

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 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

Rev. Canon George Sinclair
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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 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)
- 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

Self-Deception

Dear friends,

I have a problem with self-deception. A big part of my problem is that I do not think I deceive myself. I think other people have problems with self-deception, but I do not. So, it is hard for me to write "I have a problem with self-deception." I do not like saying it or confessing it.

You also have a problem with self-deception. What I have written above is probably true of you, as well. Like me, you believe other people have problems with self-deception. Like me, you believe that your problem with self-deception is very minor, especially compared with other people.

Listen to the Bible. There is a very small selection!

Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. 1 Corinthians 3:18

For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself AND Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. Galatians 6: 3 and 7.

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. AND If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. James 1: 22 and 26

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 1 John 1: 8

The Bible's teaching is not all "doom and gloom". Remember the regular teaching in Ezekiel, summarized in the words of The Book of Common Prayer, "God takes no delight in the death of the sinner, but rather, that we may turn from our wickedness and live!" So the Bible warns us of the problem of self-deception to humble us; to make us aware of the problem; and to lead us to call out to the Lord for clarity and freedom. Listen to Romans 12: 1-2. This marks a big transition in the book of Romans. For 11 chapters Paul has explained the Gospel. Now he turns and addresses the question, "How shall we then live, if we have received the Gospel and are gripped by the Gospel?" These two verses summarize the answer. Here is what the Bible says, *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.* (All passages from the ESV translation)

So, we are warned - we are prone to self-deception. But the Lord desires us to die to self-deception and have our minds renewed by the Gospel.

Pray that the Lord will pour out the Holy Spirit upon you, helping you to be gripped by the Gospel as you read the Bible. Please pray for me, too!

George +

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 remove the blinders from my eyes that stop me from recognizing theft as theft.
- 2) Lord, help me to become more generous and giving.
- 3) Lord, make our church a “giving and sending” church, not a “taking and hoarding” church.

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:

Heavenly Father, please help me to recognize stealing as stealing. Please help me because I am blind to the ways my heart and my culture say some stealing is not stealing. Please pour out Your Holy Spirit upon me and make me a disciple of Jesus gripped by the Gospel who flees stealing and pursues generous living as I live for Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen!!

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

And you shall not steal. Deuteronomy 5: 19

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 _____”

EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER: Worship services will be held next Sunday at 9:30am here at École Ste Anne. Please continue to pray that things will firm up for worship locations for September 3, 10 and 17 soon!

Messiah folks will be serving at **Jericho Road Coffeehouse** on Thursday, August 31 from 6:30-8:30pm at their new location - 521 Rideau St. (Rideau at Cobourg). We have committed to bringing light snacks and serving food and coffee. If you are interested in serving in this way, please sign up today at the refreshment table.

You are invited to lunch with a Baroness! Baroness Caroline Cox, a member of the British House of Lords and a fearless internationally acclaimed humanitarian, will speak at a luncheon sponsored by the Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada (ARDFC). And you are invited!

- Date: Saturday September 23, 2017, 12 noon
- Location: Metropolitan Bible Church, 2176 Prince of Wales Dr
- Cost: No charge. This event is sponsored by the ARDFC. A freewill offering will be taken for ARDFC's Cameroon healthcare project.
- Information: For more information **and to RSVP**, please see the ARDFC website. www.ardfc.ca

Please pray for this event, as well as for Baroness Cox's meetings with MPs and diplomats.

GOING DEEPER

Getting to know me

Did you ever shoplift as a child?

Getting into the Bible

Please pray that the Lord will bring His word home to your heart.

- Read Deuteronomy 5: 1-21.
- Read Deuteronomy's development of verse 19: Deuteronomy 23: 19-24:7.
- Can the state steal? Read 1 Samuel 8: 10-18; 1 Kings 21.
- The New Testament on verse 19? Matthew 15: 19-20; Ephesians 4: 28; 2 Thessalonians 3: 10-15.
- The gospel and verse 19? John 10: 1-11; 2 Corinthians 8:9.