

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

We are a prayerful, Bible-teaching, evangelical church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city and the world. We are a member of the Anglican Network in Canada and part of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans. We seek to be a biblically faithful and orthodox church within the Anglican Way of following Jesus.

Are you new? Get connected!

Is this your first visit to Church of the Messiah? Thank you for being with us. We are glad you're here. Interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Contact us: info@messiahchurch.ca or 613.235.0596. Check out our website at messiahchurch.ca

Nursery & Sunday School

Nursery (0 - 24 months) and Sunday School (2 yrs - Grade 6) are available at the 10am Service. For Nursery, please bring children to the lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, kids are invited to "follow the cross" during the last worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Canon George Sinclair Rector	Daniel Gilman Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship
Shirley Allan Administrator	Joey McNitt Worship Leader
Jonathan Camiré Ministry Intern	Wardens: Dick Butler, Gary Graber, John Rayson, Shannon Ripley, Karl Ruban, Dana Scherf

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Giving

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the basket go by. If you would like to donate, there are many ways to give:

- 1) Place cash or cheques payable to "Church of the Messiah" in the offering basket on Sunday, or mail to the church office. Please contact the office if you are interested in using offering envelopes.
- 2) Email your contribution to givings@messiahchurch.ca Please use the security question: "What is the pastor's first name?" and the answer: "George"
- 3) Pre-authorized debit – You can authorize the church to debit your bank account for a fixed amount on a recurring basis of your choice. To get started, please contact the office: info@messiahchurch.ca

Financial Update

Praise God for His generous provision! We were able to end the 2015 financial year with a small surplus!

ANGLICANISM IN THE NEWS

Dear friends,

Last week we asked you to pray for the Anglican Communion. This week Anglicanism has been in the news. What follows is a brief primer.

First of all, the Anglican Way tries to take very seriously the way the Bible describes the church. In the New Testament, when "the church" is referred to, it's both a local congregation and all of the local congregations in a city or a province. So, in Anglicanism, there are local congregations linked in a geographic diocese and a national (or multi-national) church body. However, in the New Testament, the church is also described as the body of Christ. In this sense, the church is invisible because it is not perfectly aligned with any human institutional church. Most importantly, the church as the body of Christ is planet-wide and extends back-in-time. This is why we should not say St Paul is a former church member. You, me and St Paul are all equally in the body of Christ. The Anglican Way marks the reality of the church including those who "sleep in Jesus" by having part of our common worship originating from earlier times. The Anglican Way marks the planet-wide nature of the church by developing an Anglican Communion - a web of institutional and missional relationships beyond our national border.

I know that most people who call Messiah their church home are here because they found a good church - not because they are Anglicans or are becoming Anglicans. This is fine and good. However, we are a church of the Anglican Way and that means things like dioceses and the Anglican Communion matter. This is why we asked you to pray for the Communion.

This leads me to my second point. The Anglican Communion is breaking and it is not clear what it will look like after the breaking. Churches in Canada and the United States and increasingly in Scotland, Wales, New Zealand and Brazil are setting aside the Bible to accommodate the secular culture. These Anglican churches are institutionalizing this change by re-writing doctrine and liturgy and ordination requirements. The "canary in the coal mine" for this change centres around the affirmation of the LGBT+ movement.

In 2008, the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON) was held in Jerusalem to respond to the breaking of the Anglican Communion. Out of this conference, the GAFCON movement emerged. The GAFCON movement is a world-wide, Gospel-centred, Bible-centred evangelistic and missionary movement which is becoming the new instrument for an Anglican Communion. Church of the Messiah is not part of the Anglican Church of Canada, but we are part of GAFCON.

Please pray that God will pour out His Holy Spirit upon us to build us into a prayerful, Bible-teaching, evangelical church with a heart for the city and a heart for the world.

George +

GROWING IN GRACE

I need to develop godly attitudes.

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Repeat the attitude to help it sink in. Do this in conjunction with A & B!

Attitudes.

- 1) I am not god and I will never be god - I am a creature made by a wise and loving Creator.
- 2) As I remember the cross, I know my Creator's love for me is real, present and unending.
- 3) On the cross, my Creator forgave all my wrongdoing, with nothing left out.

I need to grow in prayer.

A great way to do this is to learn to pray the Bible. Pray this prayer until you can pray without reading:

Dear Lord,

Please revive us again so Your people will rejoice in You. Please remind us of Your steadfast love. Thank You that we have been saved, are being saved and will be saved by Jesus Christ crucified. Please help us to listen to Your Word written. Please help us to listen to all of Your Word and every word in light of the Gospel, Your power for salvation for all who believe in Jesus.

Dear lord, as we listen to Your Word, help us to know deeply that we are not god. Lord, then help us to live in Your city, in Your world, for Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

I need to do something or start to do something.

Complete the following sentence: "In light of God's word, the Holy Spirit is leading me to _____."

GOING DEEPER

Getting to know me.

Do you have any phobias?

Getting into the Bible.

Remember to pray that the Lord will renew your mind as you read His Word written.

- 1) Read Psalm 85.
- 2) Read Psalm 85:9 Then read Psalm 19:7-11; Psalm 103: 8-14; Psalm 111: 1-10; Romans 3:18; Acts 9:31 and 2 Corinthians 7:1

Getting real.

Has the Lord "pressed upon you" in some way? Can you share some of this with others so they can pray for you?

UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

MON / JAN 18	Prayer Meeting 7pm @ 315 Lisgar St.
TUE / JAN 19	Lowertown Home Group 7pm @ 110 Nelson St.
WED / JAN 20	Church on Wednesday 7pm @ uOttawa UCU Hintonburg Home Group 7:30pm @ 84 Fairmont Ave.
THU / JAN 21	Old Ottawa South Home Group 7:15pm @ 267 Sunnyside Ave. King Edward Home Group 7:30pm @ 703A King Edward Ave.
FRI / JAN 22	Revive Youth Group 7pm @ Ecole Ste Anne - 235 Beausoleil

We are scheduled to serve at **Jericho Road's Coffeehouse** on Monday, February 8. Here's how you can help:

- **Be there** to serve: 6:45pm @ First Baptist Church (Elgin and Laurier).
- **Provide food.**
- **Provide money** to buy food.
- **Sign up** at the coffee bar; see Shirley Allan or contact her at info@messiahchurch.ca

The Marriage Course is returning to Church of the Messiah beginning February 14 for seven weeks! Many say it feels like a date night. You will be served a candlelit meal at a romantic table for two while listening to practical DVD talks. There is never any group work and you will never be asked to share anything about your relationship with anyone other than your spouse. There is no cost. The course is for ANY marriage, young or old / in great shape or experiencing some challenges. Sign up at the coffee bar after the service or contact the office: info@messiahchurch.ca

Don't miss **Learner's Exchange**: 30 minute TED-style talk / 10-minute Q&A session / Sunday mornings / 9:15 / OLT lobby

- Jan 24: Why pro-life? What can I do? (Jonathan Camiré)
- Jan 31: TBD
- Feb 7: Financial Stewardship (Karl Ruban)

Messiah Women: Don't forget to sign up for Games Night, 7pm on January 30 at Shannon's (84 Fairmont Ave.)