



It has been a long six months since we last gathered for in-person worship as the community of Church of the Incarnation. Although many of us have continued to engage through our weekly live stream gatherings, it is not the same when one is unable to be physically present with another. This, to me, highlights clearly how important the concept of 'Koinonia' is to us. That is, "the participation and sharing in community and the gift of fellowship jointly contributed". Well, we are nearing the time when we can once again gather in community and enjoy the gift of fellowship.

We are happy to say we are proposing to re-open our building for worship beginning Sunday, September. 27. Even though we will gather in our building once again, we will do so cautiously with safeguards in place to ensure our continued safety and good health. Over the last few weeks the Corporation and a re-opening team have been hard at work preparing certain protocols and reviewing procedures that all who come to the building must follow to ensure everyone's well being. Here are some things you can expect when we re-open:

- Only one service will be offered at **10 am** and that service will be limited to **50 people**.
- To attend you will have to pre-register with name, # of people attending with you, and your contact information (phone number and/or address)
- You will be able to register two ways:
  - On our Website there will be a link that will direct you to the registration page
  - By phone, calling the church office at 905 825-2851 by 4 pm the Saturday before. You will leave your name, #'s of people and phone number.
- Greeters will meet you at the door to ensure you are registered and that you have used hand sanitizer.
- **Masks are mandatory at all times!**
- Please ensure you remain two metres apart when you arrive.
- Only the parking lot door will be available for entering and exiting.
- Seating pods (for families and couples) and individual chairs will be placed 2 metres apart.
- The 'Accessible' washroom will be the only washroom in use. The other two washrooms, offices, and kitchen will be off limits.

#### For Worship

- Our worship will be a simpler, shorter Eucharistic service. **Please note, we will be merging our on-line worship with in-person service. People at home will continue to participate and be engaged in our service. We will be integrating live feeds and videos, to make it as interactive and as meaningful as possible, regardless of where, or how you choose to participate.**
- There will be no service bulletins- everything will be on the screens in worship space, or at home.
- There will be no congregational singing 😞. Charlene and 2 or 3 choir members will lead music with masks and will remain distanced from the congregation
- Communion will be offered 'in one kind', that is bread alone. I will be the only one distributing the bread (which will be communion wafers to begin with). I will ensure my hands are sanitized, and if I happen to make contact, I will re-sanitize.
- Greeters will direct you when to come up for communion. You will approach wearing a mask, receive the sacrament in your hands, return to your seat and then briefly remove your mask to receive the bread.
- Coats will remain with you at your chairs
- At conclusion of service, please remain in your seats until the greeters direct you to exit the building, ensuring once again you maintain proper physical distancing. We will not be joining in hospitality.

I know this is difficult to digest but unfortunately this is what we must do in the midst of this 'Now Normal' to ensure everyone's good health. We ask for your patience as we evolve into this new way of worshiping together, and if you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at [rector@incarnationchurch.ca](mailto:rector@incarnationchurch.ca).

I want to thank the wardens Julia, Bob, Mary and Ed for their guidance and support over these last months. Also thanks to our re-opening committee Rob Moniuk, Jeff Bowden, Charlene Pauls, Mary Purves, David Jenkins, Julia Lockhart for a great deal of work to get us to this point.

May the Spirit of God be with us all!

Michael

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## GOOD TO KNOW:

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### Niagara in Action!

Join this intergenerational diocesan-wide event on Saturday September 26 from 9:30am- 12:00pm,

as we explore the diocesan commitment to phase out single-use plastics. Discussions led by experts will help navigate ways to reduce plastics during this challenging time of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please see the poster attached and considering passing it along or adding the information to parish bulletins, news letters and social media pages. All are welcome to attend.

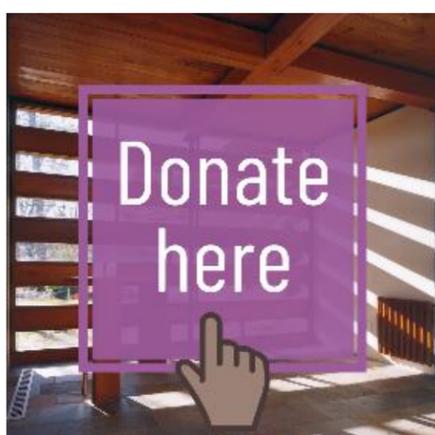
To register visit [Eventbrite](#) OR for more information visit the [diocesan event page](#)



### Incarnation Community Gardens

Donation update:

**Our team has delivered 6 full baskets of produce to our local Food banks in Oakville.**



### Supporting our community

The Incarnation community has continually provided generous financial support for the parish and our activities, and we thank you. Even though the building may be closed, the need to support the community is still very much present. As a result, we are asking for your continued financial support to Incarnation.

For those on pre-approved payment (PAP), thank you for your ongoing support. For those of you who give via the collection plate, you can still support us by donating one of the following ways:

E-transfer • online through Canada Helps • PAP • or by mail

You can learn more and choose the best way to support us [by clicking here](#).



### Coffee, Conversation and Connection

Wednesdays at 10am

Michael is back for the next Wednesday coffee and conversation.

Check your email for the weekly link.

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### Food Banks need help

The most effective way we can help is to donate money directly to any of the following:

- [Fare Share Food Bank](#) remains open and is accepting monetary donations you can see a [list of needed items](#)
- [Kerr Street Mission](#) is continuing to distribute food and is accepting monetary donations and donations of necessities.
- [Food4Kids Halton](#) is taking monetary donations and will continue to feed children in the community by mailing grocery gift cards.
- [Food For Life](#) has cancelled some in-person programs. At this time, they are asking for monetary donations to continue feeding the most vulnerable in our community.



### Town of Oakville updates

Stay up to date with information pertaining to the opening of park spaces, marinas and golf courses!

[www.oakville.ca](http://www.oakville.ca)



### COVID-19 information updates

[Updated information from Halton Region](#)

### Anglican Family Hub

In response to COVID-19, Children, Youth and Family ministry leaders from the Diocese of Niagara created an online one stop hub for families. Not having that village of extended family, parishioners, teachers, peers, and community supports has impacted families in a way that needed immediate assistance.

To visit the **Anglican Family** website, [click here](#)



### Epiphanies – from the Anglican Journal

Epiphanies, a digital magazine produced by the Anglican Journal, offers Canadians inside and outside the Anglican Church of Canada in-depth stories and diverse perspectives on important subjects of the day

[You can read the latest issue here](#)

## THIS & THAT

### LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER?

Interested in participating in our online worship? Contact Julia Lockhart ([julia.a.lockhart@gmail.com](mailto:julia.a.lockhart@gmail.com))

Volunteer Schedule	Sep 13	Sep 20
Voice 1	M. Chambers	M. Smith
Voice 2	G. Chambers	M. Smith
First Reading/ALL	J. Smith	M. Purves
Psalm	W. Macdougall	P. Russell
Good News	E. Wieler	J. Bowden
Prayers	ME Chown	D. Wieler

