



Eblast for May 20, 2026

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



The Pentecost, 14th century, Italian; The Met Collection, public domain

Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026

Holy Eucharist – 10:30AM

Presided by: The Rev. Brendon Bedford, Rector

The readings are: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:25-35, 37; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23.

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. Today, Wednesday, May 20th, the Midweek Eucharist (BCP) will be offered. We look forward to seeing you today at 12:00noon.



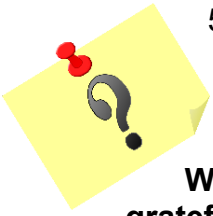
2. Today, the Bible Study is offered at 1PM to all those who wish to join us. Consider coming to the Midweek Eucharist, bring a snack and join us for the study afterward. We will be covering the 2nd chapter of the Book of Genesis.



3. Primate writes open letter to Primate of Jerusalem and the Middle East - from the Anglican Journal. [Please read about this here.](#)

4. **Choir practice is Thursdays at 2:30pm.** We look forward to your voice “in song” – new members welcome! We will also continue the run-through of hymns Sunday mornings.

5. **The Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner event is this Saturday, May 23rd.**



If you have signed up to be a guest, please come to the Parish Hall for 5pm to be given the directions on your assigned host’s address and phone #.

We respectfully ask our guests for a \$20 freewill donation with all proceeds gratefully accepted by Christ Church Anglican – thank you! A donation jar will be provided for this. **We can accept cash, cheque made out to Christ Church Anglican (please put GWCD Fundraiser in the subject line or by debit, credit card or by e-transfer to christchurchmeaford@diohuron.org.**

Thank you to the hosts for generously providing a meal for your guests. You may expect them to arrive about 5:30 to 6pm.

Remember this is a “fun-raiser” so enjoy the evening! Please drive (or walk) carefully!



6. **The Free Community Breakfast continues every Monday (unless a stat holiday) from 8:30 to 10am -- please join us for a hearty breakfast.**



7. **Pentecost is coming and that means it is time to start planning for this year's Country Kitchen and Craft Sale! (CKCS) Those interested (new and old!) should plan to attend a quick opening meeting on Wednesday May 27 at 2p.m. We will meet in the upstairs hall. See you then. Kevin+**

8. Please be reminded that Christ Church is a **scent-free zone**. Help us to keep the air we share healthy and fragrance-free by using unscented personal and care products.

9. **Coffee & Fellowship Time** Thank you to those who have brought in treats for the after-worship fellowship time in recent weeks. Thank you, also to Francis for his washing up mugs afterwards – we do appreciate this.

There is a new Coffee Time schedule up on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. If you have a Sunday when you could help with some treats, that would be very much appreciated.

10. **PASTORAL CARE:** **For urgent care, 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

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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What's Blooming at Christ Church, May 20th, 2026

Now that we have passed the middle of May, and the Queen Victoria Day weekend, the weekend which traditionally here in southern Ontario is the weekend many want to get planting their flower and vegetable gardens, the weather on this year's May long-weekend, although still a little on the cool side, was a welcome change from the wet and cold weather experienced the last few years.

With the arrival of May this year I received questions concerning the "No Mow May" movement that has developed over the last six or seven years. This is a movement recommending lawn mowing be restricted for the month of May, to encourage flowering plants in the lawns to flower and provide nectar for pollinators.

The original concept of leaving grass long in the spring was proposed in 2019, by 'Plantlife,' an organization in Britain. In 2020, without considering the difference in climate and lawn maintenance practices, a group in Appleton Wisconsin promoted the idea. They produced a "paper" extolling the benefits of 'NO MOW MAY.' Unfortunately there were flaws in their research and the "paper" was soon retracted. In 2024 Appleton removed 'No Mow May' from its municipal bylaw and reinstated a maximum eight inch height on grass and weeds. In 2024, Cornell University in Ithaca New York, a highly recognized

turf research centre, did research which proved that not mowing turf in May, did not significantly increase the nectar available to pollinators by June each year. Nor was it helpful in increasing the populations of pollinators. Not mowing for the month of May actually leads to issues with the health of grasses.

Grass that is left uncut for a month can grow to a foot or more. Mowing long grass, and not following the rule of not removing more than 1/3 of the height of grass blades when mowing in June, will result in excessive accumulations of clippings, which if not removed will smother the grass. Mowing tall grass results in scalping, which will expose the crowns of the turfgrass plants to sun scald and desiccation. This compromising of the quality of the turf will put it into stress during the heat and drought of summer. Thinning of the density of the turfgrass will open areas to weed infestations.

Research suggests Dandelions (*Taraxacum officinale*) may not be as beneficial to pollinators as some may suggest. Researchers have found that dandelions don't provide the quality of pollen as other May flowering species. Insects feed on them mainly because they are conveniently available. More nutritional native plants would be a better source for them. So my response to 'NO MOW MAY' is that we are better to continue to mow our lawns at a height of 3-4 inches, which will allow low growing flowering plants, such as clover, wild strawberries, and others to continue to bloom. Replacing small lawns by planting other nectar producing plants and shrubs in our gardens along with planting flowering planters, hanging baskets and window boxes will be more of a benefit to the pollinators.

Common Mallow, (*Malva neglecta*) a flowering garden weed with a tough wiry stem is referenced in the Bible, Job 6: 6-7; **“Can that which is tasteless be eaten without salt, or is there any flavour in the juice of the mallow? My appetite refuses to touch them they are like food that is loathsome to me.”** Common mallow is in the same plant family as okra, and shares the same properties. (It's slightly slimy, and can be used for thickening.) It's high in calcium and magnesium, potassium, zinc, iron, selenium, sodium, iodine, vitamin B complex, vitamin A, and vitamin C.



Submitted by John Howard, NPD