

## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PLEASE PRAY!

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Romans 12:12

At 12:12pm everyday, let us pray for the four prayer requests written on the prayer cards.

Ask your door host for a prayer card!



### MESSIAH HOME GROUPS

#### Wednesday

7:30pm - @ 84 Fairmont

#### Thursday

10am - Moms & Tots (see Anna Hadwen)

7pm - @ 267 Sunnyside Ave  
*(will resume in September)*

7pm - @ 110 Nelson St

### MEMORY VERSES

PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13

PSALM 86:11

JUDE 24-25

I PETER 5:6-7

COLOSSIANS 3:13

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

EPHESIANS 2:8-10

COLOSSIANS 1:28-29

### Gifts inventory

Have you completed the survey?



### WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

We are glad you are here! 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. Interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? See the contact info below.

### Nursery & Sunday School

Nursery (0 - 24 months) and Sunday School (2 yrs - Grade 6) are available at the 10am service. Nursery children meet in the Green Room in the basement (ask a door host). Sunday school kids are invited to follow the cross after the last worship song.



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

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Rev Canon George Sinclair - Rector

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Today's service:  
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events/455384](http://bible.com/events/455384)

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August 5th, 2018

A Christian in Jerusalem (Part 4)

Dear Friends,

I was in Jerusalem June 14-23rd to be a part of the Global Anglican Futures Gathering (GAFCON). Here are some of my reflections:

Last week I shared about how the Gospel has implications; how the implications are not the Gospel; and how the Gospel has both common [core] and contextual implications. I talked of how GAFCON was a model of a cross-cultural study of the bible in the context of worship and community, to help clarify what the Gospel is and what is a common and what is a contextual implication. Last week I focused on one common implication, today let's think about contextual implications of the Gospel.

Church of the Messiah is in Ottawa. We live in one of the most stable and prosperous cities in Canada. At the same time, Canada is one of the most stable and prosperous countries in the world. Canada is a welfare-state, with, from a world perspective, extensive and generous care for the poor. As Christians, we are to have a heart for the poor, and we are to work that out in our "advanced capitalist welfare-state". Most of the world is not like Ottawa, Canada. In most of the world, the country is not prosperous and not stable. There is often wide-spread and deep poverty and no government care for the poor and the vulnerable. For churches in countries like this, the gospel has certain important contextual implications. At GAFCON, nine strategic networks were launched. These networks are to continue working after GAFCON ended. What is considered to be a strategic network, reflects churches in many different cultural and economic context coming together around a common Gospel, listening to each other, and then beginning to work together in networks which reflect both common and contextual implications. We in Canada would not set up a "sustainable" development network – at least not in the same meant by GAFCON.

For GAFCON, sustainable development involves several things. One is to help those of us in the West who are giving money to be generous in a way that does not leave the churches in the two-thirds world dependent upon continual aid. A network of "rich" and "poor" churches was developed by GAFCON to help the "rich" be generous and strategic when there is a humanitarian crisis. That same network of "rich" and "poor" churches needs to help the "rich" be generous in a way that invests in poorer local churches, so the poorer church can feed and water and generate income themselves. That same network of "rich" and "poor" churches can also help the poor church identify, develop, and grow local initiatives to feed, water, and generate income locally, through the church and its members.

The nine strategic networks of GAFCON reflects both common concerns like prayer and good training of clergy and Bishops, and more unique concerns like sustainable development and women's networks [Mothers Union is a powerful movement, chiefly in Africa]. But even the common concerns, like good Theological Education, will in practice help all involved in working well with common and contextual matters.

At Messiah, we are not just a local church, we are connected to churches around the world in Gospel proclamation and living out the implications of the Gospel.

George+

Deeper: Meditating on God's Word

Reading: Colossians 1:28-29

SERMON NOTES

Series of horizontal lines for sermon notes.