



## WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

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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 [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 Vestiaire before or during the service. For Sunday School, kids are invited to follow the cross after the last worship song.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

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**Rev. Canon George Sinclair**  
Rector

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

**Jonathan Camiré**  
Artizo Ministry Intern

**Daniel Avitan**  
Full-time Ministry Intern

**Deborah Reid**  
Worship Leader

**Wardens:**  
Earl Maynard     Andrew Moore Ede  
Shannon Ripley     Karl Ruban  
Dana Scherf

**Shirley Allan**  
Administrator

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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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)

## Making a Godly difference in people's lives

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Dear friends,

We can do a lot more together than we can do on our own. As well, people's needs are not simple because people and communities are complex. When we are in distress we may need money, help to start working for ourselves, healing, personal and community presence, infrastructure and, in and through all of this, people need God's transforming grace.

I encourage you to come to hear of the work of the Anglican Relief and Development Fund, Canada (ARDFC). This is a great example of effective, Gospel-shaped compassion.

Baroness Caroline Cox will be the featured speaker this coming Saturday (Sept 23) at a free lunch. The Metropolitan Bible Church has graciously made space available for free. To register for the lunch go to: [rsvpottawa@ardfc.ca](mailto:rsvpottawa@ardfc.ca)

Here are some of the reasons I encourage support of ARDFC.

Overall leadership and direction of ARDFC is global. ARDFC is the Canadian part of the global Anglican Relief and Development Fund. This cross-national group is mainly led by Christian leaders from the Global South - Kenya, Nigeria, Uganda, Chile, Singapore. I love this! It is not a bunch of Canadians deciding how and where to do relief and development work in "poor" nations. Instead, we work cooperatively with leaders in Asia, Africa and South America to discern the best relief and development projects to pray for and to support financially. The leaders from the Global South make up the majority of this cross-national body.

So, ARDFC is not just about ANiC congregations working together to bring relief and development; it is about us working together with Christians in the Global South.

The projects are assessed to be both frugal and effective - in other words, non-project costs are kept low and the money is enough to complete the project. The projects also work with and through local churches in the region where the need is. This means there is prayer and personal presence and gospel witness as well as the money to meet practical needs.

I know some of us are already very generous financially in giving to Messiah and missionaries and other gospel-shaped ministries. I know some of us are really stretched financially. But we can all pray! Prayer for relief and development is not "second-best" - it is deeply needed and important. So please come to learn about the ARDFC whether you ever give financially or not and please pray!

I hope to see you there.

George +

## GROWING IN GRACE

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### 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, please deliver me from being a people pleaser.
- 2) The Gospel does not remove my free will, it removes my grounds for boasting.
- 3) My thoughts should be formed by God's Word written.

### 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, You know how frail I am, yet You love me! I confess that sometimes I am a people pleaser; sometimes I am proud and I do not care what people think and sometimes I am cynically skeptical of people. Please make me a disciple of Jesus, gripped by the Gospel, who is learning to live free and live well as I live for Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen!!

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

*For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.*  
Galatians 1: 10

### 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

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### Getting to know me

When did you become a Christian or when did you become aware that you had become a Christian?

### Getting into the Bible

Remember to pray! Ask the Lord to speak to your heart as you read His word.

Read Galatians 1: 10-24  
Read the autobiographical part of Galatians 1: 10-2:21  
Read Luke's and Paul's account of his conversion: Acts 9: 1-22; 22: 1-21; 26:1-32

### Getting Real

Has the Lord pressed in on you in some way? What is He calling you to do or change? Pray for strength and wisdom to follow His leading! Pray with others about this if you can.

## EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**GREAT NEWS! Next Sunday, September 24:** We return to worship in the newly renovated auditorium at the Ottawa Little Theatre! Services will be held at 8am and 10am.

### Tuesday, September 19

- 7pm: Lowertown Home Group @ 110 Nelson - studying the book of Leviticus

### Wednesday, September 20

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

### Thursday, September 21

- 7:15pm: Old Ottawa South Home Group @ 267 Sunnyside. All are welcome to join us for Bible study and prayer followed by coffee and chat! Call Ann at 613 730 1335.

**Youth Group** kicks off on Tuesday, September 26 @ the Moore Ede's. Details to follow.

**Next Sunday, September 24, we welcome Baroness Caroline Cox to our 10am worship service.** Baroness Cox is a member of the British House of Lords and an intrepid, internationally acclaimed humanitarian. Her passion is for the persecuted, the refugee, and the destitute in dangerous and neglected corners of the world. We look forward to hearing her share with us!

### Are you willing to serve in Messiah's Sunday school?

There is a need for three new teachers to help in either of these groups: age 2-3; JK to gr 2; gr 3-5. Training is provided! Please speak to Lisa Moore Ede for more info. [lisa.mooreede@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.mooreede@gmail.com)

**Learner's Exchange** returns in October! Plan to come out at 9:15 Sunday mornings for a TED-style talk followed by Q&A. Details coming soon!