



Choosing a Church

If you are exploring a faith community for the first time or returning to church after some time away, you may want to move at your own pace. Take a deep breath and relax. Have a chat with our clergy or hosts or just experience what we have to offer...and thank you for visiting us.

Do I Have to “Join” the Church?

Everyone is welcome to participate in our services and programs - no matter where you have come from or where you are going. It would be helpful if you completed the green “Welcome to the Church of the Incarnation” form so we can keep you informed, but you don’t need to do so to take advantage of all that Incarnation has to offer. If you decide to become a member here, we hope that Incarnation will nurture you, challenge you and free your spirit.

How Can I Get Involved?

There are many opportunities to participate at the Church of the Incarnation as a volunteer. Our services could not take place without your help. Bake bread, set up the altar, greet people as they arrive, prepare coffee, read Bible readings, prepare the table for communion – these are just some of the ways to help participate in the service. Or you may wish to join one of our committees, such as gardening, financial planning, social justice, parish council or outreach. To find out more, speak to a warden or contact the church office (905-825-2851) or office@incarnationchurch.ca



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Welcome and thank you for visiting us!



The Church of the Incarnation has been characterized by its hospitality. We are a contemporary, inclusive parish for Christians of diverse ages and backgrounds. Children are especially welcome. We gather together to worship, to pray, sing, laugh and grow. We are informal in tone and dress, but not casual or careless in our responsibilities or intentions. We have many programs to serve you. If you are visiting us for the first time, we would like you to be our guest. We hope that you leave invigorated with the power of the Spirit! Please join us for refreshments after our 10am service.



Worship

Our weekly services are:

- **Sunday at 8:30am** – (just under an hour, 10-20 people). A quiet, reflective, said service. There is no children's church or nursery, but children are welcome to join us.
- **Sunday at 10:00am** – (about an hour, 70-125 people). A sung Eucharist with our choir, children's church and nursery for younger children, followed by refreshments. If you'd prefer to have your children stay with you during the service, that is fine too.
- We also look forward to welcoming people for weddings and baptisms.
- The Chapel is available at all times for you to use for prayer and reflection whenever you are in the building. Please feel free to come in and enjoy the quiet space.

Learning

- **Bible study** – Monday mornings and evenings at 10:00am and 7:00pm. A relaxed opportunity to look at scripture for the upcoming Sunday. Newcomers always welcome.
- **Resource Library** – set up in the chapel. Please feel free to donate, borrow or browse.



How to Meet People

- **Join us for coffee hour** – coffee, tea, juice and goodies are served after the 10am Sunday service. Take a few moments to stay and chat.
- **Chat with our Sunday morning hosts** – they'd be happy to answer any questions and introduce you to people.
- **Check out "A Wing and a Prayer"** – meets the third Tuesday or every month at 6:30pm for chicken wings and beer at a local pub.
- **Join our choir.** We meet Thursdays at 7:00pm. No experience necessary – just a love of singing! Sacred and contemporary music. If you play an instrument or sing, we'd love to have you share your talent.
- **Volunteer** to help in one of our many positions and activities – a great way to meet people!
- **Attend special events** throughout the year (e.g. Mother's Day brunch, Pancake Supper, Croquet Tournament, Welcome Back BBQ, etc.). Check the Sunday bulletin or website for upcoming events.

For the Children

- **Children's Church** – every Sunday during the 10am service. Our church school curriculum is based on stories in the Bible or relevant themes in the life of the parish.
- **Nursery** – we provide a nursery for children under age 4 (JK) with a trained nursery supervisor assisted by a parish volunteer.
- **Vacation Bible Camp** – a one-week program for children aged 4 to 11 (JK to Grade 5) in August.

Caring for Each Other

There are many activities and events that help our community – both local and global:

- Retirement/Nursing Home visits
- Pastoral visits to Oakville Trafalgar Hospital – visits to patients who have identified Incarnation as their home church.
- Social Justice Group
- Amnesty International Action
- Seasonal collections for Food Banks
- Gift collection for Syl Apps Youth Detention Centre
- Habitat for Humanity build



How to Find Out What's Happening

- Read the Bulletin in the Sunday service leaflet. Our hosts will give you a copy as you enter the worship space on Sunday morning.
- Visit us on-line at: www.incarnationchurch.ca
- Phone the church at 905-825-2851. Staff are in the office on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. At other times, there is a contact number on our voice message for pastoral emergencies.
- Email us at: office@incarnationchurch.ca.

Who Can Answer My Questions?

Visit the narthex (lobby) after the Sunday service. One of our hosts will be there to answer your questions or put you in touch with someone who can.

Some other individuals you can approach or contact are:

- Owen Ash – our Rector (905-825-2851) or rector@incarnationchurch.ca
- Ian Grieve - our honorary assistant
- Janice Moro – our Music Director (905-825-9596)
- Louis Maclauchlan – our Church School Coordinator (905-827-6152) or loismacl@sympatico.ca
- Marika Lukasova – our nursery caregiver
- Janet Hope, Jeff Bowden, Pearl Moffat or Steve Hutchinson – our wardens.
- Angela Barraclough – Admin. Assistant (905-825-2851)
- Di Hardacre – Altar Preparation (905-338-9798)
- Ann MacNaughton – Gardening (905-842-5792)

Nametags

If you put your name on the "I need a nametag" list, we will be happy to print a nametag for you

*Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead.
Find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed.
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear your eyes that we can see,
All the things that really matter,
be at peace and simply be.*

