

Bishop Michael Bird will visit Incarnation this Sunday; Please Join us!



The Right Reverend Michael A. Bird is the eleventh Bishop of Niagara, having been consecrated bishop on September 30th 2007 and becoming Diocesan Bishop on March 1st 2008. Bishop Bird is the primary missionary and lead pastor for the diocese.

Bishop Bird is originally from Oakville and calls our sister parish St. Aidan's, his home church where he began to discern his call to ministry. He was also the rector of St. Cuthbert's Church on Maplegrove Ave. prior being elected Bishop of Niagara. Bishop Michael has always been at the forefront of the battle for inclusion of people who have been marginalized and diminished by the system and structures of society. Bishop Bird has offered a vision that is inclusive and seeks justice and equity for people who live in poverty and for those people from the LGBTQ community. He was the first Bishop in Canada to declare publicly that he would support the marriage of LGBTQ people Anglican churches in the Diocese of Niagara. He is a man of courage, integrity, compassion and grace and we are very happy to welcome him to Incarnation in Sept 10th.

Bishop Bird is married to Susan and they have three grown children. Please join us on September 10th at 10 am as we welcome Bishop Bird to Incarnation.

Blessing the Backpacks and Devices of Life!



As we get back to the routine of life, we will acknowledge this 'new beginning' with the Blessing of backpacks and devices that symbolize our vocations of life. Parents, bring your kids as we say prayers and ask God to be with us all in our daily lives at school or work.

Following the 10am worship, we will be having a Welcome Back barbeque with our special guest Bishop Michael Bird. Please come and welcome Bishop Bird and renew our relationships.

This Week at Inca



SEASON OF CREATION

Season of Creation

From Sept. 1 to Oct. 4, Anglicans will join in prayer with Christians around the world to sustain and renew the life of the earth as we mark the annual Season of Creation.

"I am excited to be a part of the Season of Creation—timely and prophetic action on the part of the churches," said National Indigenous Anglican Bishop Mark MacDonald. "Hopefully, it will capture minds and hearts around the globe."

"I think that it's as important a time as any to be focused on what's happening with the environment in the world, and to be really concerned about the impacts that we're having on the environment," Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice lead animator Ryan Weston said.

"This is the chance for us to engage in that thoughtfully and to really set aside some time to reflect on what role we can play and what we're responsible for ... For parishes, whether they've done it before or never done Season of Creation previously, there are a bunch of resources that are available to create opportunities for that kind of reflection and engagement around our responsibility towards the earth, and towards each other."

Thinking globally, acting locally



Greening Sacred Spaces – Thursday, September 14 6:30pm

Please save the date for an Evening of Recognition: Stewards for our Future where we will come together to acknowledge *Church of the Incarnation* as they move forward as leaders in sustainability by retrofitting their establishment to be more energy efficient. We will be joined by special guest, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, Dr. Diane Saxe.

This event is free, although reservations are required! [Please RSVP by clicking here](#)



Saturday Jazz returns September 23

Join us for an evening of jazz and BBQ starting at 7pm featuring the Deborah Doweey Trio.

Tickets are \$15 for Adults and \$10 for students, available at the door. Light snacks and refreshments may be purchase separately.



Contemplative Fire –Sunday, September 17

Contemplative Fire is space and time to reflect, meditate, review, and recharge your emotional, spiritual and physical life. We provide a short time of hospitality starting at 8pm then we gather together as a contemplative and intentional community. We seek to enable reflection and meditation for all, from the novice to the experienced person.



Jeff West Hypnosis, Saturday, October 14

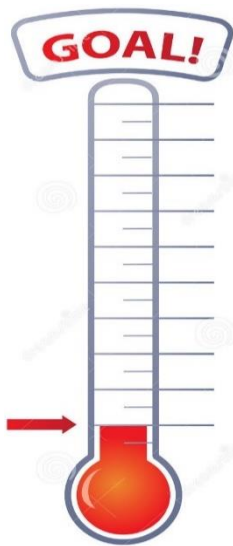
Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details about an interactive comedy hypnosis show featuring Jeff West.



A Message from the Corporation

Historically, attendance sags a bit during the summer. So, we want to remind and encourage you to keep up your charitable contributions to Incarnation if you are not on Pre-Authorized Payments. Our work and expense continue through the summer so we need your support. Thank you for assisting us with keeping the ship moving forward.

Appreciatively, The Corporation of Incarnation



Geo Thermal Project

The engineering report for our Geo Thermal Project is in progress and we are looking ahead to have 100% approval from the diocese in September to move forward with the installation shortly thereafter. In the meantime, we must raise or have pledged by the parish a significant level of the funding.

We are asking you to prayerfully consider making a pledge to this campaign to ensure its success. Your pledge can be in the form a one-time gift, or it may be over a five-year commitment. There are green pledge forms available at the office or you may pick one up after church on Sunday. Likewise, there are forms available on our [web site](#)

The goal is to achieve in gifts in pledges is approx. \$175,000. Currently, we have raised and have on hand \$65,000. We have **\$110,000** to go.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have further questions, please speak to one of the wardens.

Corporation of Church of the Incarnation



Incarnation Choir Rehearsals.

Our regular Wednesday rehearsals on Wednesday at 7:30 have resumed. If you are interested in sharing your voice, please join us at one of our Wednesday rehearsals, or speak to Charlene after a 10:00 service.

Please note: rehearsal will be cancelled on October 18th.



Wing and a Prayer – Returns to our regular schedule on September 28

We meet at 6:30pm at Monaghan's. Cost: \$25 per person including food and drink. RSVP Winkie Macdougall. Everyone is welcome!



Christmas Market – Saturday November 18th

The date has been set, the hard work and planning has begun!

We'll be looking for excellent quality donations to our Trinkets and Treasures table (*no books, CDs or stuffed animals*), craft table, and baked goods. Please start thinking about donations to our silent auction and gift basket tables – two of our biggest money makers. We do well with products and services from local businesses and great gift items. Stay tuned! Collection of these items will begin in September.

Community News



Child and Youth Cricket Program

The Town of Oakville is pleased to offer a brand NEW Cricket Programs for Children and Youth!!! Learn all about cricket. Enjoy six weeks of play with Oakville Cricket Club and Cricket Canada! No prior Cricket experience necessary. All levels welcome!! Spaces are limited so register today:

<http://www.oakville.ca/culturerec/programs-children.html>

This & That



Looking to Volunteer?

We have lots of way you can get involved. Positions include: altar prep, greeters, readers, hosts and coffee preparation. **Youth** can gain some volunteer high school hours. Training will be provided. Contact Julia Lockhart if you are interested in helping out. Don't forget to mark changes to the schedule on the master copy in the office.



Milk Bag Collection

We're still collecting Milk bags for the kids at Ellengale Public School



Our recycling efforts! **New procedures**

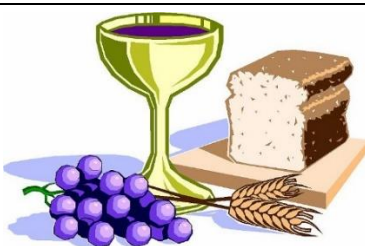
Thank you to all our hard-working volunteers who prepare the coffee and help with the set-up and clean-up of our premises. The daycare has been testing a new green bin routine with much success. We have almost completely eliminated critter attacks!

- **Start a new SMALL green bin for each service or event. Before leaving, tie off the bag and move the SMALL green bin waste to the shed and deposit into the LARGE green bin. This will eliminate any critter attacks. No green bins are to be left in the kitchen or out the back door after each event. If you don't know where the key to the shed is located, please ask a Warden or office staff.**
- Green bin liners are located in one of the 3 stacked multi-coloured baskets in the kitchen on the counter by the small sink
- All recycling must be emptied after each coffee hour or event. The large blue recycling bins are located at the back door. Please dump all recycling into the larger bins before leaving the church.



Changes to Order of Service or Bulletin News - Any changes need to be sent to the office by Tuesday, noon. office@incarnationchurch.ca

Nametags let people know who you are and make it helpful for people to put names to faces, especially for newcomers



Receiving Communion

All people at Incarnation are invited to receive the bread and wine at communion. The bread is received from the priest who stands between the servers who offer wine from the common cup; choose whatever side is free. You may choose to receive from an individual wine cups available to the left of the altar. Take one, consume the wine and replace the empty cup in the same spot. We hope this provides an inclusive approach to communion where all are welcome.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE	September 3	September 10
Bread Making	L. Hickey	L. Hickey
Altar Prep	M. Stevens	A. Moniuk
Coffee	M. Yang	L. Hickey
Coffee	Chambers	Bowden
Host	D. Anderson	S. Sinclair
Reader 1	G. Hughes	L. Bennett
Gospel	J. Smith	B. Abrams
Prayers	P. Mitton	M. Russell
Server 1	P. Moffat	T. Burk
Server 2	A. Turner-Sommer	W. Burk
Wine Cups	N. Deluca	L. Hickey
Counting	D. Bold	J. Raitt

Please Note: Thanks to all of you who update the master copy in the office – very helpful for me! There are a handful of printed copies of the new schedule in the office.