

# JARS OF CLAY: BEING HUMAN IN CHRIST WHO OR WHAT DO I RELY ON?

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 1: 1-14 \*Free Bibles available on stage near Besserer door.

Gospel: Luke 7: 11-17

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Making disciples of Jesus gripped by the gospel, living for God's glory.

## September 11, 2016

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## 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

**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

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- 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)

### FINANCIAL UPDATE AT AUGUST 31, 2016:

Target Offering: \$ 194,995

Actual Offering: \$ 179,706

## MINISTRY INTERNS

Dear friends,

In the Anglican Way it is customary to require future ministers to go to university and get a degree. That takes four years. Then they are required to attend a seminary, or its equivalent, usually for three years. Then, assuming their "call" is recognized by the sending church and the wider church, and assuming there is a place to minister, the person is ordained. Some churches skip the seven year degree/seminary route and require a three or four year program before ordination. Either way, it is a long process and it is a shame if, three to five years after ordination (potentially 10-12 years after the person starts university), the ordained person comes to the realization they have made a mistake and they leave the ordained ministry to start over in some other "career" or job.

At Messiah we set aside time and resources to take on "ministry interns". One reason we do this is to help spare the person and the church of spending years in study only to realize they are not called to the ordained ministry or to make their living by Gospel ministry or a missionary or in para-church ministry. So, on one hand, if a person spends months or several years as a ministry intern and then decides not to proceed, we have not failed; we do not want to pressure, we want to help godly discernment.

A ministry intern at Messiah is usually a part-time commitment while they also study or work. The intern: has a weekly meeting with me; is treated as if they are on staff and come to staff prayer meetings; are given regular opportunities to teach and preach the Bible and grow in that ability; engage in appropriate hands-on ministry; is given other mentoring/training opportunities. Their ministry opportunities are a balance of what is useful to them in their training and discernment and what is useful to Messiah. Our hope is that we will help our church and the wider church to make a more informed discernment, help the intern discern and, just as importantly, provide practical, godly ministry training and formation.

Yasmine Alli-Smith has joined us as an unpaid intern. She will specialize in children, youth and young adult ministry. Jonathan Camiré has been an unpaid intern this past year. We have taken him on as a half-time paid intern. He is in the "general ministry" track and he will focus on a ministry to post-university young adults as well as evangelism and discipleship. Please pray for them.

Please pray God will provide the financial and spiritual resources!

Please pray that God will raise up more interns! Please pray that God will use me and the whole church to mentor well for God's glory.

George +

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

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