



Emancipation Day

On March 24, 2021, the House of Commons voted unanimously to officially designate August 1 Emancipation Day. It marks the actual day in 1834 that the Slavery Abolition Act came into effect across the British Empire.

Canadians are not always aware that Black and Indigenous Peoples were once enslaved on the land that is now Canada. Those who fought enslavement were pivotal in shaping our society to be as diverse as it is today. Therefore, each August 1, Canadians are invited to reflect, educate and engage in the ongoing fight against anti-Black racism and discrimination. Emancipation Day celebrates the strength and perseverance of Black communities in Canada.

At our service this Sunday, we are blessed and honoured to have two incredible participants:

Arlene Duncan will offer a reflection and share her personal journey



Arlene is a Canadian actress and singer from Oakville.

Her father is African Canadian, with ancestors from Nova Scotia. Duncan has appeared in more than 80 film and television roles, in addition to many theatrical productions. She is best known for her television role as Fatima, a diner owner in the CBC situation comedy *Little Mosque on the Prairie*. More can be read online https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arlene_Duncan and <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/arlene-duncan>

Musical highlights by Marcus Nance



Marcus will always introduce himself as "the son of a preacher man." His dad was an American Baptist minister, and not unlike many Black singers and performers, Marcus got his start singing in the Black Church. He acquired his BA in voice and music at Fresno State University, California. Thereafter he landed in NYC performing on Broadway. Chicago, Toronto, Shaw Festival. He has appeared in Jesus Christ Superstar, Camelot, Kismet, Porgy and Bess, Showboat, to name a few. This summer he is performing in Stratford. Learn more: <http://www.marcusnance.com/>

Want to learn more about Emancipation Day History and Activities?

The Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton has information on their website. The CCAH has collaborated with numerous organizations in Halton to provide a variety of educational and cultural programs for you and your family to enjoy. Pre-registration is required for all our programs to help manage participants numbers and follow COVID-19 guidelines for a safe regional re-opening. <https://www.ccah.ca/events.html>

Read more about Emancipation Day [here](#) and [here](#)

GOOD TO KNOW:



Technical Communications Administrator

We are looking for a dynamic team player to join our service production team. After a year and half toiling behind the scenes making sure our online and hybrid services run without a hitch, David Jenkins, Jeff Bowden and Stephen Hutchinson are ready to help someone else shine.

The new person will be responsible for coordinating and executing the virtual and hybrid worship, and other Incarnation events

Take a look at [the job description](#) and forward to someone you think may be interested.



Stewardship update

I hope you caught Jeff Bowden's reflection last Sunday on Time, Talent and Treasure. Very well researched and informative! As Jeff said, "*there are so many ways to give*". Surprise yourself and try something out of your comfort zone!

Last week I asked you to consider the cost of how you make a donation. Not the cost to you, as that is obvious, but rather the cost to the Church to collect, process and plan for your donations. Do you think it is more costly to collect from envelope/collection plate, preapproved payments via bank withdrawals (PAP), or on-line? Would your opinion change if I asked you to allocate a cost to the volunteer(s) and administrative time involved in each method?

There is a wealth of research done in this area. The rule of thumb in the not-for-profit world is, if costs more than 20 cents to raise one dollar, it is not likely worth it when compared to other methods. Research has shown donors shy away from supporting any organization that has fund raising costs more than 25%.

Why is this important to us? We want the best Return on Investment when it comes to the amount that goes towards our mission. How can you help? The most cost-effective way is to donate via PAP or etransfer. We are set up for both, but PAP makes it easier to predict for our finance gurus to plan and avoid Campaigns. Update your PAP at least annually as your circumstances change. To start, or update your PAP, [print and complete this form](#) and send it to the office, To make an etransfer, email funds to donations@incarnationchurch.ca

Stewardship Campaigns, Birthday celebrations or just because you felt the need to share. It's all good!



We are starting to harvest!!

Thanks to everyone who is helping tend our garden. The results are showing and we're seeing delicious veggies growing.

Please contact Cherry Collins <cherry.collins@hotmail.com>



Incarnation's Prayer Team Prayer works when we work it!

We are excited and honoured to be able to pray for your requests. We wanted to inform you that in addition to the public, Sunday intercessions which are sent to the church office, there is another immediate option.

If you would prefer your personal prayer request(s) be private, and not read publicly, then simply forward your confidential request(s) to Randy at associate@incarnationchurch.ca

Should you have any questions please feel free to also email Randy.

Thank you!



Volunteer Schedule – JULY and AUGUST

The May/June volunteer schedule is ready! Thanks to everyone who raises their hands and helps with our online service.

[Click here to download and print the schedule.](#)



Vaccine roll-out Information

[Updated information from Halton Region](#)

You can find the latest information about what stage we are in, case counts, and vaccine roll-out information



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](#)

THIS & THAT

LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER?

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

Volunteer Schedule	August 1	August 8	August 15
First Reading/All	Marlene Smith	A.Turner-Sommer	D. Lusby
Psalm	T. Burk	C. Coleman	E. DeLuca
Good News	W. Burk	B. Abrams	N. DeLuca
Prayers	S. Curran	D. Wieler	ME Chown

[Click here to download the July/August volunteer schedule](#)