

SJWT



Dear Friends,

**We come together to remember peacemakers and pray for peace... With change on the airwaves and in the air!**

**Worship with us this Sunday, November 9 - Remembrance Sunday:** 8:30 Early Eucharist; 10:30 Main Eucharist: Celebrant: The Rev. Gary van der Meer; Sermon: The Rev. Bob Shantz; Musician: Jen Masson, violin and piano. Readings: Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25, Matthew 25:1-13. Sunday School and Nursery during the 10:30 service; Refreshments following. Youth Group Pizza Lunch with visiting author Linda Granfield, *The Unknown Soldier* (details below). Calling all amateur musicians to join in playing **O Canada** at the conclusion of the blessings!



**Midweek Services: Tuesday, November 11, 7:00 AM** - Morning Prayer; **Thursday, November 6, 10:00 AM** - Worship Field Trip to the Anglican Book Centre. 10:00 Meet at ABC; Buy books to read and discuss! Worship in the Chapel; Lunch at the India Hut at 11:30.

## Announcements & Events

### Stay on Sunday for the Youth Event: Remembrance

We're observing Remembrance Day, **Sunday, November 9!** We invite all of our Youth to stay for Pizza Lunch. We welcome your friends. \$5 per person.

1. **Bring your instrument and together play "O Canada"**. We invite all our amateur musicians – youth and adult! (at the conclusion of the service).
2. **Memorize "In Flanders Fields"** – you may be chosen to present your effort to the group!
3. Special Guest: **Canadian Author Linda Granfield presents The Unknown Soldier throughout the world.**
4. **Memorize "Amazing Grace"** – We will create a video of our group singing Amazing Grace (without cheat sheets!) to be part of the national Amazing Grace video. Wanna be on Youtube??

### Breakfast for the Homeless

We are now assisting in the Breakfast Program at St. Stephen's on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of each month until the beginning of February when we will re-evaluate.

**Our St. Stephen's Dates: November 16, November 23**

### Holly Tea

Come to the Holly Tea! **Hang out and Meet the Neighbourhood** - last year we enjoyed so many visits with neighbours who appreciated hanging out in a church. To be prepared for the day, we are asking for baked goods, sandwiches, pourers of tea, knitters, sewers, painters, and crafters of any sort, people to help with the setting up and cleaning up. Speak with Joan Devitt to offer your assistance and we thank you in advance your response in making this a great fun filled experience! **Saturday, November 29th, 2- 5 pm.**

### Book Club

We had a lively discussion and a great middle eastern dinner for Anita Diamant's The Red Tent, on Wednesday evening. The Book Club has chosen **Payback, this year's Massey Lectures by Margarat Atwood**. Consider debt in our households, our world, and our church... Margaret even considers the theology of Jesus' death as "payback." Listen to the Massey Lectures on Ideas, November 10-14, 9:00 PM on CBC Radio 1. **Tuesday, December 2, 6:00 Supper; 7:00 Discussion; 8:30 Depart.** *Sign up at the Action Desk.*

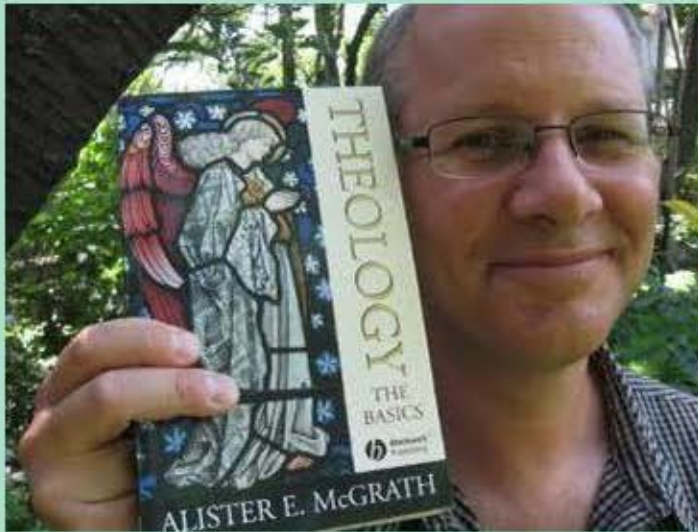
### Great Upcoming Music!

November 9: Jen Masson, piano & violin; November 16: Dorothy De Val, organ and Susanna McCleary, violin and vocals; November 23: Ken Whiteley, blues guitar and mandolin; November 30: Glory Glory Hallelujah, praise band; December 7: Jaroslav Czerwiniec, accordion; December 14: Allison & Gerald, southern gospel.

### Dig a well in Liberia!

Let's take up the challenge and help Lifewater Canada dig a well in Liberia. The cost is \$2500. You will find the "Thermometer" of our support on the Action Desk. For our Outreach ministries, make your cheque payable to St. John's, with the organization name in the subject line. Is that enough close enough for you, or would you like to go to Liberia and take part??

## Learning and Growing in Faith



**Bradford Christakos**

Brad is reading *Theology: The Basics* by professor Alister McGrath of Oxford University: "This book is a primer on the foundations and core elements of Christian theology. It offers an introduction to various approaches to theological inquiry, the ideas and contributions of notable Christian theologians through history, and an introduction to a number of central themes in Christian belief, including Faith, Creation, Salvation, the Trinity, the Church, and Heaven. Each thematic discussion draws upon biblical text, doctrinal materials such as creeds, and theological writings to elucidate the subject and put it into the broader context of Christian faith.

*"I found this book to be lucid and easy to read. The style of the book is conversational and the tone is collegial and respectful.* The author is writing for the largely uninitiated reader of Christian theology. The treatment of each theme and topic is always intentionally incomplete, and as many questions are raised as are answered. Rather than finding this frustrating, I found it whetted my appetite for more. These are complex and profound matters of personal reflection and commitment. My own faith may not have been fundamentally changed by this book, but it has certainly informed my thinking about Christianity and contributed to my faith journey. It has made more real and immediate the intellectual and spiritual connection we share with some of the great theological thinkers of the past.

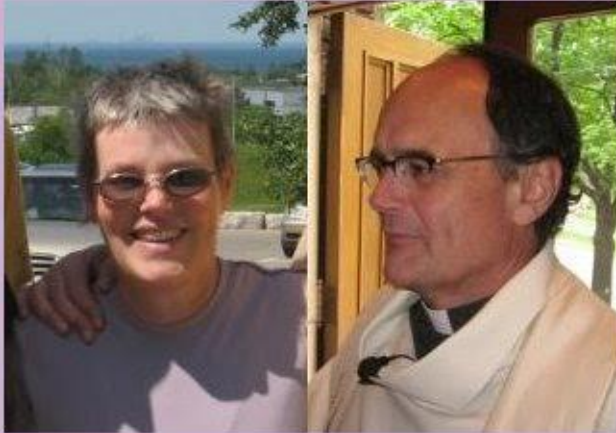
*Brad Christakos*

***What would you like to learn about as you grow in faith?***



# Christianity 101

**C-101 is here.** The 5 sessions continue this coming Tuesday Evening.  
*Everyone is welcome to participate and learn!*



## 4. Prayer.

Tuesday November 11 – Presenters: Sheila Crummey, Bob Shantz

## 5. How we live the faith at St. John's.

Tuesday November 18 – Presenter: Marilyn Kluyskens

### Format for Each Evening of Christianity 101

**6:30 PM - Light Supper** of hearty soup or chili, bread and cheese (We ask a \$5.00 donation in the basket to cover our costs, with special thanks to Lynda Ward for preparing the meal).

**7:30 SHARP - Program Begins:** Presentation (supported by a slide show or handout). Each evening also includes your invited participation in Discussion/Questions or an Experience.

**8:45 PM - Session Concludes.**

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**Christianity 101 for you?** Are you new to faith or newly back to church? Have you been part of church for a long time, and do you want to be more confident when people ask you questions? Are you looking for an introduction to "Christian Basics" as you prepare for Baptism, Confirmation, or Marriage? Would you like an orientation to the values and practices of our community at St. John's and the connection between our values and the Christian Life?

*For these reasons and more: **Everyone is welcome.***



P.S. I hope you find it helpful to get an update like this from St. John's Church, West Toronto. If you would like something listed in the announcements, or if you know someone who would appreciate receiving this, please contact me. If you would prefer not to receive news from St. John's in this way, please also let me know.

Best wishes, Gary+

**Check our website.** [www.sjwt.ca](http://www.sjwt.ca)

**And remember this!**

### **We are not a Building!**

We are an accessible, accepting, diverse community. We are young and old, able-bodied, and disabled, employed and unemployed. We are married, single, divorced, straight and gay. We are from all over the world, yet we could live next door. You will find open minds and open hearts at St. John's.

The mission of St. John's Church is to build a community of caring believers committed to Christ, to work for justice and service to all in need. We gather to praise God, and to give and receive support to meet the challenge of our daily ministries. We call on all who will to come and join us.

