

When will we reopen?

It's a question many of us are asking. We trust our leaders to make decisions based on the evidence and guidance of scientists and government, and on what we think is the best response to help ensure our parishioners and community remain safe and healthy. We are extremely lucky our dedicated worship and technology teams have created engaging ways for us to worship each week, and we encourage you to join us live on Zoom each Sunday at 10am, or Wednesdays at 10am for conversation over coffee.

Here's a reminder from the diocese:

Worship Shifts Online During Fifth Wave

At the end of December, Bishop Susan Bell announced that worship and ministry activities will shift online in the face of dire warnings from public health officials and growing case numbers related to the highly transmissible Omicron variant of concern.

“We are in the midst of something dangerous and seismic – and the prudent and loving thing to do is to strive to protect us all – from the youngest who are as yet still unvaccinated and vulnerable, to the most senior who are similarly at risk,” [wrote Bishop Bell in a pastoral letter to the diocese.](#)



With Monday's announcement by the Ontario government that the province would be moving back to Step 2 of its pandemic framework, [the Bishop updated our ministry guidelines to align with new regulations.](#)

Worship is to be conducted online and produced by liturgical teams of no more than 10 people, except in rare and exceptional circumstances for funerals, weddings, or baptisms. Church buildings are to be closed, with limited exceptions. Social and emergency food services, as well as pastoral care appointments will continue in-person as necessary. [Read more here.](#)

“We must lean into the core element of our faith – sacrificial love – and proactively become an online worshipping community once more,” says Bishop Bell.

GOOD TO KNOW:



Coffee & Conversation – Is back!

Wednesdays at 10am

Check your email for the weekly link.



New Offertory Envelopes for 2022 Have Arrived

They are available in the office. Please make arrangement with Michael to pick them up. A reminder, you will receive the same envelope number again this year. Have you considered pre-authorized payments? A safe convenient way to ensure the church has consistent funding. You can email the office to request an application form.

Mark your
calendars!



Important dates to remember

January 16 – we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a special guest

March 1 – Pancake Tuesday

March 2 – Ash Wednesday



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

If you are looking for a ministry / team to join this year, even during our separation, please consider the Prayer Team. Understandably, our requests continue to grow, and **we would love to have a few more prayer partners.**

Our Team consist of a group of intercessors who pray for our public and private prayer List.

If you would like to add a name to the public list (read aloud on Sundays), the private list (prayed for privately by the prayer team) or would like to join the prayer team, please contact Randy associate@incarnationchurch.ca



Mental Health Resources

As we spend more time indoors and for some alone, please be aware of several mental health supports. One of these may be helpful as we prepare for our Intergenerational Mental Health conversation on Monday, December 6th, at 7 p.m. See you there.

[Kid's Help Phone](#)

[Wellness Together Canada](#)

[CMHA Halton Region Branch](#)



Yes indeed! The January and February Volunteer Schedule is here

Julia has created the new January/February volunteer schedule! Thanks to everyone who raises a hand and helps with our services.

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



COVID-19 information updates

Looking to book a first, second or booster shot? Start here:

[Updated information from Halton Region](#)



January is Tamil Heritage Month

January 6 - Epiphany

January 7 - Orthodox Christmas Day

January 14- Orthodox New Year

January 17- Rev'd Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Service January 16th, 2022)

January 18 -25 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 21- Lincoln Alexander Day

January 26- World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture

January 26- Bell Let's Talk Day for youth mental health

January 27- International Holocaust Remembrance Day

January 29- National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque attack and action against Islamophobia



NEW: REGISTRATION OPEN FOR WINTER COURSES

The Niagara School for Missional Leadership will offer [eight courses for its winter 2022 term](#) this February and March. Laypeople, clergy, and groups from parishes across Niagara (and beyond!) who are excited about joining in God’s mission in the world are encouraged to enroll.

The courses cover a range of subjects that contribute to our mission of training effective missional leaders who are sensitive in responding to the needs of God’s world.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA NEWS AND UPDATES

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](#)

Your Will Can Do More!

September marks the launch of Will Power, a national movement to educate Canadians on the power they have to make a difference through their Wills and estate. Leaving a small portion of your estate to your parish, our diocese, or both could result in a bigger contribution than you ever thought possible, while still supporting those you love.

Will Power offers a number of resources to help you plan. For instance, [here's a short and valuable guide to help as you meet with your financial advisor](#). Don't have a financial advisor? No problem, a link to financial advisors both locally and nationally is provided in the guide!

NEWS FROM GENERAL SYNOD

The Resource Centre is a centralized online hub containing links to resources produced by the Anglican Church of Canada. New resources are uploaded on a regular basis and may be viewed by topic, keyword or audience.

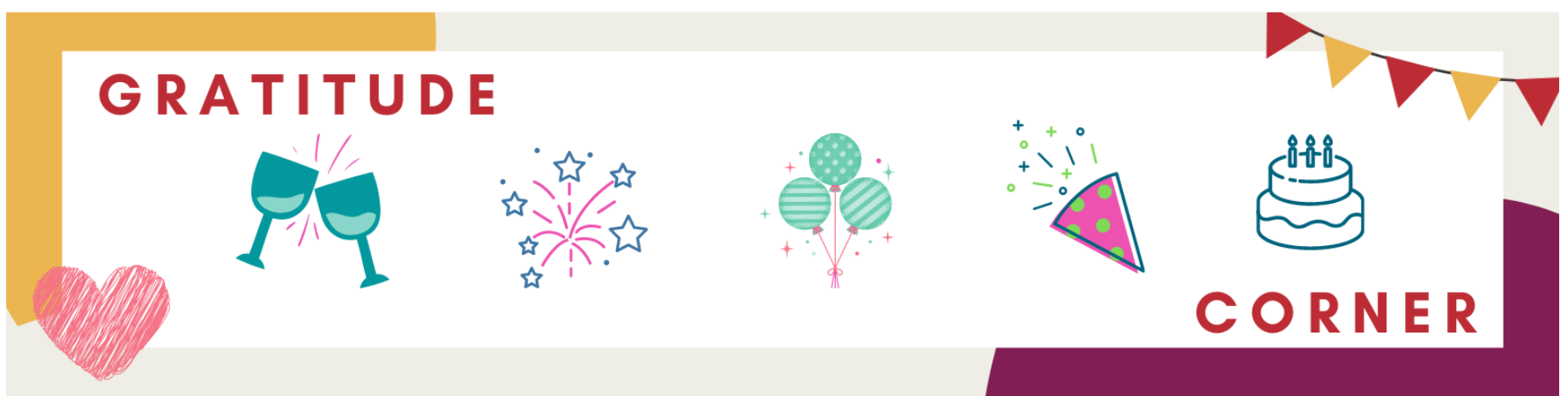
[Click here to access the Anglican Church of Canada’s website](#)

LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER?

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

Volunteer Schedule	January 9	January 16	January 23
First Reading - home	B. Hanna-Morrison	D. Lusby	M. Stevens
Psalms/Poem - home	na		
Good News - home	L. Maclauchlan	E. Wieler	E. Lee
Prayers - home	R. Marshall	J. Grieve	L. Hickey
Clicker – at church	J. Smith	J. Lockhart	P. Moffat

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Don't be shy. Spread the word to others. There is nothing too small to be thankful for. Want to share your congrats, celebrations, thanks, and gratitude? Send a note to Randy at associate@incarnationchurch.ca.

Messages of gratitude and goodwill will return next week!