

## 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

### Shirley Allan

Administrator

### Jonathan Camiré

Ministry Intern

### Daniel Gilman

Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship

### Joey McNitt

Worship Leader

**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) You can use PayPal to donate to the church. Click on the "Give" tab (far right side) on our website (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

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## A CONJURING TRICK WITH BONES?

Dear friends,

Several decades ago, a famous Anglican scholar and bishop in England wrote and spoke against the idea that Jesus had physically and bodily and historically and really risen from the dead. Because he was a bishop, and truth be told, because he was witty and engaging, he got a lot of press. However, what he taught is very common among academics and clergy. When I took courses at St Paul University here in Ottawa, my Christology prof said that he believed in "the resurrection" even as he said that it was irrelevant whether or not the bones of Jesus lay decomposing somewhere. In other words, the resurrection of Jesus is a powerful metaphor, image, "spiritual truth", symbol - it is not God doing a "conjuring trick with bones."

This all sounds very good. Many find it very moving. I do not. I told my Christology prof that if they could prove that they had found the bones of Jesus, I would not believe in the resurrection and I would not be a Christian. In fact, I believe it is intellectually dishonest to say that you believe in the resurrection of Jesus and you believe that His body is buried somewhere. You cannot read the New Testament in a fair and honest manner and believe that it teaches that the resurrection is a symbolic or "spiritual" event, so that what happened to Jesus' body is irrelevant. The New Testament (and the Creeds) teach that: Jesus died on a cross; the He was buried; that on the third day He rose from the dead; that the grave was empty; that He defeated death in His resurrection, so that He would never die again; that He is alive now; that He will come again in glory. To reject this is to reject the Christian faith. You might be right (Jesus' body is decomposing), but you are not a Christian, and it is better to acknowledge this.

I believe the witness of the New Testament. I believe that there are good historical, philosophical and intellectual reasons for the belief that Jesus truly died and He truly rose from the dead and the tomb is truly empty. This is more than a "conjuring trick with bones" - it is the means by which God would reconcile people to Himself. This Gospel message is the power of God for salvation for all who believe.

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## 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) Lord help me to die to self-confidence and grow in confidence in You.
- 2) The Holy Spirit never leads me to a cowardly act or attitude.
- 3) Through the Gospel, the Holy Spirit gives me power and love and self-control.

### 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 forgive me for the times I am silent about You because I do not want to suffer being not liked by people. Please forgive me for the times I am ashamed of robust Christians because I do not want people to think poorly of me. Please help me to be unashamed of Jesus; unashamed of the Gospel; unashamed of Your people. Please help me to be willing to suffer for the Gospel. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

*Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, 2 Timothy 1:8.*

### 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.

What was the hardest job you have ever had?

### Getting into the Bible.

Ask the Lord to pour out His Holy Spirit upon you so that you will understand and live what the Bible teaches.

- 1) Read 2 Timothy 1: 1-16
- 2) Read 1 Timothy 1:3
- 3) Read Acts 18: 18-20:1; Acts 20:17-38; Revelation 2: 1-7

### Getting real.

How has the Lord convicted you as you read His Word written? Can you share some of this so others can pray for you?

## UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

- MON / MAR 28 The church office is closed.  
No Prayer Meeting
- TUE / MAR 29 Lowertown Home Group  
7pm @ 110 Nelson St.
- WED / MAR 30 Church on Wednesday  
7pm @ uOttawa UCU
- THUR / MAR 31 King Edward Home Group  
7:30pm @ 703A King Edward Ave.
- FRI / APR 1 Revive Youth Group  
7pm @ École Ste Anne (235 Beausoleil)

Join us on Sunday, April 3 after the 10am service for a light potluck lunch and fellowship. Please bring sandwiches, finger food or dessert to share.

**Messiah Women's** popular Potluck Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 9 at 9:30am at 315 Lisgar St. Please sign up by contacting the office: [info@messiahchurch.ca](mailto:info@messiahchurch.ca)

### THE EASTER FLOWERS ARE IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Vera & Gerald Allen	Alice Hall	Lawrence McPhail
Leslie Barnes	Anne Elizabeth Hibbert	Ned Meredith
Teresa Bourque	Ken, Betty & Keith Jakeman	Bess Reid
Joy Brisely	Esther Landry	Walter Ruban
Ethel Brunet	Bruce Lang	Kalysta Storie-Grezaud
Margery & Robert Dean	Eileen Lemon	Dorothy & Ray Skrypnyk
Marcello, Agatha & Laura Egidi	Patti McHugh	Marion Smiley
Johnny Giard	Margaret & Ronald McCook	
The Very Rev. & Mrs WE Harrison		

### Sermon: A Dumb Way to Die?

**First Reading:** 2 Timothy 1: 3-14      **Gospel Reading:** John 20: 1-10

Free Bibles are available on the stage near the Besserer door.

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