



## Eblast for April 15, 2026

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



### The Third Sunday of Easter

**April 19, 2026**

**Holy Eucharist – 10:30AM**

**Presided by: The Rev. Brendon Bedford**

**The readings are:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Figure; The Deserted Tomb, window @ Christ Church, Meaford.

**If unable to join us in person, you may join our livestream which begins at 10:30am Sunday mornings – from our website, [www.christchurchanglican.ca](http://www.christchurchanglican.ca) and click on “service video”.**

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

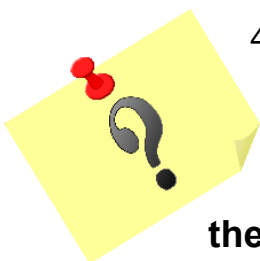


1. **PLEASE NOTE THE WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK EUCHARIST IS PAUSED UNTIL WEDNESDAY, MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>.**



2. **Please note the 1pm Wed. Bible study is also paused until May 6<sup>th</sup>.**

3. **Parish Council meets TONIGHT, Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Hall.**



4. **Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner?** is a fundraiser for Christ Church Meaford on **Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**. **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE.** You may consider being a host or a guest. Hosts will provide the meal, their home and the number of guests they can seat at their table.

**Guests will have a fabulous evening full of wonderful friendship, fun and food! Guests are asked to make a freewill donation with all proceeds gratefully accepted by Christ Church Anglican, Meaford.**

**Sign-up sheets for host or guest will be made available this Sunday – please fill them out or call the office to have one sent to you, 519-538-1330.**

**Info: Victoria Alcock, Carol Norton or Chris Clark or 519-538-1330 or [office@christchurchanglican.ca](mailto:office@christchurchanglican.ca) For details, see poster following, or bulletin boards.**

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**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@christchurchanglican.ca](mailto:office@christchurchanglican.ca) or 519-538-1300.**

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**6. The Free Community Breakfast takes place every Monday (except stat holidays) going from 8:30am to 10:00am. We hope to see you there.**

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**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 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. See posters on bulletin boards. Please RSVP by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Info: text 1-705-446-4694 or em: [valerieshaw5@outlook.com](mailto:valerieshaw5@outlook.com).**

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

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**9. Coffee & Fellowship Ministry – ‘We know how much our congregation enjoys a cup of coffee or tea and a treat in the fellowship of other parishioners after the church service.**

**There are spaces available from April 26 – May 24<sup>th</sup>. If you have time to bring in a treat (cookie, squares, muffins, etc.) on a Sunday, please consider signing up on the bulletin board in the parish hall or contact Chris in the office. (We have GF cookies in the freezer downstairs.) We thank you, in advance, for your generosity and consideration of this.**

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**10. PASTORAL CARE: For urgent care, until April 19<sup>th</sup>, please contact the Rev. Brendon Bedford, Rector at [brendonbedford@diohuron.org](mailto:brendonbedford@diohuron.org) or 226-974-5060. From April 20 to May 2, please contact the Rev. Canon Kevin Bothwell at [kevinbothwell@diohuron.org](mailto:kevinbothwell@diohuron.org) or 905-933-1032 For all other concerns, questions, or ministries, please contact the office [office@christchurchanglican.ca](mailto:office@christchurchanglican.ca) or 519-538-1330.**

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

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## **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.**

## Contact Info for 2026

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Save the Date:

Saturday, May 23

## Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?



Are you going to be a Host? Or.....

Are you going to be a Guest?



**Our Hosts**  
will provide a delicious dinner in their home!

**Our Guests**  
will have a fabulous evening  
full of wonderful friendship, fun, and food!

We respectfully ask our Guests for a freewill donation;  
with all proceeds gratefully accepted by Christ Church Anglican.  
Thank you!



**Greetings from Japan to our Christ Church family.**

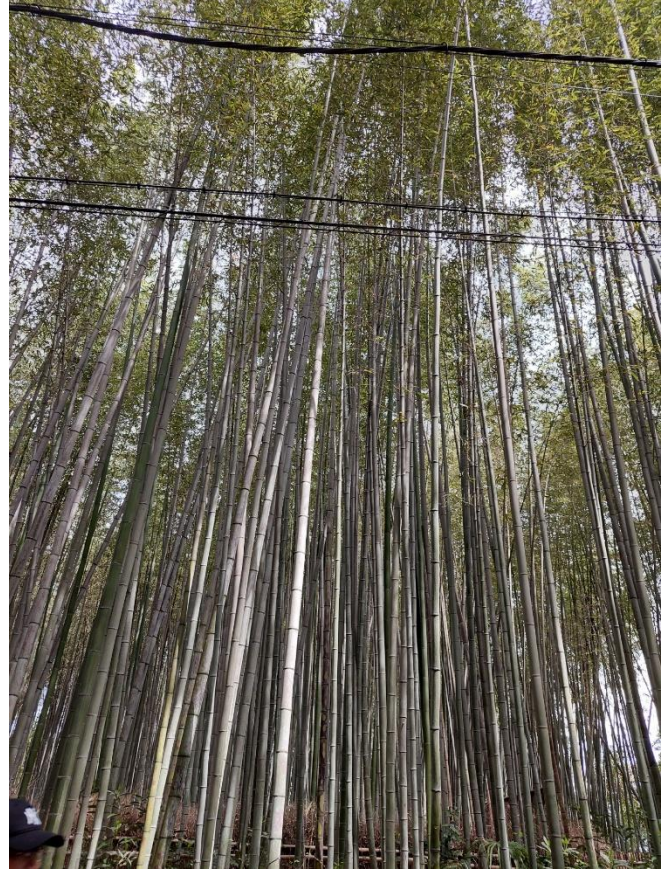


Photo above of Gail & Gene Latour in Tokyo;  
Right: bamboo forest in Kyoto;  
Bottom: Gail in Kyoto.



## What's Blooming at Christ Church, Meaford April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026



Anemone blanda – Grecian Windflower or Balkan Anemone are low-growing perennials that bloom in early spring, often in white, blue, pink, or red. They are the tiny white and blue flowers blooming in the corner of the front lawn of the church near the neighbouring property to the west. Anemone blanda, the Grecian Windflower or Anemone nemorosa,



Wood Anemone thrive in the partial shade of this location, which also has well drained soil. They are excellent flowers for early pollinators that are in search of pollen and nectar. As the one common name suggests they are originally native to Greece. The daisy-like flowers with yellow centers are attached to wiry stems above tiny fern-like foliage. They are deer and rodent resistant so not readily dug up by squirrels like can happen to other spring flowers. They are good naturalizers, as is the case at Christ Church where they have spread from an original tiny patch to cover many square meters.

Anemone blanda gets its name from a combination of Greek and Latin. Anemone derives from the Greek 'anemos' which is wind, or often translates as "daughter of the wind" which is thought to relate to the delicate petals scattering in the breeze as the flower dies. Bland is Latin for 'charming', 'mild' or 'pleasing', referring to the plant's attractive appearance.

Garden Calendar; this week is shaping up to be the traditional "April showers bring forth spring flowers" typical weather so soil preparation recommended for our area in mid April will have to wait.

Gardeners are champing at the bit to get out into their gardens. However, delaying spring garden clean-up until daytime temperatures are consistently above the 10-13 C range, usually later this month or early May, is recommended. This is to protect beneficial insects such as overwintering pollinators, ladybugs and solitary bees, which may be found in the dead plant stems and leaf litter remaining since last fall. Leaving the debris, although messy looking, allows these insects to emerge and often serving as natural control of damaging pests. Leaving leaf litter beneath shrubs and trees can act as a shelter for caterpillars and other insects which are food for birds at this time of year. If you must remove the debris from your yards, pile it in a corner for a few weeks to allow insects to emerge before carting it to the Municipal Compost site or packing it into your garden compost bin.

Avoid working on wet, heavy clay soils, as this can damage the structure of the soil. Mid April is a great time to clean up flower or shrub beds, and plant new trees and shrubs while they are still dormant. However laying down boards or plywood to protect against soil compaction in the area that you are working is recommended. Waiting to see pollinators, such as native bees or butterflies flying around early blossoms is a sure sign that the insect life is active and gradual clean-up can proceed. Happy spring.