

聖公會聖基道堂

(烈治文山堂)

St. Christopher's Anglican Church (Richmond Hill)

3rd Sunday of Easter
April 15, 2018
11 am
Morning Prayer

2018-2019 Theme:

**Growing in Christ
Living Out His Mission**

Processional Hymn

Opening Sentence

Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts burn within us
while you speak. Luke 24:32

Hymn

Children Talk

Greetings

Confession

Reader: A reading from Romans 6:3-8

Eunice Leung

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

Reader: *The word of the Lord*

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 4

¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

² How long, you people, shall my honour suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

³ But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

⁴ When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

⁵ Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶ There are many who say, 'O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!'

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

⁸ I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

Gospel Hymn

Reader: *The Lord be with you*

Stephen Ho

People: *And also with you*

Reader: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 3:13-17*

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Reader: *The Gospel of Christ*

People: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon The Meaning of Baptism

Pastor Michele Taylor

Silence for Reflection

Creed

Intercessions

Stephen Ho

Collect :

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Hymn

People: All things come from you O Lord, and of your own have we given you. Amen.

Benediction

Announcements

Recessional Hymn

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Officiant/Preacher: Pastor Michele Taylor Lay Reader: Stephen Ho
Music: Music Team Usher: Benjamin Chung

English Ministry Announcement

1. Sunday School

We still need 1 to 2 teachers for the Sunday School. Please contact Margaret Cheung if you are interested.

2. Spring Social

We will be holding a Spring social for high school students on May 4th. It would be wonderful to have some representation from the English congregation on the planning committee. Please see Pastor Michele if you are able to help us host this great outreach event!

3. Ping Pong / Games Club

Ping Pong/Games Club is held every Thursday, 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. We welcome youth and adults to join us.

4. During our brainstorming session on March 4th it was suggested that we have more casual get-togethers in order to build community. These could either be in people's homes or elsewhere, initiated by members/families. If you would like to host something for us please let Pastor Michele know so it can be announced and put in the bulletin.

5. There is interest among the Ping Pong Club teens to have an Alpha-type small group where they could further explore the Christian faith over a number of weeks. This type of ministry is best carried out by a small team of people, as we would also like to serve food. A time has yet to be established as it would depend on the availability of those interested in helping. Please contact Pastor Michele if you might be able to help with this great opportunity for mission.

General Announcement

1. "We are the Church" Small Group Campaign

a. Last Sunday, we started a 6-week "We are the Church" Small Group campaign and learn how God is calling the church as a "sent community"

to serve others. We encourage all parishioners to join a small group, please contact Canon Der.

b. We thank Arthur Lam for preparing the "You Are the Salt and Light of the World" package for us. Please use the Prayer Card inside to pray for at least one person from the congregation. Please also use the Bible verse card to write down a Scripture verse that you want to encourage that person(s) before May 13.

2. Yeah Club (Richmond Hill Chinese Church Every Thursday morning)

a. Cooking with Fun – Last Sunday Rita Wong started another cooking class at RHC. This will be held on Sundays until April 29, 2-4 pm, \$8/class, \$6/class for parishioners. Please sign on the board if you like to join.

b. The 3rd new iPad Café Class for beginners: April 12 to May 3 (4 lessons), every Thursday, 9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at Richmond Hill Church. Fees: Non parishioners @\$20, parishioners \$16. Sign up or inquiry please contact info@stchris.ca.

c. Tai Chi Class : April 14, 2018, Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 10 lessons, \$25/person, parishioner \$20.

Enrolment or inquiry: info@stchris.ca, tel: (905) 918 2205

YEAH Club is one of RHC outreach programs. All are welcome!

3. Wednesday Bible Study

We have already started the "We are the Church" small group campaign at NYC, every Wednesday 10:30 am – 12 noon. Please read the lesson 3 "The Meaning of Eucharist". All are welcome!

4. Earth Day

As good stewards of God, we will clean up our neighbourhood on Saturday, April 21, 10 am at NYC; and after service on Sunday, April 22 at RHC. We need your support to care for the environment. Please sign up on the board.

5. 2018 Summer Retreat

This whole church summer retreat will be held on Sat. July 14 at St. John's York Mills, 19 Don Ridge Dr., (York Mills & Yonge). The topic is "Lessons in Love: Bringing Love Back to the Public Sphere." English speaker: Rev. Christian Harvey and Chinese Rev. Dr. Anthony Chow. Registration begins now. For early bird special, please register before May 6. Free for St. Christopher's members. For non-member, \$40/person. All are welcome!

6. Meetings

- a. Caring Department will meet today 1 pm at RHC. We welcome all parishioners who would like to join the RHC caring ministry to attend.
- b. Tri-Church Community Fun Day – Next meeting will be held on April 19. All members please attend.

7. Condolences

Former parishioner, Kum Geng Cheng (Anna Cheng’s brother) passed away in Hong Kong on Monday, April 9. May God comfort his family and please pray for Anna Cheng.

8. Tri-Church Parish Nursing Committee

- a. The Committee will distribute a Health Survey at NYC today. Please return the completed questionnaire at the entrance.
- b. “Caring for the Caregiver: Stress Management and Holistic Support for Family Caregivers” workshop will be held on April 22, 10:20 am at NYC. Vivian Chan, Registered Marriage and family therapist, will be the speaker.

9. Richmond Hill Mayor’s Breakfast Prayer Meeting

Richmond Hill Mayor Dave Barrow invites all Christians to a prayer meeting for the Richmond Hill community and the country on Wednesday, May 23, 7-9 am at Sheraton Hotel (Leslie/Hwy 7). \$30/person. All are welcome and please sign on the board.

As a church family, we remember the needs of the church and our brothers and sisters in Christ:

- May the Holy Spirit enlighten us to discern God’s will and be His faithful servants. Pray for new parishioners’ pursuit of spirituality.
- May the Holy Spirit enlighten the heart of non-believers that they may commit to follow Jesus Christ.
- For those in need among us: Jennifer Pang (Margaret Cheung's mother - lung Cancer), Henry Pun (Christine Lee’s husband hospitalized in Hong Kong), Marilyn Yeung (recovery from knee replacement), Maggie Duong (Physical and mental health), Pao Lin Li (adapting in Senior home), Sin Yong (health), Koon Yuk Chan (mental health), Reggie Leung, Jenny Chan, Marilyn Wellington, Winson Yick, Clive Baron and others
- Pray for those who have birthday this week: Violet Sae, Terrence Tsoi
- For all those looking for work, the sick, the lonely and the elderly

“We are the Church” Easter Small Group Campaign and Preaching Series

Through the study guide “Membership Commitment” by Gordon Lee, we remember that Jesus established the church, led by the Holy Spirit and implemented by the believers. Through making disciples, we understand the function of the church, including creating a welcoming environment, building a caring and loving community. Let us discover :

4/8	I love the Church	Rev. Bill Craven
4/15	The Meaning of Baptism	
4/22	The Meaning of Eucharist	
4/29	Love One Another	
5/6	Worshipping in one Spirit	
5/13	Joining a Small Group	

Reading & Prayer Cycle for the week of April 15, 2018

	Reading	Intercession for
Monday	Matthew 3:1-6	Stannal & Stella Chan/Charlie
Tuesday	Matthew 3:7-12	Lan See Chen
Wednesday	Matthew 3:13-17	Andrew & Ashley Cheng/Leah
Thursday	Matthew 4:1-11	Anna Cheng
Friday	Matthew 4:12-17	Brian & Betty Cheung/Nicholas
Saturday	Matthew 4:18-25	Sunday Worship

Last Sunday Attendance and Offering

	Attendance	Amount
NYC Chinese Service	46	1480.00
RHE English Service	26	205.00
RHC Chinese Service	53	2035.00
Weekly Smart Stewardship Program	--	1206.58
Total	125	4926.58
FaithWorks		0.00

Thank you for your continual support and participation in our ministries. We need approximately \$7660 on a weekly basis to support our regular and developing ministries. Offering is a Christian's responsibility and our response to God's love. Please consider applying for the "Smart Stewardship Program", a monthly auto-donation program as a great way to support our ministries. Application forms are available by the front door.

Parish of St. Christopher's Mission Statement

"Through Jesus Christ, we unite to

- *Reach up to worship and deepen our communication with God*
- *Reach in to care, nurture and equip disciples*
- *Reach out to evangelize and serve the community"*

Sunday Service

9 am Chinese service at North York Church
(2nd Sunday Chinese prayer meeting after service)

11 am English service at Richmond Hill Church

11:15 am Children Sunday School at Richmond Hill Church

11 am Chinese service at Richmond Hill Church
(1st Sunday Chinese prayer meeting after service)

English Service Activities

Alternate Friday Youth Group & Acts 29
Once a month Young Couples Group
Thursday 2:30 pm Youth Ping Pong/Board Game Club

Chinese Service Activities

Sunday, 2:00 p.m. Cooking for Fun at RHC
Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. Ping Pong for adults at RHC
1:15 pm Line Dance at NYC
Thursday, 10 am YEAH Club at RHC
Tai Chi at NYC
1:15 pm Line Dance at NYC
Friday, 10:15 a.m. Ping Pong for adults at RHC
Saturday 10 am Tai Chi at RHC

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