

CONNECTING MEOTA November 8th, 2023

This newsletter is meant to inspire, engage, and encourage everyone in the Meota Parish to seek God and reach out to one another throughout the week.

**Our next church service will be
Sunday November 12th, 10:30 am
ONE SERVICE at St. George's
for Remembrance Sunday**

Please enjoy our autumn weather and attend one of our lovely churches in the Meota parish. The stained-glass windows at each church are beautiful. The services are upbeat and the fellowship is friendly. Please join us.

Join Us For Worship
In Person Services Sunday @ 10:30am
Christ Church, Millarville & St. George's, Diamond Valley




ONE SERVICE ON SUNDAY NOV 12 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY at ST GEORGE'S


Did you know this?

The History of the Poppy.


The significance of the Poppy can be traced back to the Napoleonic Wars in the 19th century, over 110 years before being adopted in Canada. Records from that time indicate that thick Poppies grew over the graves of soldiers in Flanders, France. Fields that had been barren before battle exploded with the blood-red flowers after the fighting ended.




The Poppy




I am not a badge of honour,
I am not a racist smear,
I am not a fashion statement,
To be worn but once a year,
I am not glorification
Of conflict or of war.



I am not a paper ornament
A token,
I am more.



I am a loving memory,
Of a father or a son,
A permanent reminder
Of each and every one.



I'm paper or enamel
I'm old or shining new,
I'm a way of saying thank you,
To every one of you.



I am a simple poppy
A Reminder to you all,
That courage faith and honour,
Will stand where heroes fall.

ONE SERVICE – SUNDAY NOV 12 at ST. GEORGE'S

BRING YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19TH



Christ Church will be packing shoeboxes **SUNDAY NOV 19**

For SAMARTIAN'S PURSE – OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!

Over the next few Sundays, we are asking the people of Christ Church to support the packing of shoeboxes that go to children in third world countries.

If you wish and if you are able, please bring things for children that would fit into a regular shoebox. Operations Christmas Child is **asking for school supplies, hygiene items and small toys. They also ask that we do not pack war related toys, toothpaste or food items (including candy, no candy!)** They also respectfully request a \$10 donation per box to cover shipping.

In the next few weeks, we will collect what people donate and together we will have a

SHOEBOX PACKING EVENT !!!!

SUNDAY NOV 19TH

AFTER THE SERVICE, DURING COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP TIME.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Thursday

7pm

November 23rd

at St. George's

come for the music

come for the prayer

come for the feeling of peace



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Light Up Diamond Valley December 2nd

Come Together to Light-Up the Festive Season!

Join your friends and neighbours on Saturday, December 2, 2023, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm for *Light-Up Diamond Valley*, a magical evening of exploration and wonder.

Stroll down Government Road and Centre Avenue in the Black Diamond area of Diamond Valley, where local businesses will be illuminating the night with treats and surprises, creating an enchanting shopping experience you won't want to miss.

Climb aboard a delightful horse-drawn wagon for a cozy ride through the glittering streets, and be sure to stop by and meet Santa in person! In the spirit of giving, bring a donation for the Oilfields Food Bank or the Salvation Army Toy Drive and become a beacon of generosity that shines at the heart of the event.

Join us in celebrating the backbone of our community: our cherished local businesses. It's a unique opportunity to connect with your neighbors, show your support for the local economy, and immerse yourself in the festive holiday spirit!



Light Up Okotoks Nov 17th

celebration kicks off the holiday season throughout downtown.

Light Up Okotoks is back for its 30th year. Since 1992, Light Up Okotoks has been the kick-off celebration to the holiday season and the annual lighting of the community Christmas Tree. Join us for festivities throughout the downtown core including wagon rides, warm fire pits, choir performances, late night shopping, Spirit of Christmas Artisan Market and so much more. A visit from Santa with photo ops for the kids and kids at heart is always a highlight and a spectacular fireworks display will round out the evening.

Who is it for?

All ages – Family

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Free Event, some activities require registration.

How to get tickets? Website not available yet – keep checking back

[Buy Online](#)

WHEN & WHERE

Date & Time:

Friday, November 17, 2023 – 5:30pm to 9:00pm

Tree Lighting & Visit from Santa. 7 pm Town Plaza Main Stage

Firework Show. 9 pm @ Lineham Park

Venue & Address :

Town of Okotoks – 5 Elizabeth Street, Okotoks, AB T1S 1K1 Canada

Road Closure from 4–10p.m.

Elizabeth Street, McRae Street, and North Railway Street from Northridge Drive to Lineham Avenue South Railway Street, East of Riverside Gate to Lineham Avenue

**Sunday, November 12th, 2023 Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Readings for Remembrance Sunday**

Wisdom 3: 1-9 Psalm 116. 1Peter 1: 1-3. John 11: 21-27

FIRST READING The Destiny of the Righteous. Wisdom 3: 1-9

3 But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.

2 In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster

3 and their going from us to be their destruction,
but they are at peace.

4 For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.

5 Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;

6 like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.

7 In the time of their visitation they will shine forth
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

8 They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them forever.

9 Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.^[a]



SECOND READING A Living Hope 1 Peter 1:3-9

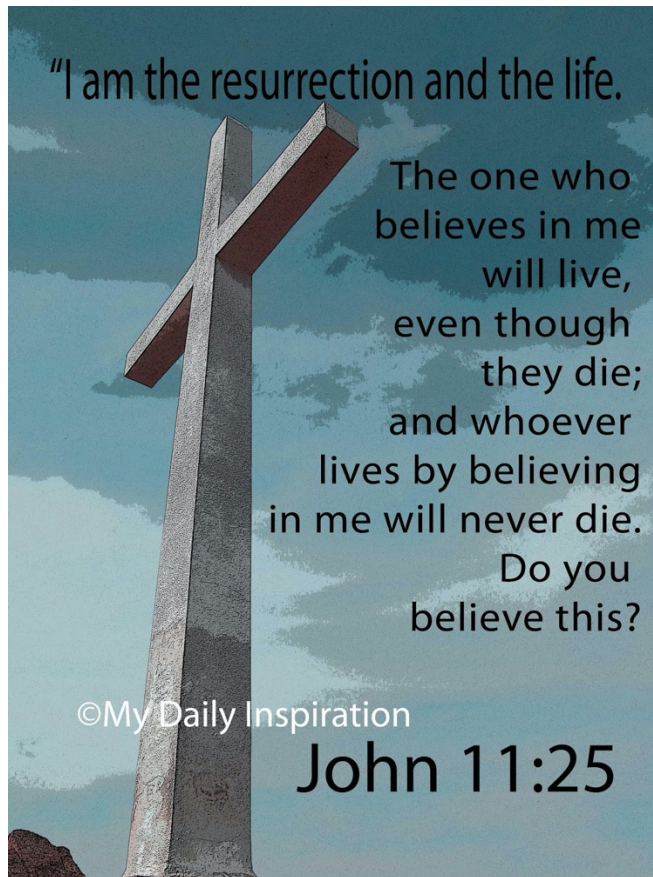
³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice,^[a] even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ **Although you have not seen^[b] him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,** ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.^[c]

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1 Peter 1:8-9

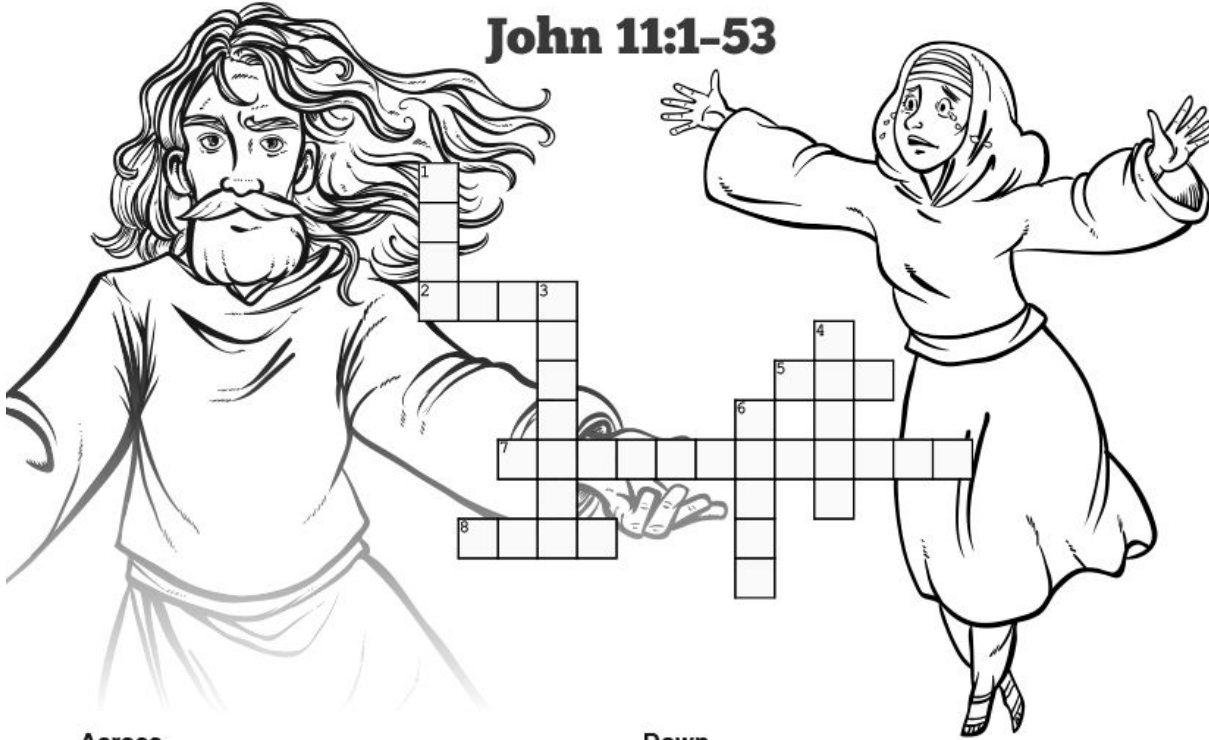
GOSPEL John 11: 21-27

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life.**^[a] Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah,^[b] the Son of God, the one coming into the world."



"I AM" THE RESURRECTION & THE LIFE

John 11:1-53



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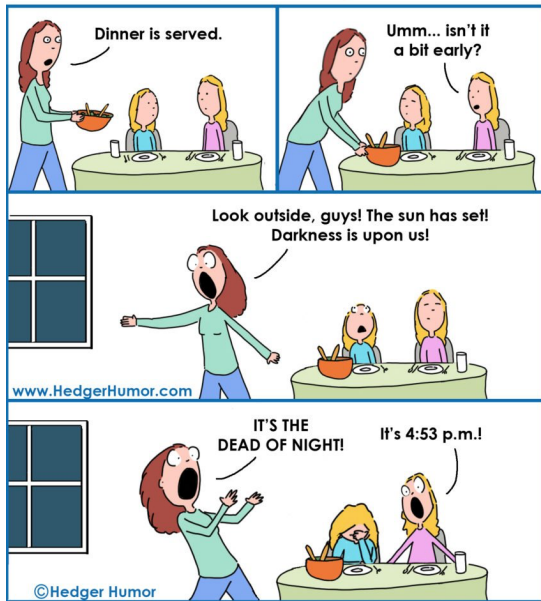
2. After Lazarus was prepared for burial, he was laid in a dark, lonely _____.
5. Martha shows continued faith in Jesus' words, and proclaims, "Yes Lord. I believe you are the Messiah—the Son of _____."
7. Jesus said, "I am the _____ and the life."
8. Jesus did not come right away, and Lazarus _____.

Down

1. The shortest verse in the Bible says, "Jesus _____."
3. Martha was sad that Jesus did not arrive before Lazarus died, but in faith she said, "I know and _____ that whatever you ask of God, God will give it to you."
4. After Jesus asked that the stone in front of the tomb be rolled away, He commanded to the dead man, "Lazarus come _____!"
6. Lazarus got very sick, so Mary and Martha sent a message to _____ asking Him to come right away.

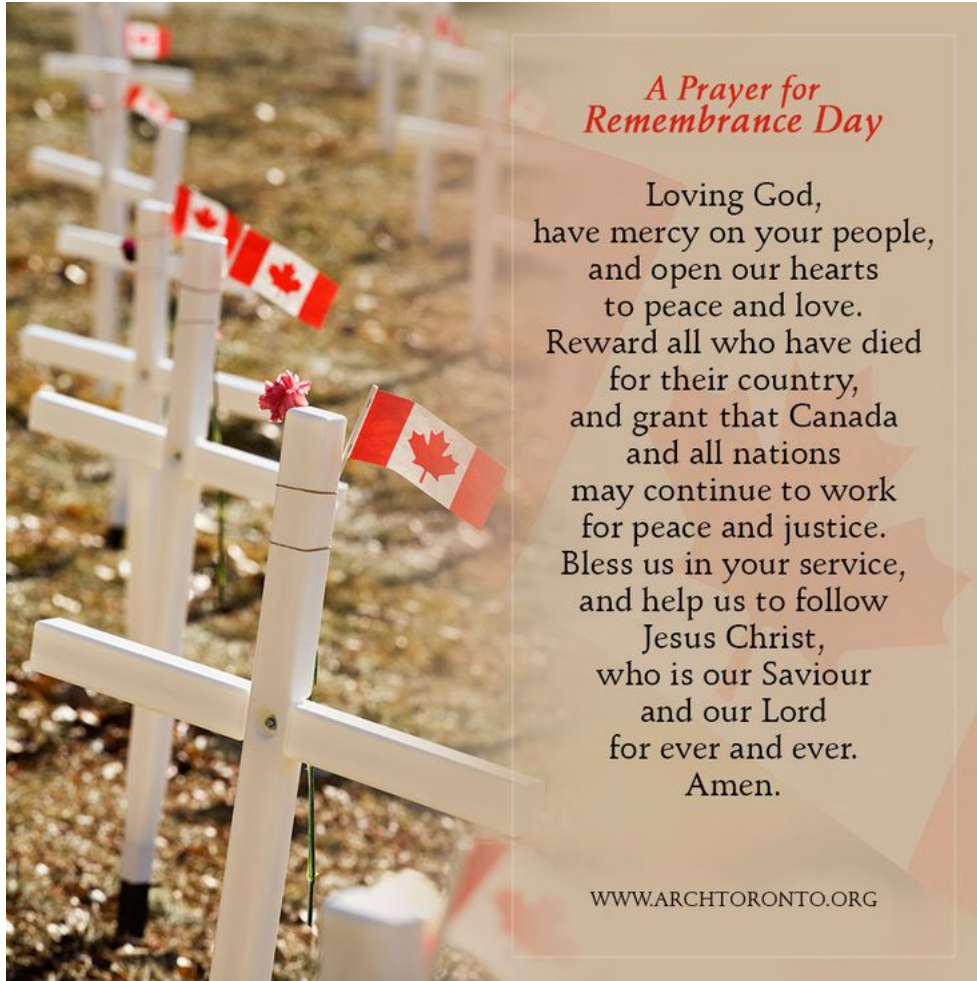


When Daylight Saving Time Ends



GO IN PEACE

TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD!



*A Prayer for
Remembrance Day*

Loving God,
have mercy on your people,
and open our hearts
to peace and love.
Reward all who have died
for their country,
and grant that Canada
and all nations
may continue to work
for peace and justice.
Bless us in your service,
and help us to follow
Jesus Christ,
who is our Saviour
and our Lord
for ever and ever.
Amen.

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