
Blessing of the Animals – this Sunday at 10:00

The blessing of pets and animals is often celebrated on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, or on a Sunday near that date. It is also set to coincide with the conclusion of our Season of Creation celebrations.

In the Scriptures, the act of blessing means ‘the imparting of power or life.’ The person performing the blessing is mediating that power from God or Christ to the animal involved. To bless is more than an expression of goodwill and caring. To bless is to impart God's power in person!

The blessing of each animal, by name, means that health, healing and life are being mediated from God for the benefit of the animal in its relationship with its human partners. A special focus for this service is an expression of the bond we have with all animals. Through the service, we are able to make them an integral part of our worship life and relationships. Please bring your pets to worship on Sunday if you'd like to participate and be mindful of those around who may be nervous around the animals.



CONNECT- a time to explore

People often will say, “I am spiritual but not religious”. What does it mean to be “spiritual” anyway? Are we a spiritual community? We *are* a community, but often we feel shy with each other at the social hour. So we gravitate to people we already know, or we stick to topics we know are safe, which tend to be the same kinds of topics we might discuss if we ran into an acquaintance at the grocery store.

Then we go away without really connecting about anything that relates to our hearts, souls, spirits, lives, faiths and struggles. These times when we stay on the surface are missed opportunities for all of us to feel more deeply connected in a 'spiritual community', which is surely what we all crave when we choose to come together. Inca is going to start doing something about this. Beginning Sunday October 1st, we invite you to join us with your after-service coffee and come and sit a while to have some one-on-one or small group conversations specifically about how the service spoke to us.

Here is how it will work:

At the end of the service, Michael will offer a few suggestions of questions we can discuss that relate to the theme or content of the worship time. We are invited to talk about what comes up for each of us, and any thoughts we have for how the ideas in the service can be carried into the week ahead or brought more fully into our lives



If you'd like to think about these questions and get to know someone new or in new ways, bring your coffee to the chairs, and sit down next to someone – bonus points if you have never met the person or know very little about them yet (if you don't want to, just stay at the buffet table area)

Make sure you listen as much as you talk – ask questions, and give the gift of your active listening; when someone asks you questions, give the gift of your true thoughts

Be generous – invite someone else to join your conversation if there are odd numbers – make others feel included. Stay in each conversation for a full ten minutes, so the ice gets broken and you can get to a more meaningful level with people you may never have thought you had something in common with.

A bell will ring every 10 minutes, and you can keep talking or thank each other for the conversation and introduce yourself to someone else for the next 10 minutes, if you so choose. To signal the start of the CONNECT time the first bell will ring 5 minutes after service has ended, and will ring every ten minutes for half an hour, allowing you to enjoy from one to three good opportunities to connect.

So following worship, we invite people to grab a coffee and snack and then return to the worship space. If you have any questions, please contact the Michael at rector@incarnationchurch.ca

This Week at Inca

thank you!

Thank You!

At our special Vestry meeting held last week, Barb Gowing was elected as the Deputy People's Warden. She will take over from Mathew Zachariah who had to step down due to his move to the United States. We wish Mathew well and congratulate Barb! Thanks to all who participated at the meeting and voted.



R4R Recovery Day, Saturday, September 30 Church of the Incarnation, doors open at 6pm

Come and screen the new recovery film *Generation Found*, a powerful story about one community coming together to ignite a youth addiction recovery revolution in their hometown. Shop our vendors, enjoy food, refreshments and an open discussion about challenges facing our youth. This event is inclusive and non-faith based.

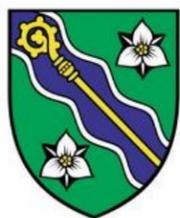


Harvest Sunday décor

On Sunday October 8th we recognize and celebrate the bountiful food and colour that creation offers. It is Harvest Sunday.

Traditionally the décor team builds a display of wheat, corn, bread, flowers, gourds, pumpkins, fresh vegetables and fruit and their canned parallels. You the parish, are asked to donate the items which "remind you of our Thanksgiving harvest". Gifts can be brought into the Church between Sunday October 1st, and mid-day Saturday, October 7th (depending upon the donated items' refrigeration requirements). Canned foods will be given to the food bank and fresh food may return home with the donor, as desired.

Anyone interested in joining the Décor team, please e-mail Michele Stevens michlestevens.4@gmail.com we spend two hours, laugh a great deal and generally have an extremely fulfilling time.



Order of Niagara, Installation Ceremony Sunday, October 1 at 4pm, Christ's Church Cathedral

Please join us in congratulating the 2017 Order of Niagara recipients from our parish: Jim and Michele Stevens, Marlene Thompson and Anne Moniuk. The Order honours lay people and recognizes their important ministry in the diocese.



The Jeff West Experience, Saturday, October 14, 7:30

This is more than a stage hypnosis show, audience participation with a Hypnotic twist! NON STOP Interactive Laughs and imagination provoking comedy like you've never witnessed before. Jeff is one of Canada's most requested corporate and University headliners providing "Live" stage comedy hypnosis rated by some as the funniest entertainment on the planet.

Tickets are \$35. Appetizers included in ticket price and cash bar available at the event. Groups of 5 or more can reserve tables. Reservation on a first come first serve basis.

[BUY TICKETS HERE!](#)



Saturday Jazz Series – Oktoberfest style! Oktober 21, 7pm

Oktoberfest time! Come enjoy some live Jazz & sausages! The Barbara Jordan Jazz Quartet is playing traditional and swing jazz as well as The Great American Songbook. We'll have Barbara Jordan - Vocals, Danny McErlain - Piano, Chris Robinson - Reeds and Brendan Davis - Bass

\$15 tickets at door. \$10 for students. Cash bar. Sausages and snacks available for purchase.



Incarnation "Thanksgiving Players"

All who are interested in playing an instrument in several special musical numbers on Thanksgiving Sunday should take note! There will be music for a range of abilities, from playing along with hymns to more advanced classical favourites. The rehearsal will take place at 9 AM on Thanksgiving morning, and music will be available in advance. Please contact Charlene Pauls if you are interested in participating! (musicdirector@Incarnationchurch.ca)

Incarnation Choir Rehearsals Wednesdays at 7:30

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.



Contemplative Fire – Sunday, October 22

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.



Wing and a Prayer – Thursday, 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.

Please look for the special flyer at the greeter's table with more details and volunteer opportunities, including a request for baked goods for the bake table, and soup, chili and muffins for the team room!

Bake Sale Table

Be part of something big! The Bake Table at our Christmas Market is one of our most lucrative fundraisers. Last Christmas, customers were specifically looking for short bread, biscotti, ginger bread, fudge, squares, especially squares containing chocolate, fruit or lemon; sweet loaves, mincemeat tarts, date squares and even carrot cake was requested. *Banana bread and Rice Krispie squares do not sell.*

As you bake for Thanksgiving consider baking a double batch and freezing a loaf, a dozen cookies or a batch of squares to donate. If you baked last year, please bake again. If you did not bake, why not pick one of your family favourites and join in! Michele Stevens is the co-ordinator and can be reached michelestevens.4@gmail.com.

Community News



Campaign Launch of *No Way to Treat a Child* (NWTAC)

Sunday, October 29 - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, at Incarnation

Join us for a screening of the film *Detaining Dreams* by a discussion and ideas how you can take action.

Refreshments provided and Palestinian sweets available for sale

Presented by: Oakville Palestinian Rights Association (OPRA)

Learn about Israeli Military Detention of Palestinian Youth and Children

www.nowaytotreatachild.ca

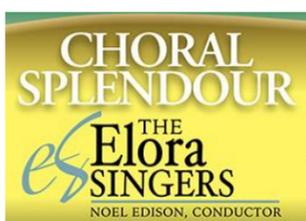


Halton Green Screens

The Fall Eco-Film Series has been announced. Movies start at 7pm at Film.ca on Speers Road. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for Students.

Oct 12 – *A New Economy* – what happens when humanity is at the core of business? Can cooperation save the world?

Nov 9 – *A Plastic Ocean* – In a corner of the Pacific Ocean, researchers found more plastic than plankton



St. Jude's Choral Splendour Saturday, October 28 at 8pm

Come enjoy a repertoire of Canadian sacred and secular choral music performed by the Elora Singers under the direction of Noel Edison. Tickets are \$30 and available at oakvilleconcerts.com

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**

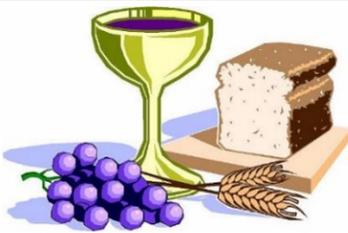
Thank you to all our hard-working volunteers who prepare the coffee and help with the set-up and clean-up of our premises. The daycare has been testing a new green bin routine with much success. We have almost completely eliminated critter attacks!

- **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

	October 1	October 8
Bread Making	B. Gowing	A. Moniuk
Altar Prep	B. Hanna-Morrison	A. MacNaughton
Coffee	P. Moffat	A. Turner-Somer
Coffee	J. Smith	Stevens
Host	B. Abrams	S. Hutchinson
Reader 1	B. Gowing	D. Wieler
Gospel	L. Maclauchlan	G. Chambers
Prayers	J. Grieve	L. Hickey
Server 1	P. Moffat	A. Moniuk
Server 2	P. Russell	A. MacNaughton
Wine Cups	C. Boulert	D. Bold
Counting	M. Thompson	W. Macdougall

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.