



CHRIST CHURCH
ANGLICAN
MEAFORD

Eblast for August 19, 2026

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



**Thirteenth Sunday after
Pentecost – August 23, 2026
Holy Eucharist – 10:30AM**

Presider: The Ven. Canon Judy Walton

The readings are: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124;
Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20.

If unable to join us in person, you may join our
livestream which begins at 10:30am Sunday
morning – from our website,

www.christchurchanglican.ca and click on “service video”.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



1. The Midweek Prayer service this week is a MORNING PRAYER (not Holy Eucharist) and continues this Wednesday, August 19. at 12:00noon -- all welcome.

2. Bible Study will resume today, Wednesday, August 19 at 1pm. This will continue as long as we have a leader to prepare the reading – thank you readers!



3. Choir Practice is Thursday, August 20th at 2:30pm – we look forward to seeing you.

4. On Saturday, August 15th, 2026, to mark the 80th anniversary of the dedication of our WWII Memorial Windows by The Rev. Harold Appleyard in 1946, we held a service of rededication of the windows and of the memorial collection plates. We also dedicated the propeller blade belonging to parishioner Sgt. George Stevenson from his downed WWII aircraft, newly repatriated from Scotland.

We thanked God for the opportunity to remember and prayed that we would be changed - to be broken open for the love and sake of our neighbours.

Both the Appleyard and Stevenson families were in attendance, along with members of the [Canadian Armed Forces](#), the Royal Regiment of Canada, the Royal Canadian Legion, and the government of the [Municipality of Meaford](#).

Our thanks to The Rev. Canon Dr. [Grayhame Bowcott](#) and Major the Rev. Bob Lay for their assistance in the service, as well as the Goldenaires, led by Cheryl Ross, for lending their voices to our Christ Church choir.

Over 160 people attended. Christ Church was also gifted by the Appleyard family a beautiful stained glass piece of the head of Christ which had hung in the study of Rev. Appleyard for so many years.

The collection was taken up for the Fundraising campaign on the renovations to the Bell Tower.

For those who missed the service, [you can go on Youtube to view it here](#). We also include some photos of that memorable occasion on following pages.

5. **Keeping our Sunday School Going** - We have found a way to continue to welcome and offer a program for children who attend Christ Church on Sundays. There will be ready to use plans and materials available on the Sunday School shelves for use on short notice.

As we require two adults to deliver the program, we are seeking people that are interested in helping with this important ministry. Please speak to Chris at the office or Janet Carvalho if you require more information or are interested.



6. Our Backpack program is on again this year-- the list of items requested by GBCS follows. Please help a local secondary student have what they need for the school year. Backpacks will be blessed at our service on September 6th.



7. **MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC!** Don't we love it! Be sure to plan to join Ashton Dunk and David Hamilton FOR A HYMN SING on Friday, September 18th at Kincardine United Church – 7pm – 8pm. Free will offering to the Grey Bruce RCCO Visiting Clinician Fund.

MORE MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

ALSO, SAVE THE DATE: BELL TOWER FUNDRAISER - Sunday, September 20th, - see poster following.



The Diocese of Huron

8. On behalf of Bishop Townshend, his Commissary, Archdeacon Stephen McClatchie, appoints the Venerable Judy Walton as the interim priest-in-charge of Christ Church Meaford, effective, 1 September 2026.

9.. **Coffee Time Request for Hosts** - If you have a Sunday you would be willing to bring a few cookies or snacks to complement our lemonade and iced tea, please let Chris know or sign up on the "Coffee Time" sheet in the parish hall. Thanks for helping out with this ministry.

10. **PASTORAL CARE:** For urgent care, from August 17 to Sept. 1, please contact the Rev. Canon Dr. Grayhame Bowcott at grayhamebowcott@diohuron.org or 519-374-4066.

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.

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What's Blooming at Christ Church, Meaford, August 19th 2026



Galeopsis bifida- Hemp Nettle, Split Lip Hemp Nettle, is an annual plant native to Europe and Asia but now found in Canada northeastern, mid western parts of the United States. The genus name means weasel-like, referring to the corolla of the flower. Hemp-Nettle is growing in among the Sweet Woodruff adjacent to the main walkway. This is the first year I have noticed this weed growing in Christ's Labyrinth. It's tiny snapdragon-like flower attracted my attention while weeding in the Labyrinth. I have decided to leave it to see how it would compete with the Sweet Woodruff in that location. The seeds of this plant are edible and have been found in large quantities in European archaeological sites. A study done on the seeds show no toxicity and high potential for bio available antioxidants to humans. Because of the shape of its flowers, it is a favourite for long-tongued bees. It doesn't compete well with aggressive garden perennials, so it prefers open patches of soil where it can self-seed without being shaded out. Although not grown commercially it may find its way into your garden and may be of interest.

Heuchera 'Peach Flambe', Peach Flambe Coral Bells is putting on a show, in the southeast corner of the Labyrinth, not with flowers but with its foliage. Its delicate flowers have faded and died. The foliage is what many of the Coral Bells are best known for. Peach Flambe Coral Bells foliage actually shifts with the season. It appeared as a deep scarlet in the spring, and is transitioning to a peach colour with crimson undersides to the leaves. In the fall the foliage will turn a deep plum purple colour. Despite the tiny size of the flowers, Coral Bells will attract Hummingbirds into the garden. Heuchera are often chosen for shaded areas, but they thrive in both full sun or heavy shade. They grow well in all kinds of soil conditions, but prefer to have the soil kept moist, which can be accomplished through mulching the soil around the plants. There are over 50 different species and numerous cultivars of Coral Bells grown in gardens around the world. The genus name, Heuchera is derived from the surname of the Swedish botanist Johann Heinrich von Heucher. It was given by Carl Linnaeus, often known as the father of modern taxonomy, who is responsible for the classification of many of the plants in the world. He classified Heuchera as a genus in the plant family Saxifragaceae.



Plants in the Bible; "He spoke of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon to the Hyssop that grows out of the wall." 1 Kings 4:33. Origanum syriacum – Syrian Hyssop grows abundantly in Israel and the Sinai desert. It is used in tea and cooked and baked food or as a popular spice eaten with bread and olive oil. Hyssop is in the same family Lamiacea as the Hemp Nettle mentioned above.

- submitted by John Howard,

80th Anniversary Dedication, Aug. 15, 2026



