

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!

Are you interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Email info@messiahchurch.ca or call **613.235.0596**. Also 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 third worship song.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Canon George Sinclair
Rector

Jeremy Giles
Ministry Intern

Wardens

Dick Butler

Amy van Hemmen
Administrative Manager

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Worship Leader

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Giving

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

- 1) Place cash or cheques payable to "Church of the Messiah" in the offering plate on Sunday, or mail to the church office.
- 2) Visit messiahchurch.ca/give to donate online via CanadaHelps.

Financial Update

Nov - Dec 2014: \$71,000 needed to balance the books

Nov - Dec 2013: \$66,000 given last year

AM I A PRIEST?

Dear friends,

The answer is "yes" and "no." The simple question requires an answer slowly unravelled.

First of all, I am a priest because I am a Christian. The Bible teaches that all Christians are priests. Listen to the classic Bible text on this. 1 Peter 2:9-10 states, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." (ESV). This verse is well worth memorizing and well worth meditating upon. It tells us of the "priesthood of all believers." We do not offer sacrifices, but we represent God to humanity and intercede on behalf of humanity to God.

Second of all, I am an "elder" or a "presbyter." So when you read further on in 1 Peter and you come to chapter 5 verse 1, you will see this, "So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder..." (ESV). If you look through the Old Testament and the New Testament and come to the word "priest," it never refers to Anglican clergy. When you read through the New Testament and see the words "elder," "overseer," and "shepherd," these are the words which describe the role and function of an Anglican "priest." (Note, I am simplifying a more complex discussion!)

So why are Anglican clergy called "priests?" This is a great question! When the Greek word for "elder" is pronounced in English, it sounds something like "presbyter." In Old English, the word was pronounced so that it sounded like "priest." At the time of the English Reformation (16th Century), the reformers knew this and decided to carry on with the terminology. However, over time, many (not all!) Anglicans have forgotten this. Much mischief has flowed from this! People reading the Bible thought that "priest" not "elder" described clergy. This has contributed to some Anglicans seeing their "priest" as one "offering sacrifices," set apart as special, who represents God, who intercedes for people.

So, I serve as an "elder" in a congregation of priests! Please pray I will preach, teach, lead, shepherd and equip to the glory of God!

George +

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) With a sober mind, I will remember that the devil is real.
- 2) Sometimes God calls me to suffer for the gospel.
- 3) I desire to humble myself under God's mighty hand.

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 God, please help me to humble myself under Your mighty hand. I thank You that at the proper time, Your hand will exalt me. Thank You that You care for me day-by-day. Please help me to cast my anxieties on You day-by-day. Help me to be sober-minded and watchful. Help me to remember that the devil is my adversary and that he prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. Help me to resist him, firm in my faith in Jesus. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

I need to get God's word in my mind and heart.

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:6-7 ESV)

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 _____."

- MN / NOV 24 Women's Home Group**
7:00pm @ 205 Bolton St.
- TU / NOV 25 Messiah Prayer Meeting**
7:00pm @ Messiah Office / 315 Lisgar St.
- The House (Home Group)**
7:00pm @ 148 Augusta St.
- Lowertown Home Group**
7:00pm @ 110 Nelson St.
- WD / NOV 26 Church on Wednesday**
7:00pm @ uOttawa, Agora
- The Wurttemberg Home Group**
7:30pm @ 111 Wurttemberg St.
- FR / NOV 28 Revive Youth Group**
7:00pm @ Ecole Sainte-Anne / 340 York St.

SAT / NOV 29 *Advent Potluck!*

5:00pm @ St. Peter & St. Paul's / 152 Metcalfe

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of the Advent Season as a church community! You are also welcome to stay for the traditional Carol Sing following the meal.

Please bring food to share. We will meet in St. P&P's Lower Hall. There are limited kitchen facilities, so please come as prepared as possible. Contact Amy at amy@messiahchurch.ca or 613.235.0596 with questions.

- WED / DEC 3 Jericho Road Coffeehouse**
7:00pm @ St. Paul's Eastern United Church
Email info@messiahchurch.ca to get involved!
We are looking for people to make soup and sandwiches and/or volunteer on Wednesday.

ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDARS

2015 Anglican Church Calendars are now available to purchase for \$8. Find them in the lobby today!