



CHRIST CHURCH
ANGLICAN
MEAFORD

Eblast for April 8, 2026

Please join us **SUNDAY** for In Person Worship



Plaque with Doubting Thomas, German 1140-1160.
<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/467774>

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

Holy Eucharist – 10:30AM

Presided by: The Rev. Brendon Bedford

The readings are: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16, 1
Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.

If unable to join us in person, you may join our livestream which begins at 10:30am

Sunday mornings – from our website, www.christchuranglican.ca and click on “service video”.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



1. **PLEASE NOTE THE WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK EUCHARIST IS CANCELED TODAY, AND PAUSED UNTIL WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH.**



2. **Please note the usual 1pm Wed. Bible study is also paused until May 6th.**



3. **The Free Community Breakfast will resume, after the Easter Monday holiday, on Monday, April 13th, going from 8:30am to 10:00am. We hope to see you there.**

4. **Repair Cafe is this Saturday, April 11th going from 9am to 12noon. Please join us for a cup of coffee and bring your small item(s) to repair, rather than throw it/them out.**

5. **Our outreach Bridge group that meets every Friday here at Christ Church from 1:00pm to 3:30pm invites any new members that would like to enjoy a fun game of bridge. If interested, please let the Church Office know (Chris) office@christchuranglican.ca or 519-538-1300.**

6. **Parish Council will meet Wednesday, April 15th** at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

7. **You are invited to join St. James' Fairmount's Spring Joint meeting of Markdale, Durham and Fairmount Anglican women at St. James' Fairmount on Thursday, May 7th at 11:00am. See posters on bulletin boards. Please RSVP by April 30th. Info: text 1-705-446-4694 or em: valerieshaw5@outlook.com.**

8. **The Anglican Church Women – Diocese of HURON – hold their Annual Meeting & Conference “Believe & Trust” at Church of the Ascension, London on Saturday, April 25th, 2026.** If interested please contact the church office at office@christchurchanglican.ca or 519-538-1330. For info, check out the posters on bulletin boards.

9...**PASTORAL CARE: For urgent care, please contact the Rev. Brendon Bedford, Rector at brendonbedford@diohuron.org or 226-974-5060.**

For all other concerns, questions, or ministries, please contact the office office@christchurchanglican.ca or 519-538-1330.

Office hours are: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:00am to 2:00pm.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sound Investment Community Choir presents **TRUE NORTH: CELEBRATING OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY WITH SONG. Sat., May 9, 2026 at 7:30pm. See posters and Louis Bernard for tickets.**

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What's Blooming at Christ Church - April 8, 2026

Well this week while not exactly blooming, Allium sativum – Garlic planted last fall in the community garden at Christ Church is sprouting. The soil temperatures have gradually climbed above freezing,. The garlic bulbs were planted in the fall, the recommended time is about 3 weeks after the first frost. This allows roots to develop before winter dormancy. The snow melt and spring rains, depending on the amount of rainfall, will produce the growth needed to grow the bulbs to a decent size. The curly flower stems, called scapes, will be removed, to promote growth of the bulbs. If scapes are not removed they will develop into flowers and eventually into seed-like pods called 'bulbils.' Their development however this will significantly reduce the size of the garlic bulbs. Harvested scapes can

be used in soups and other culinary recipes. The garlic will grow until harvested in late summer or early fall when the lower leaves begin to dry and turn brown.

Spring Garden Calendar

Early spring, once the soil is workable, is the best time for planting cold-hardy seeds, such as peas, radishes, carrots and turnips and leafy greens such as spinach, kale and lettuce.

Warm-weather vegetables (tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, beans) should not be planted until after the risk of frost has passed. Traditionally Victoria Day long weekend is considered the time to plant, however Victoria Day weekend is early this year (May 16th-18th), so I recommend late May or early June.

The question often raised at this time of year is; “when is the best time to prune trees and shrubs.” My pat answer is to quote an old adage; “when the tools are sharp.” This rule comes with a few caveats, however. Late winter or now we are in early spring are considered the best times to prune most deciduous trees and shrubs. That is because these plants are not actively growing and without leaves, are



easier to see the structure of the plant and where to make each cut. There are exceptions, however. I recommend pruning Maples and Birch, late in the spring or in the summer, as they tend to bleed sap from the cuts. The sap loss might negatively affect trees that might be under stress, but the sap gumming up saws and pruners is more of a concern. Using sharp, clean tools ensures clean, precise cuts, that heal quicker, reducing stress to the plant, and preventing disease infestation. Sharp tools require less effort to perform the cuts required. Shrubs that form their flower buds on “new” wood, the growth that will appear this spring, can be pruned during the winter and early spring. Shrubs that bloom on last year’s growth, such as the Forsythia in the photo, should not be pruned until after they have bloomed. If pruned now many, if not all, of the flower buds will be removed.

Spring clean up of lawns by removing leaf and twig litter can be done now, but vigorous raking of the lawns at this time can do more harm than good. The frost coming out of the soil has slightly heaved the grass plants and raking will pull many of the plants out of the soil, leaving bare patches in which weed seeds can germinate. Early fertilizing of the lawn, promoted by fertilizer advertisements, is also not recommended. Research has proven that most lawns have ample nutrients in the soil for the first flushes of growth. Fertilizing now will only over-stimulate the growth and require more frequent mowing, to avoid leaving excessive amounts of clippings on the lawn. The first applications of lawn fertilizer should be delayed until the growth slows which, depending on the weather will often be late May to mid June.

John Howard NPD

We are blessed in many ways: in addition to our dedicated clergy & staff, Christ Church thanks our many volunteers who contribute, with grace, to the beauty of our church, both inside and out. Easter was truly inspirational!



Signs of
Spring -
submitted
with
thanks, by
Carol
Norton





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**2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
9AM- 12PM**

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