



## 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](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca) or 613.235.0596. Check out the Welcome Centre in the lobby or [messiahchurch.ca](http://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 Green Room (basement) before or during the service. For Sunday School, kids are invited to follow the cross after the last worship song.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Rev. Canon George Sinclair**  
Rector

**Jonathan Camiré**  
Ministry Intern - Evangelism and Discipleship

**Yasmine Alli-Smith**  
Ministry Intern

**Deborah Reid**    **Shirley Allan**  
Worship Leader    Administrator

**Daniel Gilman**  
Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship  
(Children, Youth and Young Adults)

**Rev. Neil Stephens**  
Pastor of Discipleship and Pastoral Care

**Wardens:**  
Dick Butler      Jeremiah Hadwen  
Earl Maynard    Shannon Ripley  
Karl Ruban      Dana Scherf

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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](mailto:givings@messiahchurch.ca) Please use the security question: "What is the pastor's first name?" and the answer: "George"
- 3) You can use PayPal to donate to the church. Click on the "Contact" tab (far right side) on our website ([messiahchurch.ca](http://messiahchurch.ca))
- 4) 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](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)

## RYLE

Dear Friends,

We live in the midst of the ruins and fragments of Christendom. We Christians need to see ourselves as missionaries in Canada, not chaplains to Canadians. This is not the time to build Christian ghettos; it is time to be missionaries and think like missionaries in a mission field. Remember that in Luke's gospel there is only one time that Jesus exhorted His disciples to pray earnestly. It is found in Luke 10:2 (ESV), *And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.* It is the Lord's harvest, not ours. We are to be His labourers. We are not to despair. Christendom is ending; the mission field is now more clearly before us. Pray Luke 10:2!

With the collapse of Christendom, the sound training of pastors and lay leaders becomes even more important. I also believe that to train pastors and leaders in the nation's capital becomes more important. It is in such a context that Ryle Seminary was begun.

The mission of Ryle Seminary is to equip unashamed workers, unashamed of the Gospel and unashamed of the whole counsel of God. This is Ephesians 4: 1-16, 2 Timothy 2:15, Romans 1: 16-17 and Acts 20: 17-38. We also have a Biblical vision: building strong Gospel churches, at home and abroad, one leader at a time. This has its roots in Matthew 28: 18-20 and Acts - all of Acts!

Ryle Seminary was begun by Messiah, but we seek to be a cross-denominational seminary serving the evangelical movement in Ottawa and beyond. All our profs have PhDs and love Jesus. Oh, I should mention that the preaching prof loves Jesus, but doesn't have a PhD! (Editor's note: George is the preaching prof!) Please pray for this important work! Please pray for finances and the students. Please pray for the profs. Please pray for growth in numbers. Please pray for depth - that all involved in Ryle will find their faith deepen. Please pray that the students are equipped with the habits and skills and character needed for fruitful Gospel ministry. Please pray for more churches and denominations to recognize Ryle as a seminary they can send their future pastors and lay leaders to.

Please consider helping Ryle in a volunteer capacity. As well, consider supporting the seminary financially. Check out the website for more info: [ryleseminary.ca](http://ryleseminary.ca) email Shirley at: [admin@ryleseminary.ca](mailto:admin@ryleseminary.ca) or call 613 235 0596.

For your info, we have been working with Heritage College. We do have a huge answer to prayer. Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (sbts.edu), one of the largest and most prestigious US seminaries, has given us a full articulation agreement.

Friends, please pray for Ryle! In the words of Hudson Taylor, "When we work, **we** work; when we pray, God works."

George+

PS We will be offering a course on the Pauline Epistles to be taught by Pierre Constant in May. Please consider attending for credit or audit.

**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 a sinner because I sin. I sin because I am a sinner.
- 2) When I do what is wrong, I am learning to be a "better" slave.
- 3) The cross of Christ is the Tree of Life.

**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, I confess that in my pride I often find Your word too dark and depressing. I also confess that in my pride I often find Your word too good to be true. Thank You that in my helplessness and lostness You acted with saving power. Thank You for Jesus Christ crucified. Thank You that I am saved by Your grace alone, through faith alone, in Jesus Christ alone. Please make me a disciple of Jesus, gripped by this gospel, living for Your glory. Amen!!

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

*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*  
Romans 5: 1-2

**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**

Can you share about the first funeral you ever attended? Whose was it?

**Getting into the Bible**

Ask the Lord to speak to your heart, the control centre of your life, as you read His word.

- Read Romans 5: 12-21
- Read Genesis 3: 1-24
- Read Romans 8: 1-39

**Getting real**

- Has the Lord spoken to you in some way through the sermon? Through His word? Consider sharing with someone so the two of you can pray about the matter.

**Tuesday, April 11**

- 7pm: Lowertown Home Group @ 110 Nelson

**Wednesday, April 12**

- 7pm: Church on Wednesday @ UCU uOttawa
- 7:30pm: Hintonburg Home Group @ 84 Fairmont

**Thursday, April 13**

- 6:30pm: Seder Celebration @ The Bible House (315 Lisgar St) Please register by contacting the church office: info@messiahchurch.ca

**Friday, April 14**

- 9:30am: Children's worship
- 10:30am: Meditations on Jesus' seven last words

Please stay for a potluck lunch after today's 10am service.

There are still a few spots left for the Seder celebration on Thursday, April 13 - 6:30pm @ The Bible House (315 Lisgar St) Please register by contacting the church office: info@messiahchurch.ca

We invite you to bring non-perishable food and gently used clothing to donate to **St Joe's Supper Table**. A collection bin will be at the Besserer St door until Easter.

On **Easter Sunday flowers** are placed at the front of the theatre in memory of loved ones. If you would like the name of your loved ones on the list, which will be printed in the bulletin, please provide it to the office by Wednesday, April 13 (613 235 0596 or info@messiahchurch.ca).