



Eblast for October 28, 2026

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



All Saints' Day – November 1, 2026 Holy Eucharist – 10:30AM

Presider: The Ven. Canon Judy Walton;

The readings are: Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12.

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **TODAY** (this Wednesday, October 28th), we have a guest from the Diocese of Amazonia, the Rev. Sergio Augusto Santos da Silva. He will be accompanied by the Rev. Gilles Haché. Please join us for worship at 12noon in the chapel.

2. Our regular Bible reading session/study continues today, but may be a little later in getting started, so you may want to plan accordingly.



3. Choir Practice is every Thursday, at 2:30pm. *Come and make a joyful noise!* When there is an anthem scheduled for Sunday worship, we ask that choir members be present for the Thursday practice prior to Sunday, as there is not sufficient time to practise anthems Sunday morning before the service. Thanks for your understanding.

4. The Selection Committee meets today (Wednesday) at 2:30pm.



5. Turn your clocks back next Sunday morning (Nov. 1) at 2am to 1am as we go back to Standard Time in this part of Ontario -- an extra hour of sleep this Saturday night!

6. The Free Community Breakfast continues with a hearty breakfast Mondays, (unless a stat holiday) from 8:30 to 10am.



7. The Parish Council would like the congregation to know that we have received a note from Amy Teed-Acres thanking our parish for providing the backpacks and supplies to GBCS's backpack program. The students (faculty & staff) are very appreciative of our efforts. Thank you to those who contributed to this so generously.



8. All Souls' Day is November 2nd. It has been the custom for the parish priest to go to Lakeview Cemetery and offer a blessing over the grave and headstone of the Church's and community members. **If you would like to have a blessing said for your dearly departed, please notify the Church by this Sunday.**



9. The Ministerial Remembrance Day Service will be held on Sunday, November 8th. It will be at 10:00 a.m. at the Meaford & St. Vincent Community Centre.

There will be no service here at Christ Church on Sunday, November 8th.

10. We are Getting "High-Tech"

a) **Christ Church is adding an Auracast hearing assist system.** This is a new technology developed specifically for hearing aid users to assist them in churches and other large venues. If your hearing aids are Auracast compatible, or if you would like to know more about this please talk to Canon Kevin. kevinbothwell@diohuron.org.

b) Over the next month or so the AV crew, with the assistance of Terry M. will be working on **repositioning the lectern and the lectern microphone**. Our goal is easier access for all as well as better sound. This change was approved by the wardens and Rector in early June. The changes for the brass stand itself are not permanent and could be moved back. Please contact Canon Kevin if you have any questions or concerns. **Thank you to our "tech" volunteers!**

11. PASTORAL CARE: For urgent care, please contact the Ven. Canon Judy Walton at revjudy@rogers.com or 705-444-0233 or 705-607-0870 (cell).

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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What's Blooming at Christ Church, Meaford, October 28th, 2026.

Cotoneaster horizontalis 'Rockspray' - **Rockspray Cotoneaster**, less commonly known as **Wall Cotoneaster**, - is a broad-leaved, shrub growing at the base of the Norway Spruce at the entrance to Christ's Labyrinth, at Christ Church Anglican, Meaford. It is, as the species name suggests, a horizontally spreading shrub, which offers four season interest in a garden. It produces tiny pale pink flowers in late spring, shiny green leaves in summer and attractive reddish-orange to burgundy foliage and berries in the autumn. Its arching stiff branches provide the plant with a bristly look. This shrub is an excellent, non-aggressive ground cover. Once established the dense foliage shade the soil and prevent weed growth. The branches may root at points where they are in contact with the soil and further its spreading habit. Although the shrub grows



best in full sun, it does well in partial shade. It prefers a well drained soil as it will struggle growing in overly moist or constantly damp soils. It actually thrives in low humidity. Because of its trailing growth it may be used as a ground cover or over walls and stonework. The berries are considered toxic to humans and animals, although not to birds, which have been know to feed on them and distribute their seeds. The concentrations of toxin are so low, that a person or pet would typically need to ingest a large quantity of chewed berries to experience discomfort or serious harm. The flesh of the tiny berries is not toxic and neither is the seed if swallowed whole. For that reason its low risk makes it a good choice for inclusion in the Labyrinth.

Although not considered an invasive species here, it is in the United Kingdom as the seeds tend germinate more prolifically in that climate.

Plants of the Bible – There are over 150 different plants mentioned in the Bible.

“And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred them into the pot of pottage: for they knew them not.

So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O thou man of God, there is death in the pot. And they could not eat thereof. II Kings 4:39-40”

Eruca sativa- Common names-Arugula, Garden Rocket, Salad Rocket, Colewort or Eruca, is an edible annual plant in the Brassicaceae (mustard) family. It was formerly grown for its oil bearing seeds or as a substitute for pepper. It is native to countries in the Mediterranean area and Asia. Its wide availability with its sharp flavour, described as slightly bitter and peppery, make it widely popular as a leaf vegetable included in salads. It was collected as a pot herb or for wild salad.

Citrullus colocynthis is most commonly known as the **colocynth** or **bitter apple**, **Bitter cucumber**, **Desert Gourd**, **Vine of Sodom** or **Wild Gourd**. The Wild Gourd’s fruit is considered deadly poisonous, but can be used in small portions for stomach pains. Both of these plants grow in the Jordan Valley.