks for your efforts in helping to make our church a good earth steward!



5. **The Free Community Breakfast takes place every Monday (except stat holidays)** going from 8:30am to 10:00am. We hope to see you there.

6. **You are invited to join St. James' Fairmount's Spring Joint meeting of Markdale, Durham and Fairmount Anglican women at St. James' Fairmount on Thursday, May 7th at 11:00am.** See posters on bulletin boards. **Please RSVP by April 30th**. Info: text 1-705-446-4694 or em: valerieshaw5@outlook.com.

7. PASTORAL CARE: **For urgent care, until May 2**, please contact the Rev. Canon Kevin Bothwell at kevinbothwell@diohuron.org or 905-933-1032. From May 3 on, please contact the Rev. Brendon Bedford 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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

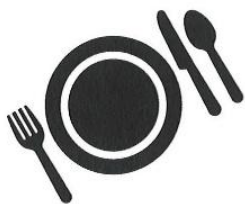
The Goldenaires Women's Choir present: **Our Heritage in Song: a Spring Concert, May 3, 2026 at 2:00pm** at Meaford United Church. Admission by donation. Guest musicians: Jennifer Burak, Michael Menagon. Info: goldenaires.ca

Sound Investment Community Choir presents **TRUE NORTH: CELEBRATING OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY WITH SONG. Sat., May 9, 2026 at 7:30pm.** See posters and Louis Bernard for tickets.

Hymn Sing with Ashton Dunk and David Hamilton – FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026 at Kincardine United Church. Free will offering to the Royal Canadian College of Organists.

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Save the Date:

Saturday, May 23

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?



Are you going to be a Host? Or.....

Are you going to be a Guest?



Our Hosts

will provide a delicious dinner in their home!

Our Guests

will have a fabulous evening
full of wonderful friendship, fun, and food!

We respectfully ask our Guests for a freewill donation;
with all proceeds gratefully accepted by Christ Church Anglican.

Thank you!

What's Blooming at Christ Church, April 29th, 2026

Erica, or Heaths are the plants that are blooming with the tiny pink or white flowers at the base of the two Japanese Yew (*Taxus media*) on either side of the front steps leading to the church doors. You may remember from my post last year, at this time they are Springwood White Spring Heath (*Erica cinerea* 'Springwood') and Kramer's Red Spring Heath (*Erica darleyensis* "Kramer's Red"). These plants are also known as; Winter Heath, Winter-Flowering Heather, Spring Heath or Alpine Heath, and are species of flowering plants in the family



Ericaceae. Ericaceous plants also include the much larger Rhododendron and Azalea. Some other well known members of the Ericaceae family are the Cranberry, (*Vaccinium*) Blue berry (*Vaccinium myrtilloides* and Huckleberry (*Vaccinium parvifolium*.)

Vaccinium is a common and widespread genus of shrubs or dwarf shrubs of the heath family, Ericaceae. Like many other heath plants, they are limited to acidic soils with a pH less than 5. These Heaths are originally native to mountainous areas of central, eastern and southern Europe, where they grow in coniferous woodlands or on stony slopes.

Spring Heath makes a fine evergreen ground cover, in well-drained acidic soils, which is why it was chosen for planting at this location. The needles shed from the adjacent Norway Spruce (*Picea abies*) contribute to the acid level of the soil in these beds. Spring Heath grows in mounds 6-10 inches tall, and spreads across the soil with lateral branches, creating a dense ground cover over time. They began blooming under the snow, which is not unusual and not specific to this winter's snow accumulations. Spring Heath's period of bloom ranges from January to May. The Erica flower is often associated with the concept of protection. Its closed and enveloping shape is said to suggest a sense of security and defence. It produces nectar that attracts bees early in the spring. Erica is relatively disease and pest free. Although it is very susceptible to damage or death from salt which has been used to melt the ice on adjacent sidewalks.

The pyramidal evergreens are *Taxus* species. *Taxus* is a genus of coniferous (cone bearing) trees or shrubs known as 'Yews' in the family Taxaceae. Yews occur around the globe in temperate zones of the northern hemisphere, northernmost to Norway and south to present day Indonesia. Some populations of Yew actually exist in tropical highlands.

The oldest known fossil species are from the Early Cretaceous period, 143 -66 Million years ago. Interestingly, 'Taxus' is the Latin for tree and its wood was used to make javelins. The Latin word is probably borrowed, via Greek 'toxon', from 'taxsa', the Iranian word used for "yew" and "bow." Taxš meaning bow because the Scythians/Iranians used its wood to make their bows. Interestingly many of the ancient Yews in Britain (800+.) are in churchyards and have been cut down for space or "tidying purposes." Or to protect against potential poisonous hazards to livestock. Some are removed due to damage from climbing ivy. The gelatinous fruit of the Yew is very high in vitamin C; however the internal seed is considered toxic. More on the issue of toxic species in a future submission.

Submitted by John Howard NPD.



HYMN SING

**With Ashton Dunk
and David Hamilton**

FRIDAY MAY 29, 2026

7:00 – 8:00pm

Kincardine United Church

**Free will offering to the RCCO
visiting clinician fund**

