



The KEY APRIL 2026

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



God's Presence – In the Midst of Uncertainty.

Follow The Spirit

The past six months have been a time of careful, respectful and lovingly navigated uncertainty for the leaders of Christ Church and LAAMB. As I write this article, some of that uncertainty still prevails for both parties as we continue to ask questions of clarification about how to continue serving our leadership needs for all our churches.

At the Parish Partnership Council meeting the LAAMB had in March, the observation was made that 25 years ago we had 7 or 8 Licensed Lay Readers and 4 or 5 retired clergy who regularly helped with services, pastoral care and were comfortable driving to where the needs might be. This is no longer the case for us.

The Christ Church council has faithfully held up this question over the last few meetings: how does the workload for the incumbent change materially if Christ Church and LAAMB join as one administrative entity?

Both LAAMB and Christ Church have identified the reality of working in a financial deficit position as a challenge – how can we justify spending more in the future on ministry leadership when we are already “in the red”?

Sometimes the thing that I find most humbling is this: within the difficult questions, within the anxieties, within the longing for the “good old days” as we face the challenges of this day, God is still here. God was there in that fond past we remember, God is here with us as we grapple with these challenges and God will be with us for the uncertain future that we will surely enter into together – whether administratively together or not.



In the midst of uncertainty it is imperative that we do not make scapegoats of each other; that we do not direct our anxiety about our own uncertainty towards each other because it is easier to direct it angrily or sorrowfully towards

someone than to sit with it as a present reality. A present reality that isn't only ours as the congregations of LAAMB and Christ Church to bear. But rather a present reality that is prevailing in most mainline congregations across North America right now.

Human organizations and institutions are not perfect, but God's love for us is perfect. It meets us where we are, walking alongside us to the next place we will go, even if, like Jesus on the road to Emmaus, we as disciples do not recognize God's presence. God is always present with us and especially in times of anxiety or uncertainty, God calls us back to remembering: the stories of our faith, the stories of our past, the stories of our hopes for the future.

Within these stories, the narrative of our faith anchors us to what is most important which is our love of God in Christ Jesus, and our love of each other as part of the body of Christ.

May we keep remembering this as we journey through Holy Week and into the season of Easter.

Much love, in Christ

Janaki

ps. you won't hear from me in the MAY KEY, as I will be on VACATION ☺

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APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Year A

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026 (R or W)

EXODUS 12:1-4, 11-14/PSALM 116:1, 10-17
1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26/JOHN 13:1-17, 31B-35
1:00 Christ Church (Pastor Janaki)
3:00 St. Peter's/Trinity (Pastor Janaki)

Good Friday, April 3, 2026 (P)

ISAIAH 52:13-53:12/PSALM 22
HEBREWS 4:14-16, 5:7-9/JOHN 18:1-19:42
2:00 St. Peter's Trinity (Hosting W.I.G.) Pastor Janaki
2:00 St. Edmund's at TUC Rev'd Graham &
Rev'd Mona (R or B)

Sunday of The Resurrection: Easter Day April 5, 2026 (W or G)

JEREMIAH 31:1-6/PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24
ACTS 10:34-43/MATTHEW 28:1-10
9:30 St. Peter's/Trinity (Pastor Janaki)
11:30 Christ Church (Pastor Janaki)
2:00 St. Edmund's (Pastor Janaki) at TUC

2nd Sunday of Easter April 12, 2026 (W)

ACTS 2:14A, 22-32/PSALM 16
1 PETER 1:3-9/JOHN 20:19-31
9:30 St. Peter's & Trinity (Pastor Janaki)
11:30 Christ Church (Pastor Janaki)
2:00 St. Edmund's, (Pastor Janaki) at TUC

3rd Sunday of Easter April 19, 2026 (W)

ACTS 2:14a, 36-41/PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17
1 PETER 1:17-23/ LUKE 24:13-35
9:30 St. Peter's/Trinity (Rev'd Graham/Maria LLR)
11:30 Christ Church (Rev'd Graham/Carl LLR)
2:00 St. Edmund's, (Rev'd Graham /Bernadette
LLR) at TUC

4th Sunday of Easter April 26, 2026 (W)

ACTS 2:42-47/PSALM 23
1 PETER 2: 19-25/JOHN 10:1-10

9:30 St. Peter's/Trinity (Rev'd Graham/
Charlotte LLR)
11:30 Christ Church (Rev'd Graham/Carl LLR)
2:00 St. Edmund's (Rev'd Graham /Bernadette
LLR)) at TUC

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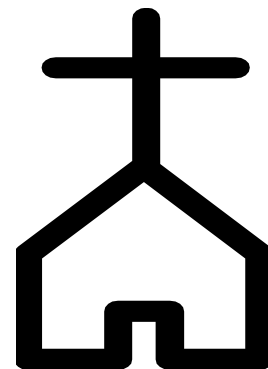
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with Satomi in the Parish Office.*

LUTHERAN & ANGLICAN MINISTRIES OF THE BRUCE PENINSULA

Together in faith,
loving and serving God
by helping others.

We pledge to:

- be led by Holy Spirit
- embrace differences
- adapt to changing times



MISSION STATEMENT,
adopted by PPC, November 14, 2018

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



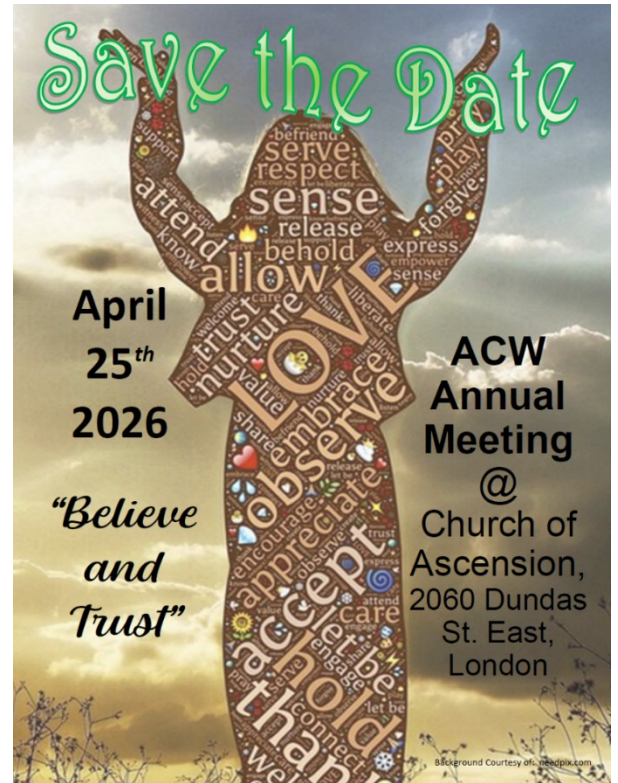
APRIL EVENTS

April 3rd – Good Friday

10:30 am Bethel Missionary
Church
Lion's Head

4:00 pm Trinity Lutheran, Ayton
"The Way of The Cross"
With RCCO Grey Bruce

7:30 pm Cape Croker United
Community
Easter Cantata Choir Concert



Wiarion Ladies Group

Next Meeting

Wednesday April 15th at 1:30

The Ladies Group decided at their February meeting to once again contact the Kidney Foundation of Canada to have them pick up our contributions at the Church. **The spring date for collection of donations this year is Sunday May 10th.** So, we have plenty of time to fill our bags with clothing, shoes, purses, outerwear, bedding, drapery and fabrics, jewelry and belts. Thank you for your help in this endeavour.



Shirley Dimoff



NEXT AVGEN ORDER

Orders Collected

Sunday April 26th

Cheques must be made payable to Christ Church

In the memo line record 'Avgen in trust'



An easy way to help your church fund outreach



**Service of Ordination
For Brent Krysa**



At

4:30 p.m. on May 31st

**The Cathedral Church of
St. Paul, London**



A Short Reflection on the 23rd Psalm

The 23rd Psalm is only fifteen lines long, yet it has carried people through some of the hardest moments of life. Many of us cannot quote every word perfectly, but we know it well enough to say it together. Its familiar rhythm settles the heart.

At Gateway Haven, worship services it always moves me to hear so many voices—some strong, some soft—joining in words they have known for a lifetime.

In Rabbi Harold Kushner's book 'The Lord Is My Shepherd' he reminds us that we cling to this psalm because it is familiar. Even when we read newer Bible translations, something in us longs for the old phrases: "The Lord is my shepherd... my cup runneth over." These words have shaped our faith and comforted us in grief, fear, and uncertainty.

The psalm is honest about life. It does not pretend the world is safe or easy. It speaks of dark valleys, enemies, and exhaustion. Yet right in the middle of the psalm, something beautiful happens: the writer stops talking about God and starts talking to God. "Thou art with me." It is in the valley that God becomes personal.

And at the end, we hear a promise we often overlook: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me." In Hebrew, the word 'follow' (*radaph*) means to actively pursue. God's goodness doesn't trail behind us politely—it chases after us, refusing to let us go.

The psalm never promises that we will avoid pain or loss. It promises something deeper: that whatever we face, we will not face it

alone. The Shepherd walks with us, restores us, prepares a place for us, and surrounds us with goodness and mercy all our days.

Charlotte Ewbank LLR
The Key Editor

The LORD the Shepherd of His People 23 A Psalm of David.

- 1 The LORD *is* my shepherd;
I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me to lie down in green
pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of
righteousness
For His name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You *are* with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort
me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the
presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of
the LORD Forever.



The Persistent Squirrel

I have several bird feeders that I fill with various seeds so that I can watch all the different birds come and feast. I enjoy the Blue Jays, Morning Doves, Sparrows and little Chick-a-dees. Most of all I love the Cardinals. Often, they would come at early morning or supertime. I learned to imitate their call and would call to invite them. I never tire of hearing their call and watching them carefully eating while keeping an eye for trouble.

This year they are around but do not come to my feeder. I am sad and finally figured out why. The little squirrel that has made the feeder her/his permanent food source comes soon after the food is out and does his/her best to consume all that is available! Oh, sure I try to talk to him/her but that doesn't work. I send the dogs out and they try valiantly to catch that gluttonous squirrel but never seem to make it before she/he is off and up a tree squawking in disgust! What to do? I heard that cayenne pepper is not their cup of tea so I figure I would give that a try. I sprinkled the pepper over the seeds and waited. Yes, our little friend was there in a moment. She /he hesitated and I thought great it worked, but that didn't last long! I looked again and the little squirrel was digging deeper taking the seeds underneath that had no pepper and eating gleefully. I would not give up! So, I took the pepper and did a more thorough job. That will fix her/him! Again, that persistent squirrel came, but didn't stay long. Ah ha, success! Short lived of course because in no time she was back and as I watched she took the seed out of the feeder shook it and ate it.

Clever eh! Well by this time I needed another coffee so I gave up! The persistent little squirrel was not deterred and once again well fed.

I tell this story because as I watched this morning, I thought of how persistent she was. Although she did not like what she faced she took time, went away, came back and proceeded to figure out how to get what she needed. I would like to think that I am like that too sometimes. That I see what is needed and persist to make it happen. That I take time and go away to seek counsel from Jesus then return to the task at hand and keep working at it. Naturally, it doesn't always work as I planned but perhaps, I need to find a different path. Perhaps I need to go deeper till I have further understanding. Perhaps I need to seek help. But as a Christian, I know that I am not alone in my journey and so I never have to give up. I just have to learn to commit, listen and persist.

What about you?

Helen Wheeler, St. Andrew's



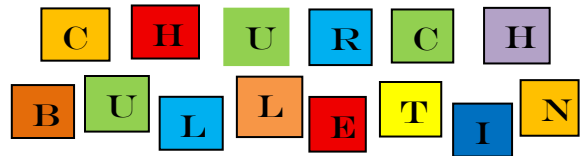
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SUNDAY HUMOUR



“Our mouths were filled with laughter”

Psalm 126:2



BLUNDERS!

Today's Opening Hymn:
"I Love Thee My Ford"



Paraprosdokians

(A What?)

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

Paraprosdokians written by
Unknown



Answer March Crossword Puzzle

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Biblical Anagrams

March Answer:

Love One another

Romans 13:8

New Anagram for April

colorful egghead revives

starts with:

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Hint: verse is in 2 Corinthians

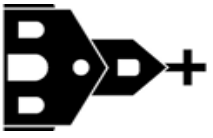


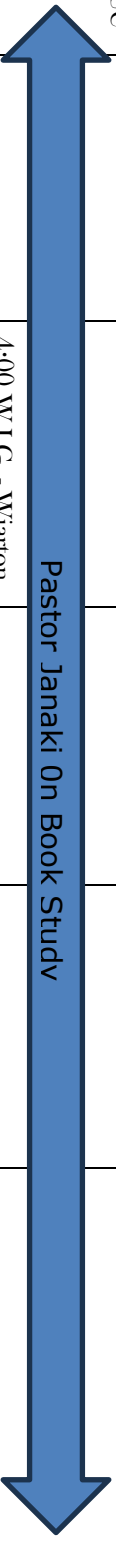


APRIL EASTER WORD SEARCH PUZZLE



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| ANGELS | HIGH PRIEST | ROBE |
| APOSTLES | JESUS CHRIST | ROMANS |
| BETRAYAL | JOSEPH | SACRIFICE |
| BLOOD | JUDAS ISCARIOT | SIMON OF CYRENE |
| CALVARY | KING | SOLDIERS |
| CROSS | LAMB | SON OF GOD |
| CROWN OF THORNS | MARY | SPEAR |
| CRUCIFIXION | NAILS | STONE |
| DARKNESS | PASSOVER | TEMPLE |
| DEATH | PIECES OF SILVER | THIEVES |
| EARTHQUAKE | PIERCED | THREE DAYS |
| EASTER | PILATE | TOMB |
| GOLGOTHA | RESURRECTION | |

LUTHERAN & ANGLICAN CONGREGATIONS EVENTS CALENDAR – APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Lutheran & Anglican Ministries of the Bruce Peninsula Office 519-534-1604 Office Hours: Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.</p>						
5. 9:30 St. Peter's Trinity 11:30 Christ Church 2:00 St. Edmund's at Tobermory United	6.	7. 10:30 am Golden Dawn Service Lion's Head	8. 1. 12:00 Warton Lenten Lunches at St. John's 1:00 Snow date for St. Peter's 1:30 Word Day of Prayer rehearsal at Frank St. Baptist	9. 2. 10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i> 3:00 St. Peter's Trinity	10. 3. 2:00 pm St. Edmund's at TUUC Trinity	11. 4. 10:00 am Christ Church Council
12. 9:30 St. Peter's Trinity 11:30 Christ Church 2:00 St. Edmund's at TUUC	13.	14.	15. 1:30 Warton Women meeting Fellowship Hall, at Trinity, St. Peter's	16. 6. 10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>	17.	18.
19. 9:30 St. Peter's Trinity 11:30 Christ Church 2:00 St. Edmund's at TUUC	20.	21.	22. 10:00 am Warton Joint Council Meeting	23. 7. 10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>	24.	25..
 <p>Pastor Janaki On Book Study</p>						
26. Palm Sunday 9:30 St. Peter's Trinity 11:30 Christ Church 2:00 St. Edmund's at TUUC	27.	28.	29.	30. 8. 10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>	AVGEN ORDERS DUE ON SUNDAY APRIL 26, 2025	
 <p>AVGEN ORDERS</p>						
 <p>Pastor Janaki On Book Study</p>						
<p>4:00 W.I.G. - Warton</p>						