

*"I believe in Christianity like I believe that the sun has risen;
not only because I see it,
but because by it, I see everything else." – C.S. Lewis*

What If You Could Start Again?

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A new beginning.

New life.

Each spring we look around and see the signs of new life all around us. Yet, why are so many of us living in what feels like a perpetual winter? Rushing from one appointment to the next but feeling behind. Giving our best effort yet falling short. Feeling frustrated, discouraged and stressed. Surrounded by people but feeling alone.

It can feel like we are all living the same life of Bill Murray's character in the 1993 movie, **Groundhog Day**. No matter how many small changes we might make, it is the same alarm clock waking us to the same day. Sure, it might be Tuesday instead of Wednesday, but it eventually plays out the same, day after day. We wake up to try to make this day different. Better. Meaningful. Weeks turn into years, and we wake up one day, realizing that we are stuck. Frozen in a perpetual winter, no matter the season. We realize that it feels as if we are frozen, brittle down to our very souls.

Are you craving something more? Something deeper? A greater purpose? We all crave something new when we wake to realize the comatose state in which we have lived so long.

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That is what Easter is all about. It is the whisper in the winter reminding us that spring is coming. It's that one warming breeze amid the snow, bringing a new change of season. What was dead can live again. God is up to something new ... something fresh. In us. Through us. And nothing, no one, is beyond this grace. This love.

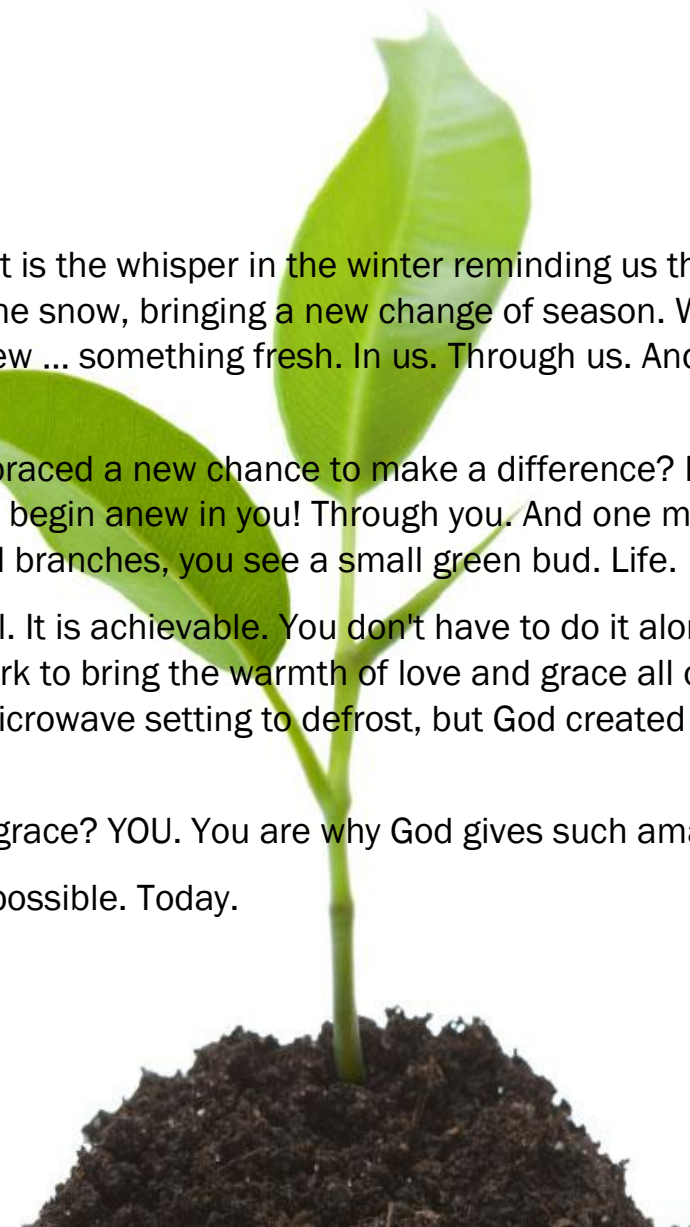
This Easter, what if you fully embraced a new chance to make a difference? Entertained the thought, just for a moment, that God CAN begin anew in you! Through you. And one morning, you awaken and instead of seeing the same dead branches, you see a small green bud. Life.

This is not simply some lofty goal. It is achievable. You don't have to do it alone because God desires to help you defrost your life and work to bring the warmth of love and grace all over this world. This will not happen overnight. There is no microwave setting to defrost, but God created us to live a new life and to live it abundantly.

Why? Why would God give such grace? YOU. You are why God gives such amazing grace.

Believe that a new beginning is possible. Today.

That's the miracle of Easter.



This Week at Inca



Holy Week Services

MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 29 - 6:30 Join us for our potluck dinner and liturgy. **Please consider making a contribution of a bottle of wine to accompany dinner**

GOOD FRIDAY, March 30 -10:00am - Liturgy of the Passion.

HOLY SATURDAY, March 31 – 8:30pm – Contemplative Fire – a time of meditation and contemplation on the Easter Light of Christ – see below for more details

EASTER SUNDAY, April 1 - 8:30 & 10:00am - Easter Day services

We'll have special musical guests through-out our Holy week services and a sing-along presentation of the Hallelujah Chorus on Easter Sunday at 10am



Holy Saturday, March 31st- Contemplative Fire

This Holy Saturday we gather together outside for the First Fire as the Light of the risen Christ lightens the darkness in the world. We then move into our gathering space to listen, reflect and meditate in word, song and upon the still, small voice of God. We seek to enable reflection and meditation for all, from the novice to the experienced person. Contemplative Fire is space and time to reflect, meditate, review, and recharge your emotional, spiritual and physical life.



Saturday Jazz Series continues – doors open at 6:30, show starts at 7pm

April 21st - Elizabeth Martins Quartet-

May 26th The Karen Thornton Band

June 23rd Melissa L Band Lauren <https://www.melissalaurenmusic.ca>

Announcing the return of our bbq series featuring \$5 Hamburgers, Hot dogs, and Veggie burgers

Tickets - \$15 at the door, students - \$10.



Fertilizer Fundraiser – returns for another year!

Maple Grove United has been holding a fertilizer fundraiser for 58 years! They have invited us to take part and earn money for the church. Please grab one of the yellow brochures with all the details - feel free to take one for a friend. Prices average at least 25% less than the big box stores. *And, these prices include the HST.*

Completed order forms, with cash or cheques payable to Maple Grove United must be received in the office by April 6 and will qualify for free delivery to your home, which will take place on April 9th. More details can be [found on their website](#)

INCARNATION WILL RECEIVE 15% of our total sales!



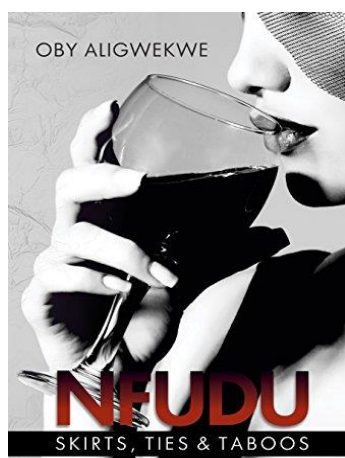
Incarnation Choir Rehearsals Wednesdays at 7:15

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.



Wing and a Prayer – April 26

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



Book Launch! Saturday, April 21, 2018 5:00-10:00pm

Oby Aligwekwe will be launching her debut novel *Nfudu- Skirts, Ties, and Taboos* at the Harbour Banquet and Conference Centre It will be an evening of panel discussions surrounding the main themes of the novel, great music, English and exotic foods and author reading.

Please contact Oby or Ofor for sponsorship/ advertising requests. Tickets for the event are available [online here](#), by emailing info@nfudu.com or phone: 416-880-8507.

Signed copies of the Novel Nfudu will be available for sale during the event. A percentage of proceeds from book sales will be donated to Eclat Beginnings.



Earth Day Clean up – Saturday, April 21 9-11am

Locations for the Earth Week Clean Up can be found at www.oakvillepeacecentre.org more information will be available soon about Incarnation's assigned locations. This is the 22st year the Incarnation has been involved with the Earth Day cleanup so let's all pitch in and clean up our community!



Reflecting On Romans – bible study

The Rev. Dr. Mervyn Russell invites you to the Bible Study he will be leading on the first five chapters of Paul's Letter to the Romans. This letter expresses Paul's mature thought on the good news about what God has accomplished through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and what new relationships with God and others this achievement makes possible. Paul's Letter to the Romans has had more impact upon the understanding and development of Christianity than any other writing besides the gospels. It is worth knowing. This bible study will be held on five Tuesday afternoons from April 17th -May 15th. The sessions will last from 1:30-3:00pm and will be held in the chapel. A signup sheet is available on the table by the clothes rack A study guide will be available either from the office or by contacting Mervyn.

Community News



Halton Green Screens

Halton Green Screens shows environmental films on the second Thursday of the month film.ca on Speers Road. For more details, go to Halton Green Screens

April 12 – *The Milky Way* - More than a breastfeeding promotion film, this is a film by, for, and about women.

May 10 – *More Than Honey* - is a film on the relationship between mankind and honeybees, about nature and about our future

June 14 – Amateur Film Festival



Tour of the Holy Land!

Fr. Robert Holmes of the Basilean Centre for Peace and Justice is organizing a Holy Land tour of Israel /Palestine from Sept 25th -Oct 9. The tour will include 5 days in Jerusalem, 4 days in Bethlehem, a visit to Hebron and some concluding days in Galilee. At each stop participants will not only visit and learn about the religious sites, but will also meet people and groups who are working to bring peace with justice to this special but conflicted land.

The total price, including airfare for a non stop flight from Windsor to Jerusalem is \$3,900. Fuller details can be found at rholmes@basilean.org.



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Canadian Open is looking for Volunteers

Like golf? Like people? Just like being outdoors? Have some fun and support your community by volunteering at this year's Canadian Open July 23-29. To see more details and what kind of opportunities are available please visit <http://rbccanadianopen.com/volunteer/>. Students who volunteer can get community service hours for their work.

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

	April 1	April 8
Bread Making	A. Moniuk	J. Vanderwater
Altar Prep	Smith/Bird	B. Hanna-Morrison
Coffee 1	B. Saunders	J. Lockhart
Coffee 2	Chambers	Stevens
Host 1	J. Smith	L. Hickey
Host 2	P. Moffat	S. Sinclair
Reader 1	B. Abrams	P. Mitton
Reader 2	TBD	
Gospel	P. Mitton	L. Bennett
Prayers	D. Wieler	M. Russell
Server 1	A. MacNaughton	S. Williams
Server 2	D. Bold	P. Moffat
Wine Cups	C. Boulert	E. Rago
WSRF	M. Morrison	V. Moniuk
Counting	J. Lockhart	M. Thompson

Please Note: Thanks to all of you who update the master copy in the office – very helpful for me!

[DOWNLOAD THE MAR/APR SCHEDULE HERE](#)