

The KEY + OCTOBER 2026

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Trust as Medicine for Anxiety and Fatigue.

As preparation for our fall retreat on October 7th (please register now if you have not already done so by calling the church office and leaving a voicemail indicating your desire to be registered and your name ☺), we have looked carefully at:

- some of the implications of my appointment change which began in May 2026, including the steep increase in my absence with the 70% full time equivalent & 30% time off arrangement.
- concerns for our common life in ministry (Christ Church & LAAMB together) have surfaced, and been discussed.
- specific provisions which have been put in place to increase Sunday Eucharist supply from 70% to more than 70%
- budgetary implications have been identified as anticipated for 2027. We already know our 2026 budget has not been impacted substantially by this change.

We have also looked carefully at our gifts and our challenges, and we are coming prepared to the retreat to share these with each other, in the hope that together we will find ways to encourage and support one another. We are medicine for each other's anxiety and fatigue.

At one of our congregational meetings, one parishioner simply said "I miss you." This is a statement I heard in a very sacred trust: that God is working in the middle of the new circumstances for all who are trusting in God, and acting in faith. That God lifts the mountains we cannot lift. Gives life to the mustard-seeds we cannot germinate.

Working on the retreat preparation with Rev Carl Brown and our amazing team of Lay leaders has been a deeply inspiring process:



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- We have identified so many good things happening through our many small presences, as congregations, as Life Saving stations on the Peninsula.
- We have anxieties, and we all express deep hope and trust that God is working in the midst of our anxieties.
- We coined a term “LAAMB-Christ Church Fatigue” – the exhaustion of feeling pushed to force something together that isn’t fitting right now in one particular way, but fits so well in all kinds of other ways: friendship, fellowship, worship, laughter and joy ... all ways in which Spirit is present and active and moving.
- We are looking forward with excitement to how Archdeacon Rob’s presence with us might help us and facilitate our next steps in how we continue to build on all we do together, as well as individually.

As we discuss our retreat prep questions, I also hear, in varying degrees anxieties from the congregations. Some are more anxious than others, and have expressed their anxieties directly to the Diocese, which you are always welcomed to do. I myself have shared concerns brought to me, and concerns of my own directly with both the Diocese and the Synod office of Eastern Synod, ELCIC.

In early September, I met with Bishops Carla & Todd, specifically to review the May 2026 appointment change, and to discuss anxieties that had been raised. One of these included a recommendation that the Diocese encourage me to resign, and then allow for an intentional interim pause, a period of discernment, employing outside professional expertise to help us find our way together. I willingly discussed this recommendation with our Bishops.

Both Bishops and our Territorial Archdeacon Rob have confirmed that, for our geography and current realities of rural ministries in small towns across Canada, we are in a normal state of anxiety. Ministry across Canada is changing, and change always brings anxiety with it, like a shadow, inseparable but illuminable. A shadow whose darkness is illuminable by hope and trust, by patience and gentleness and love.

Both Bishops and our Territorial Archdeacon have agreed that allowing things to settle in our new arrangements, with Rev Carl serving Christ Church and myself serving the LAAMB is what they want to see. They believe in the gifts we both have, and the wisdom of sharing the leadership load on the Peninsula, for all kinds of reasons. We need to give these “new” working arrangements a chance. Carl and I are actively scheming to do more with our charges together 😊 Keep an eye out for campfires and hymn sing opportunities, pulpit swaps and God-Only-Knows what else 😊

Both Bishops have affirmed our ministry directions, giving their wholehearted blessing to our courageous explorations of being church in our communities right now – in our current configuration.

Both Bishops have affirmed my leadership, in the past four years, and for the immediate future of Lutheran and Anglican ministry on the Peninsula. Far from being encouraged to resign, I have been respectfully, lovingly and deeply encouraged to continue to serve as your pastor, and my leadership has been strongly affirmed.

It feels distinctly odd for me to share the personal affirmations of our Bishops with you in our newsletter. At the same time, I hope that, in sharing it, those who struggle to trust my leadership might borrow from the trust of our Bishops, at least during my incumbency.

I know I do not lead in traditional ways. I often lead in ways that make you uncomfortable, because it may not feel like church as you know it. I push you out the doors of your comfort zones, out the doors of your churches, to talk to your neighbours, to eat with them and build friendship with them, to share what we have with them, to extend radical hospitality.

For this time, God has given us to each other as pastor and congregations. I am thankful for this gift, and for the many ways in which we support each other to follow the lamp at our feet. This lamp shows us all how to be ministers of the Gospel, and be disciples of Jesus in:

- These times, when spiritual dis-ease, loneliness and isolation are rampant.
- These times in which old traditions are no longer inviting and compelling growth.
- These times in which understanding our own limits brings us to the doorway of God working, mysteriously, within each of us, doing - individually and collectively - more than we can ask or imagine.

I look forward to seeing you at the retreat on October 7th if you can make it (please register now if you have not already done so by calling the church office and leaving a voicemail indicating your desire to be registered and your name ☺)

With love, in Christ
Pastor Janaki

Janaki Bandara – LAAMB Pastor’s email:
janakibandara@diohuron.org and texting /
voicemail if you don’t get me in person, available at
519-588-7701



OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Year A

Short Forms Used

(G) Colour is Green/ (w) Service of the Word (m) Morning Prayer
(ST) Story Teller/(A) Assistant

19th Sunday After Pentecost, Oct 4th, 2026 (G)

EXODUS 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20/PSALM 19
PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14/MATTHEW 21:33-46
10:00 St. Peter's/Trinity (Pastor Janaki)
10:00 St. Edmund's (Rev'd Lorne Mitchell)
11:30 Christ Church (Rev'd Carol McCurdy & Rev'd Carl)

20th Sunday After Pentecost, Oct 11th, 2026 (G)

ISAIAH 25:1-9/PSALM 23
PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9/MATTHEW 22:1-14
10:00 St. Peter's/Trinity (Pastor Janaki)

DEUTERONOMY 8:7-18/PSALM 65
2CORINTHIANS 9:6-15/LUKE 17:11-19
10:00 St. Edmund's (Rev'd Nancy Adams)

11:30 Christ Church (Rev'd Carl) (m)

21ST Sunday After Pentecost, Oct 18, 2026 (G)

EXODUS 33:12-23/PSALM 99
1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10/MATTHEW 22:15-22
10:00 St. Peter's/Trinity (Rev'd Karen Kovats) (w)
10:00 St. Edmund's (Nancy Adams)
11:30 Christ Church (Rev'd Mona & Rev'd Carl)

22nd Sunday After Pentecost, Oct 25, 2026 (G)

DEUTERONOMY 34:1-12/PSALM 90:1-6, 13-17
1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8/MATTHEW 22:34-46
10:00 St. Peter's/Trinity (Rev'd Annie Veyvara D.)
10:00 St. Edmund's (Rev'd Annie V.D.)
11:30 Christ Church (Charlotte) (m)

Sponsorship Opportunities

The KEY may be sponsored for \$60.00
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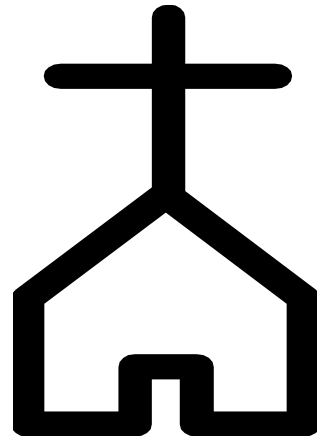
If you wish to make these donations, please speak with Satomi in the Parish Office.

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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 FALL EVENTS

Invitation to Join
St. Edmund's Church
Jointly with Christ Church

In Tobermory

On November 1st

All Saints Worship Service

1:00 pm

Prior To The Service

LUNCH AT THE PRINCESS HOTEL!

Please Contact
Bernadette Burton
For Lunch Reservations

ST. PETER'S & TRINITY

Are having a
Christmas **B**ake **S**ale
After Church!



Sunday December 13th

From 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Featuring

Pies, Squares, Cookies, Cakes
and
Home Made Soups and Jellies

AVGEN ORDERS SEPTEMBER 27 OCTOBER 25 NOVEMBER 29

**Use Them For
Groceries**

**Christmas Stockings
Mailing**

**Thank You Gifts
Or**

Donate



**Food Bank/Salvation Army
Have suggested Gift
Cards For Individuals
To shop at
Local Grocery Stores**

PAYMENT BY CHEQUE

Payable to Christ Church Lions Head

Memo Line: Avgen in Trust

[Hebrews 13:16](#)

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others,
for with such sacrifices God is pleased."



Thank you,
Jo, Helen & Charlotte



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SATURDAY OCTOBER 31ST

Practicing Extravagant Generosity

A Stewardship Workshop

Led by **Robert Schnase**,
retired Methodist pastor and bishop
author of *Five Practices of
Fruitful Congregations* (revised)



In person and online
streaming options available



Saturday, October 31, 2026
9:30 am – 3:30 pm



St. Paul's Anglican Church
248 High Street,
Southampton, NOH 2L0



Cost \$20 – includes lunch



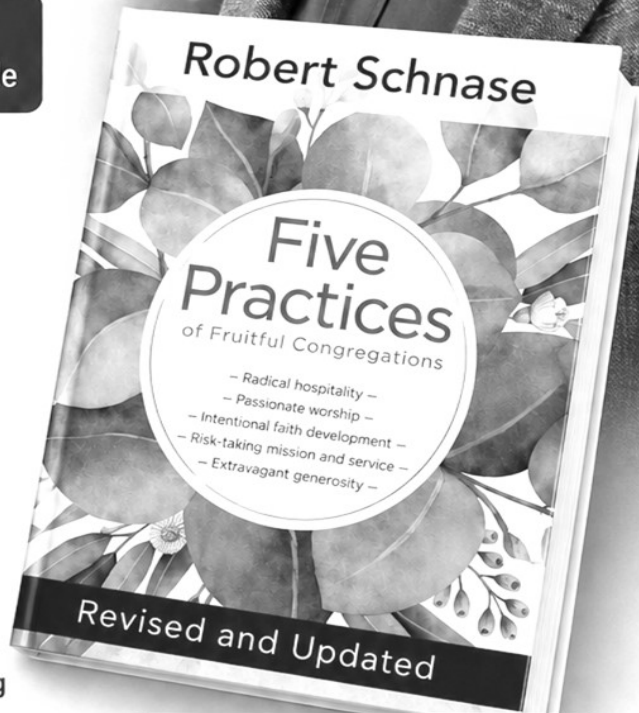
More details on the website:
BestEverAnglicans.com



Register by email:
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Or call **519-797-2984**



SCAN HERE
for more details
and to register

*Generosity – a fruit of the spirit –
a sign of spiritual growth*



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Rev. Brent Krysa



Brent Krysa was ordained deacon along with Kathleen Aitken and Annette Procnier on Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2026, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, London, Ontario. Photo: Charlotte Poolton

"OUR HEARTS are restless until they find their rest in thee."

I first heard those words while sitting in a parked car, listening to St. Augustine's Confessions read by the commanding baritone of actor Max McLean. At the time, I thought Augustine's words were beautiful. I did not yet realize they were describing me.

My journey toward ordination began, as many journeys do, in a car.

I was living in mine.

Most nights I parked wherever I could find a place that felt safe. Yet whenever possible, I found myself drawn toward church parking lots. They were quieter, calmer, and somehow felt like places where I could rest for the night.

Looking back, church parking lots are probably the worst places to be if you want to be left alone. Sooner or later, someone is going to come out and try to convert you. Maybe I had listened to

enough Augustine by then to turn that assumption into a prayer of hope. Something kept drawing me back to churches, though I rarely went inside.

Church people, I imagined, had perfectly fine houses, perfectly fine routines, and perfectly fine jobs. They possessed a stability that looked so perfectly fine that, by contrast, it felt so very distant from my imperfect life.

So, I stayed at the edges.

An employment counsellor eventually convinced me to step inside a church—his church. One February evening, he invited me to a Candlemas service. The name Candlemas suggested something effulgent and mystical, perhaps a poetry-infused, pyrocentric celebration with warm fuzzies... Instead, it was mostly just grey boxes of unblessed candles and a handful of worshippers.

There were only six of us, so we pulled our chairs into a tiny circle around the altar—my greatest concern that evening wasn't meeting God, but the unhappy prospect of small talk with strangers. Yet they simply made room for me without interrogation or examination. I left that evening with some unexpected questions, along with an invitation from one of the parishioners to join them on Sunday for the 8:00 a.m. Book of Common Prayer service.

The following Saturday night, I again spent the night in that church's parking lot, confident that I could always use that Sunday morning service as an excuse for why I was parked there so early. Overnight, freezing rain turned the lot into

a sheet of ice. Sitting in my car Sunday morning as parishioners arrived, I decided it was best to just move along.

Then the church door opened.

The priest stepped outside. He saw me sitting there, crossed the icy parking lot, stretched out his hand, and helped me safely into the church. I remember very little of what he said...

...I remember the hand.

Looking back, I see that moment was part of a pattern. Again and again, Christ came toward me through invitations: an employment counsellor, a small congregation that made room, a priest who crossed an icy parking lot, and later professors, supervisors, parishioners, mentors, and friends who continued making room for me long before I believed there was a place for me.

I realize how much of that season was spent at the edges. I parked at the edges of parking lots and lingered at the edges of congregations, close enough to observe the life of the Church but not yet close enough to believe I belonged within it. Yet, little by little, God drew me inward—not through dramatic revelations, but through a long succession of invitations:

An invitation to attend a service.

An invitation into a circle.

An invitation to step carefully across the ice.

An invitation to pray.

An invitation to study.

An invitation to be ordained

An invitation to move further in from the edge.

Then, on May 31, 2026, I stood in the centre.



I stood in the centre of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in London. The Church gathered around me, and the bishop laid hands upon me. I thought of a time when I parked on the outer edges of church parking lots,

hoping no one would notice I was there. Now I stood surrounded by all the people who had invited me in. The distance between those two places cannot be measured in kilometres or years. It can only be measured by the one thing that is immeasurable: God's grace incomprehensible, overwhelming, and unlimited.

Ordination did not bring that story to an end. It drew me more deeply into it. The many hands laid upon me that day were the same hands that lifted me, welcomed me, and guided me for so many years. My prayer now is that, by God's grace, my own life may become one such outstretched hand (just one), to be the invitation for someone else to discover that Christ has been calling to them all along.

Rev. Brent Krysa is Deacon Assistant to the Territorial Archdeacon of the North.

PRAYING

Always pray to have eyes
That see the best, a heart that
Forgives the worst, a mind that



The 2027
Canadian Church Calendar
Can be Ordered
through the Parish Office.

This year, the theme of the calendar is *Steadfast in Faith*. and includes a range of photos featuring churches across the country.

Calendar includes
Liturgical Colours and Feast Days
Cost is \$8.00 plus HST of \$1.20 = \$9.20

The Parish Office will accept orders until the end of October - phone and leave Satomi a message at 519-534-1604

CHURCH COUNCILS

Have you ever considered featuring your church in the calendar?

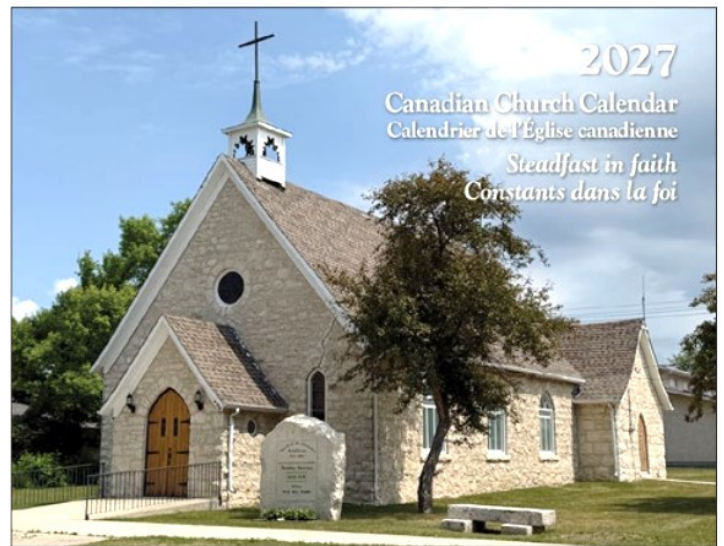
What if each of us sent in a picture of our unique churches!

Showcase the beauty of our Parish life!
Photo submissions to the Canadian Church Calendar are invited through the form on their web site.

The deadline for submissions is
March 31, 2027.

Full details and criteria for pictures is available at

<https://www.anglican.ca/calendar/>



SUNDAY HUMOUR



"Our mouths were filled with laughter"

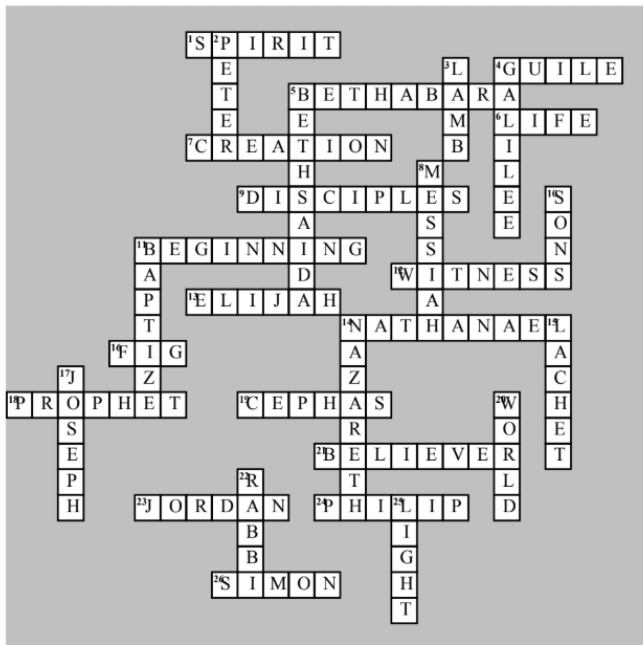
Psalm 126:2



Definition of YAWN

An honest opinion
Openly expressed

Answer September Crossword Puzzle



Choices!

By the time Bobby arrived, the football game had already started. "Why are you so late?" asked his friend. "I couldn't decide between going to church and going to the football game. So I tossed a coin," said Bobby. "But that shouldn't have taken too long," said the friend. "Well, I had to toss it 35 times."

Happiness

is a smile

you'll find right

under your

nose!



The best things in life are:

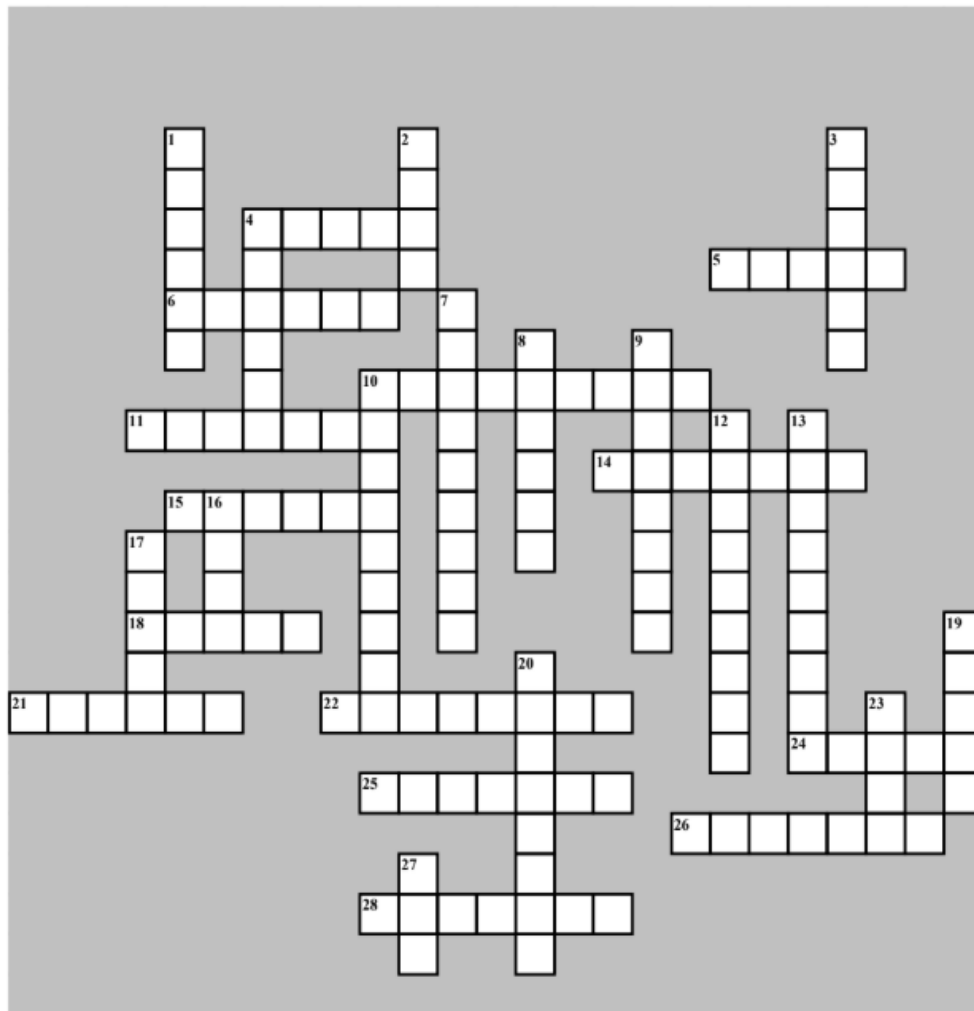
The people we love

The places we have been

And the memories we've made along
the way



October Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 4 The son of Jonah.
- 5 What the darkness could not comprehend.
- 6 Probably Nathanael's brother (Lk. 6:14).
- 10 One of the places where John baptized.
- 11 John did this with water.
- 14 Region of northern Palestine.
- 15 Prophet that wore a leather girdle.
- 18 Master or teacher.
- 21 A river in Palestine.
- 22 Jesus' hometown.
- 24 Nathanael had none.
- 25 Ladder upon which Jacob saw angels ascending and descending.

- 26 Moses said Messiah would be one of these like himself.
- 28 John gave this concerning the Word.

Down

- 1 Jesus' legal father.
- 2 Born by the will of God.
- 3 Hebrew equivalent of Peter.
- 4 What John saw descending from Heaven like a dove.
- 7 Bartholomew
- 8 John unworthy to loose this.
- 9 Work the Word performed in the beginning.
- 10 Hometown of Philip, Andrew and Peter.

- 12 Andrew and Philip were this to John.
- 13 When the Word was with God.
- 16 Animal Messiah is like.
- 17 Made by the Word.
- 19 Andrew's brother.
- 20 Who has power to become a son of God?
- 23 What the Word was to men.
- 27 Jesus saw Nathanael sitting under this kind of tree.

LUTHERAN & ANGLICAN CONGREGATIONS EVENTS CALENDAR – OCTOBER– 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Lutheran & Anglican Ministries of the Bruce Peninsula Office 519-534-1604 Office Hours: Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.				1. 10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>	2.	3.
4. 10:00 St. Peter's Trinity 10:00 St. Edmund's 11:30 Christ Church	5.	6. 10:00 am on Zoom P.E.A.T Meeting	7. 10:00 Joint Laamb And Christ Church Retreat	8. 10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>	9.	10.
11. 10:00 St. Peter's Trinity 10:00 St. Edmund's 11:30 Christ Church 7:00 St. Margaret's	12. 	13.	14. 10:00 am Joint Council Meeting - Wiarton	15. 10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i> Stewardship Report Due at Diocese	16.	17. 10:00 am Christ Church Counsel Meeting
18. 10:00 St. Peter's Trinity 10:00 St. Edmund's 11:30 Christ Church	19.	20.	21.	22. 10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>	23.	24.
25. 10:00 St. Peter's Trinity 11:30 Christ Church 1:00 St. Edmund's	26.	27. 4:00 W.I.G. - Wiarton	28.	29.	30.	31. 9:30 to 3:30 Stewardship Workshop Southampton or On Line