



Eblast for May 13, 2026

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



**The Seventh Sunday of
Easter (Jerusalem & the Holy
Land Sunday)**

May 17, 2026

Holy Eucharist – 10:30AM

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

The readings are: Acts 1:6-14; Ps 68:1-10, 33-36; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11;
John 17:1-11.

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 and click on “service video”.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



1. Today, Wednesday, May 13th, the Midweek Eucharist (BCP) will be offered. We look forward to seeing you today at 12:00noon.

2. Today, the Bible Study returns and is offered at 1PM to all those who wish to join us. Consider coming to the Midweek Eucharist, bring a snack and join us for the study afterward. We will be reviewing the first chapter of Genesis.

3. **Stewardship & Events** meeting today, 2:30pm.

4. **Choir practice will begin Thursday, May 14th at 2:30pm.** We are beginning a special anthem and look forward to your voice “in song” – new members welcome! We will continue the run-through of hymns Sunday mornings.



5. **The Free Community Breakfast is paused for the Victoria Day stat holiday on May 18th. The breakfast will resume Monday, May 25th.** Happy Victoria Day!

6. **Pentecost is coming and that means it is time to start planning for this year's Country Kitchen and Craft Sale! (CKCS) Those interested (new and old!) should plan to attend a quick opening meeting on Wednesday May 27 at 2p.m. We will meet in the upstairs hall. See you then. Kevin+**

7. Please be reminded that Christ Church is a **scent-free zone**. Help us to keep the air we share healthy and fragrance-free by using unscented personal and care products.

8. **Coffee & Fellowship Time** Thank you to those who have stepped up to bring some goodies for the after-church time in the Parish Hall on Sundays. We have only May 24th available, the Day of Pentecost, free at this point; however, a new Coffee Time schedule will be going up this week, so please consider signing up for a Sunday that suits you (and perhaps a partner) to aid this ministry. Thanks so much for your effort and consideration. Thank you, also to Francis for his washing up.

We ask that those enjoying this time, please drop off your items (compostable, recyclable or garbage --if soiled) in the Collection Area as you exit the Parish Hall.

9. **PASTORAL CARE:** For urgent care, please contact the Rev. Brendon Bedford 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

Hymn Sing with Ashton Dunk and David Hamilton – FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026 at Kincardine United Church. Free will offering to the Royal Canadian College of Organists.

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What's Blooming at Christ Church, May 13th, 2026



In last week's eblast, division of early blooming perennials was mentioned. This might include digging up clumps of spring bulbs which have become over-crowded and are producing less blooms each year. Recent warnings on the Weather Network about "Poisonous Plants", such as spring flowering bulbs, growing in our gardens caused me to include some information and hopefully some clarification on the subject.

The terms 'toxic' and 'poisonous' are often used interchangeably. However "poisonous" implies an organism or substance that causes harm when touched or ingested. 'Toxic' is a broader term for any substance (natural or synthetic) that causes a reaction, injury or death. Toxicity is the measure used to determine the amount and method a substance or organism can cause injury or death. It concerns me that people are being warned not to plant certain plants in their gardens because they could be "poisonous" and a danger, especially to small children and pets. Obviously young children, puppies and kittens are by their very nature inquisitive and may try to taste just about anything which they encounter in their environment. So given the chance they may attempt to chew on plants certain precautions need to be taken. Similar to child or pet proofing in the home care must be taken outdoors in your garden. In most cases disagreeable taste will quickly change their attempts of trying to eat vegetation.

Flower bulbs, such as Tulips, Daffodil, Crocus, etc., can cause various reactions in dogs, and so they should not be left out where they are easily available. If a pet likes to dig, as certain breeds are apt to do, it may be advisable to install some form of barrier for protection. Common garden plants considered toxic to dogs include Azaleas and Rhododendron, Daffodils, English Ivy, Foxglove, Hydrangea, Lily of the Valley, and Wisteria. Does this mean these plants should not be grown, or they need to be removed, if they are growing in a garden? No, because the incidence of pets getting sick or worse are relatively low. Most cases of illness from pets ingesting plants can be attributed to situations where the pet has not been trained and unacceptable behaviour has not been controlled. If a pet will continue to attempt to eat or chew on a plant, and control is an issue, then possibly removal of that plant might be the only course of action.

Toxicity of any plant or substance is the degree to which a substance can cause damage. It is often related to the amount or volume consumed or in which there was contact in the case of plants that may be harmful to the touch, such as Poison Ivy or

Giant Hog Weed. Just as it is almost impossible to have every potentially toxic substance out of a home, I personally think it is possible to get every toxic plant out of your garden and still have a garden.

Plants of the Bible; Bitter Herbs, Dwarf Chicory (*Chichorium pumilum*) usually grows on roadsides and in abandoned fields. It sports a blue daisy-like flower and it sometimes is used in salads and its roasted root is used as a substitute for coffee. It is referenced in the Bible Exodus 12:8- "They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it."

Submitted by John Howard, NPD



To help keep the Little Free Pantry stocked, please consider bringing a non-perishable item with you to Sunday's worship service each week. This service, and the Meaford Foodbank, are widely used.

We so appreciate the generosity of our parishioners and friends. Thank you.