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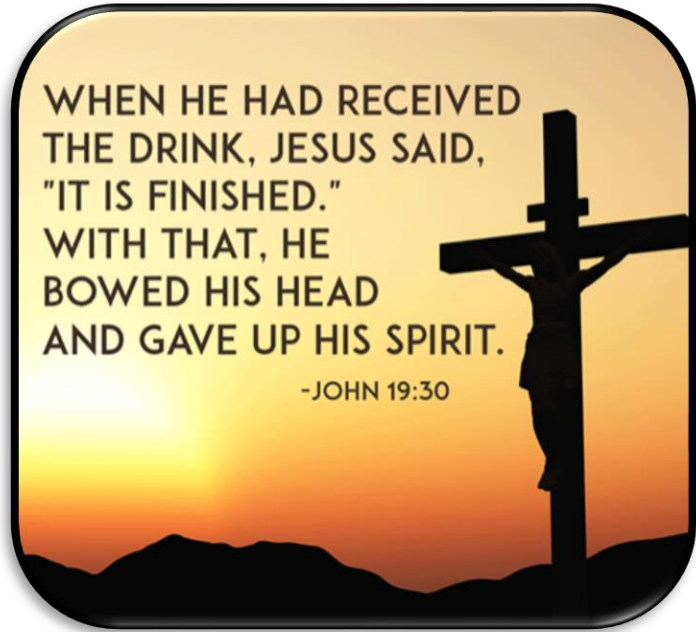
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Friday, April 3, 2026

GOOD FRIDAY

10:00 a.m.

Welcome: “. . . He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: . . .” (Isa. 53:5). You are welcome to this service of worship, whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad. May you be reminded of the transforming grace of God which we celebrate this hour.

Pastor: Rt. Rev. Ezra Parris

(Manse: 246-546-0344)

Associate Pastor: Rev. David Ince

WATCHWORD FOR GOOD FRIDAY: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. *(John 3:16)*

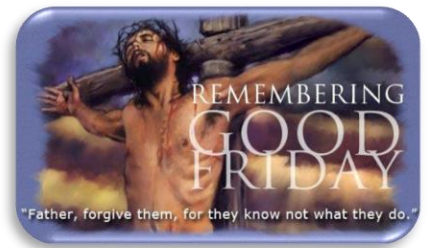
Provincial Theme 2026:

“Grounded in Faith, Growing in Grace, Going in Power – Moving as One!”

“Father, into Your hands
I commit My spirit.”

Luke 23:46

Good Friday



ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship (2 Corinthians 5:14 – 16)

Leader: For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;

Cong: . . . and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

Hymn 109 – “‘Man of Sorrows,’ What A Name”

Welcome

Liturgy for Good Friday (p. 126 – CMP Liturgy Book / Projected)

- ✠ The Trial Before the Sanhedrin – *Sis. Debbie Greaves*
- ✠ The Trial Before Pilate – *Sis. Carmel Downes*
- ✠ The Mocking and the Scourging – *Sis. Yvonne Burrell*
- ✠ The Sentence – *Sis. Frances Barker*
- ✠ The Way to Calvary – *Sis. Donna Lewis-Greaves*
- ✠ Jesus on the Cross – *Sis. Althea Hazzard*
- ✠ The Watchers by the Cross – *Bro. Luther Barker*
- ✠ The Burial – *Sis. Denise Grant*

WORSHIP IN TITHES & OFFERINGS:

Offertory Sentence: *“If we live, it’s to honour the Lord. And if we die, it’s to honour the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.” (Romans 14:8)*

Offertory Hymn: 112 – *“Would You Be Free From Your Burden Of Sin?”*

Prayer of Dedication of Offerings

Choir Anthem – *“’Tis Finished!”*

Sermon – *Rev. David Ince*

Prayer (p. 132 – CMP Liturgy Book)

The Reading for Saturday

Hymn 90 – *“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”*

The Doxology (p. 132 – CMP Liturgy Book)



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Opening Hymn: 109 –

‘Man of Sorrows’, what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim.
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood;
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we,
Spotless Lamb of God was He.
‘Full atonement’ – can it be?
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

Lifted up was He to die,
‘It is finished!’ was His cry;
Now in heav’n exalted high;
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!

When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we’ll sing
Hallelujah! what a Saviour!



GOOD FRIDAY

All standing, these sentences are said responsively:

This is my Lord who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of evil; not with gold or silver, but with his Holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death, that I may be his own, and live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he, risen from the dead, lives and reigns for all eternity.

For your long-suffering with human sin through all the ages,
We thank you, O Lord.

For the redemption of the world through the pain of the Passion and the cruelty of the Cross,
We thank you, O Lord.

For those who have taken up their cross for love of you and others,
We thank you, O Lord.

By your having been despised and rejected,
By your agony and passion,
By your dying words,
By your cross and reconciling death,
Bless and comfort us, O Lord.

TUNE: DEM HEILIGEN BLUT

Go follow the Saviour,
Consider his travail;
Adore him forever,
You sinners and marvel;
It is for you – he suffers so.
It is for you – he suffers so.

Behold the Lord Jesus,
For you he is wounded,
He bleeds to release us;
His love is unbounded:
For evermore – his name adore.
For evermore – his name adore.

John Cennick (1718 – 1755), alt.

All seated.

**Let us read the Gospel of our Lord's suffering and death.
Readings are from the book 'Passion Week and Eastertide'.**

THE TRIAL BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN

TUNE: CARTHAGE

**See the Lord of life and light,
Christ the pure and lowly;
See him taken in the night,
Bound by hands unholy.**

**See him led before his foes,
Cruel mockings bearing,
Patiently in all his woes
Doom of sinners sharing.**

Moravian Liturgy 1960. anon

THE TRIAL BEFORE PILATE

TUNE: MIT FREUDEN ZART

You are the Truth, come enter, Lord,
My heart and shine within me;
Dispel my darkness, let your word
From evil wholly win me.
Reveal yourself yet more to me,
O Truth, set me at liberty,
And teach me to obey you.

*Moravian Liturgy 1754
Recast Frederick William Foster (1760 – 1835), alt.*

THE MOCKING AND THE SCOURGING

TUNE: PASSION CHORALE

O head so full of bruises,
So full of pain and scorn,
Midst other sore abuses
Mocked with a crown of thorn;
O head, ere now surrounded
With brightest majesty.
In death now bowed and wounded,
Saluted be by me.

I give you thanks unfeignèd,
O Jesus, friend in need,
For what your soul sustainèd,
When you for me did bleed.
Grant me to lean unshaken
Upon your faithfulness,
Until I hence am taken
To meet you face to face.

*Salve caput cruentatum,
Paulus Gerhardt (1607 – 1676)
tr. John Gambold (1711 – 1771), alt.*

THE SENTENCE

TUNE: HORSLEY

There is a green hill far away,
Outside a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell
What pains he had to bear;
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

O dearly, dearly has he loved!
And we must love him too,
And trust in his redeeming blood,
And try his works to do.

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818 – 1895)

THE WAY TO CALVARY

TUNE: PASSION CHORALE

Forgive them, O my Father,
They know not what they do:
The Saviour spoke in anguish,
As the sharp nails went through.
O depth of sweet compassion!
O love divine and true!
O save the souls that slight you,
Who know not what they do.

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818 – 1895)

JESUS ON THE CROSS

*All standing for the narrative of the death.
All seated for silent prayer.*

TUNE: MEDIA VITA (Part 11)

Most holy Lord and God,
Holy, Almighty God,
Holy and most merciful Saviour.
Our eternal God;
Grant that we may never
Lose the comforts from your death:
Have mercy, O Lord.

Moravian Liturgy 1772, anon. alt.

THE WATCHERS BY THE CROSS

TUNE: ALLE MENSCHEN

Lord, I'll praise you now and ever,
Who for me was crucified;
For your agony, dear Saviour,
For your wounds and piercèd side,
For your love, so tried, unending,
For your death, all deaths transcending.
For your death that all might live,
Lord, myself to you I give.

John Christian Jacobi (1670 – 1750)

THE BURIAL

TUNE: CARTHAGE

Now the task is fully wrought,
Told his suffering's story;
Crucified, but conquered not,
Christ goes to his glory.

Grant, O Christ, Our Lord and God,
Through your bitter passion.
That we may, as your reward,
Joy in your salvation.

May we ever weigh the cause
Of your death and suffering,
And hearts set to keep your laws
Bring as a thank-offering.

John Christian Jacobi (1670 – 1750)



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Offertory Hymn: 112 –

Would you be free from your burden of sin?
There’s power in the blood, power in the blood;
Would you o’er evil a victory win?
There’s wonderful power in the blood.

*There is power, power, wonder-working power
In the blood of the Lamb;*

*There is power, power, wonder-working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb;*

Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There’s power in the blood, power in the blood;
Come for a cleansing to Calvary’s tide,
There’s wonderful power in the blood.

Would you live purer wherever you go?
There’s power in the blood, power in the blood;
Sin-stains are lost in its life-giving flow,
There’s wonderful power in the blood.

Would you do service for Jesus your King?
There’s power in the blood, power in the blood;
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There’s wonderful power in the blood.



Prayer of Dedication of Offerings



The Doxology



Choir Anthem – *“’Tis Finished”*



Sermon – – *Rev. David Ince*



Prayer

Almighty God, you have shown us in the life and teaching of your Son the true way of living; You have also shown us in his suffering and death that the path of love may lead to a cross and that the reward of faithfulness may be a crown of thorns. Give us grace to learn these hard lessons. Help us to take up our cross and follow Christ in the strength of patience and the constancy of faith. May we have such fellowship with him in his pain and sorrow that we may come to know the secret of his strength and peace, so that even in our darkest hour of testing and turmoil we may see the shining of the eternal light. *Amen.*



The Reading for Saturday



Closing Hymn: 90 –

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream,
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning star
Sheds its beams around me.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadows o'er me.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait
Hoping, trusting ever,

Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river.



The service ends with this Doxology.

To God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb, be the blessing, honour, the glory, and the dominion, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

- † TODAY: Good Friday Worship – 10:00 a.m. (Reflection on the suffering of Christ)
- † SATURDAY: Prayer Meeting – 6:30 a.m. in sanctuary.
- † SUNDAY – DAY OF RESURRECTION
 - † Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
 - † Adventures in worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre



Activities in the Month of April 2026:

- † Resurrection (Easter) Sunday – 5th
- † Annual Fish Fry – Easter Monday, 6th, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre.
- † Annual Sports and Fellowship Day – Saturday, 11th, 10:00 a.m. at Briar Hall Sporting Complex, Christ Church
- † Unity Prayer Watch – Sharon & Dunscombe – Saturday April 11, 12.01 p.m. to 12:00 Midnight.
- † Harvest Festival at Faith – 12th, 3:30 p.m.
- † Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 25th, online via Zoom.
- † Youth Convention – Sunday, 26th, 10:00 a.m.



NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. Thanks to all who participated in our Holy Week Services, either by reading or by simply attending.
2. Our annual fund-raising Easter Monday Fish-Fry will be held on April 6th and we look forward to the support of the congregation that the venture could be a success. **Tickets are available, and we will ask each member and friend to sell at least two tickets. Donation Forms are available.**
3. The Unity Prayer Watch is a special service to the world, offered by the worldwide Moravian Church. The Barbados Conference of the Moravian Church will participate in this Prayer Watch from 12:00p.m. April 9 to 11:59 p.m. April 11, 2026. Sharon & Dunscombe will be responsible for Saturday April 11, 12.01 p.m. to 12:00 Midnight. Conferences and congregations are asked to observe the time allotted for our members to engage in this unbroken prayer chain. This prayer meeting began on August 13, 1727 when the Moravian Church had its Pentecost experience. Prayer is still a vital part of our walk with God and the life of the church. Let us therefore be in readiness for this prayer event as we continue to seek God's guidance and direction for our Church, the world and ourselves.
4. Our Joint Board and Delegates to Island conference are as follows:

Elders

Sis. Hazel Carter
Sis. Cora Cumberbatch
Sis. Merville Franklyn
Sis. Marva Gibbons-Potts
Sis. Waveney Hinds
Sis. Angelus Hurdle
Bro. Victor Hurdle
Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim
Bro. Anthony Ifill
Bro. Steven King
Bro. Edwin Sandiford
Sis. Grace Sandiford
Sis. Ismay Straker

Stewards

Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle
Sis. Joy Best
Bro. Patrick Cadogan
Sis. Jennifer Clarke
Sis. Sian Cumberbatch
Bro. Darwin Dottin
Sis Charlene Ellis
Sis. Evelyn Greenidge
Sis. Sonia King
Sis. Evelina King-Harper
Sis. Brenda Mascoll
Sis. Dawn Moore-Maynard

Delegates To Island Conference

Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle
Sis. Margaret Best
Sis. Evelina King-Harper
Sis. Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall (Alternate)

- 4.1. At its meeting held on February 26, 2026, the Board of Elders appointed Sis. Angelus Hurdle as Vice-Chairman, Bro. Victor Hurdle as Secretary and Sis. Hazel Carter as Assistant Secretary.
 - 4.2. At its meeting held on March 10, 2026, the Board of Stewards appointed its Executive as follows: Chairman – Sis. Evelina King-Harper; Vice-Chairman – Sis. Sylvia Arthur-Hurdle; Secretary – Sis. Sian Cumberbatch; Treasurer – Sis. Patricia Brathwaite-Marshall; Assistant Secretary – Sis. Joy Best; Assistant Treasurer – Sis. Jennifer Clarke.
5. From the Moravian Church Barbados Conference 260th Anniversary Committee:



**MORAVIAN
HISTORY
GRACE HILL**



Grace Hill Moravian Church Part 4

Grace Hill Church is part of the pastorate of Calvary, Grace Hill and Fulnec congregations. The current senior pastor for this group is Rev Dr. Adrian Smith.

Grace Hill's legacy is not only its worship and community life, but its role as a spiritual nursery—a place where young people learned Scripture, leadership, discipline, and service.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

6. We have resumed the “Basket of Hope” ministry. Each Sunday you are invited to make contributions of non-perishable food items, which will be distributed to those in need. Contributions can be made during the offertory hymn. We are appealing for volunteers to provide the needed management and helping-hands for this ministry. Please let the Pastors know of your interest.

7. We are thankful for your financial support.

7.1. We do need your ongoing support so that we can maintain our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.

7.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.

7.3. Generally, those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. At SurePay you can make payments anonymously to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0000, Name: Sharon Moravian Church*), or if you need your donations recorded for tax purposes and you have a box of envelopes; make payments to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0-[your 3-digit envelope number], Name: Your Name*). Visit www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary for these details.

8. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.

8.1. Our radio broadcast ministry Moravian Voice has been on the air for some 32 years, since Wednesday, July 18, 1990. We rejoice that we have been able to offer this ministry and we are thankful to all our listenership and all who hosted and provided content over the years. We are thankful to our congregations which faithfully sponsored the programme.

8.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.

8.3. Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram (www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference (<https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference>).

8.4. You can email your comments and requests to: moravianvoice@gmail.com



PRAYER NEEDS:

1. Our Shut-ins:



- a. Sharon: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.*
2. The Sick/Recovering: *Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Brenda Herbert, Bro. Stephen Greaves, Sis. Andrea Maynard, Sis. Sheila Foster-Clarke, Sis. Cianna Downes.*
3. The Bereaved: *We express condolences and pray for the family of Sis. Carmen Elfreda Gill on her passing.*
4. World Peace



AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):

- † **Missionary Collection Boxes 2026** – If you had a box last year, please collect it at the main entrance of the church. If you desire a box for the first time, please inquire at the vestry after worship or at the Church Office.
- † **Offering Envelopes for 2026** – We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.
- † **Sharon Burgundy Shirts:** Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15
- † **Copies of Sunday sermons on CD** – \$2.00.
- † **Books:**
- ▣ **Rev. Neilson Waithe:** Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25; Provocation – \$20.
- ▣ **Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts:** Created in Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914 – \$50.
- ▣ **Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas:** Baptism Is a Gift of God: As Such It Is More Than Water – \$35.
- † **Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00)** of a painting of Sharon Church.



PROVINCIAL WATCHWORD FOR 2026

September 9, 2026: *Yet our God turned the curse into a blessing. Nehemiah 13:2*

Provincial Theme 2026:

“Grounded in Faith, Growing in Grace, Going in Power – Moving as One!”

From Shift To A New Season Of Growth, Mission, And Strategic Alignment

Over the last triennium, the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province journeyed under the transformative theme: *SHIFT – Reclaiming Our Identity, Renewing Our Purpose, Reigniting Our Passion*.

This theme called us to acknowledge where we were spiritually, organizationally, and missionally. It helped us confront the realities of declining membership, financial crisis, a pandemic, post-pandemic fatigue, storms, hurricanes, crime and violence and shifting societal landscapes, while challenging us to rediscover our Moravian heritage, rekindle our passion for ministry, and realign ourselves with God’s purpose.

SHIFT was a turning point, a moment of reorientation that allowed the Province to evaluate, refocus, and reset. However, SHIFT was never intended to be the final destination. It was the preparation for a new movement of God among us.

As we look toward the next triennium, we sense the Spirit calling us not just to shift – but to advance, grow, and move forward together. Where SHIFT helped us face the right direction, our next theme calls us to walk boldly in that direction, united in mission and strengthened by grace.

The proposed theme for the 2026 – 2028 triennium captures this progression: ***Grounded In Faith, Growing In Grace, Going In Power – Moving As One!***

This theme builds intentionally on the foundation laid by SHIFT and aligns directly with the Four Strategic Pillars of the Eastern West Indies Province:

1. Three-Dimensional Growth (Spiritual, Numerical, Financial)

Grounded in Faith calls the Province to deeper spiritual roots.

Growing in Grace speaks to maturing disciples, strengthening congregations, and encouraging numerical and financial health.

2. Community Engagement

Going in Power emphasizes Spirit-empowered mission, evangelism, digital outreach, and meaningful presence within our Caribbean communities.

3. Sustainability

Growing in grace and grounding ourselves in faith ensures long-term ministry vitality, leadership development, and congregational resilience.

4. Asset Utilization

Moving as One reflects unified stewardship of our resources – land, buildings, finances, partnerships, and people – for Kingdom mission rather than isolated effort.

Thus, this theme is not only spiritual – it is strategic. It calls us to deepen our faith, expand our capacity, strengthen our witness, and operate as a unified Province committed to transformation and mission.

Where SHIFT reclaimed our identity, this new theme invites us to live that identity, together, purposefully, and powerfully.

It represents a maturing of our provincial vision, a continuation of our renewal journey, and a commitment to walk forward as one Church, rooted in Christ and aligned in mission for the next chapter of ministry in the Eastern West Indies Province.

Grounded In Faith, Growing In Grace, Going In Power – Moving As One!

This theme acknowledges that after a shift, the Church must:

- **Be rooted (Grounded in Faith),**
- **Be nurtured (Growing in Grace),**
- **Be mobilized (Going in Power),**
- **Be united (Moving as One).**



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INVITES YOU TO OUR

EASTER

FISH FRY & FUN DAY

6TH APRIL
1:00PM - 6:00PM



TICKETS
\$35.00

BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS FOR AN EVENING OF FOOD & FUN

jumping tent | face-painting

lucky dip | entertainment

TREATS & MORE



LOCATION: SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH, ST.THOMAS



Moravian Church Barbados Conference

PRESENTS

Sports & Fellowship Day

Saturday April 11th, 2026

Start time: 10:00 a.m.

Briar Hall Resource Centre, Briar Hall Christ Church

Fun, Food, Fellowship and Friendly Competition



Food and Drinks on Sale!

The Moravian Church Barbados Conference presents



Youth CONVENTION

THEME: GROUNDED IN FAITH, UNITED IN CHRIST

Young people, this is YOUR moment. Join us for an unforgettable experience filled with:

**POWERFUL
PRAISE & WORSHIP**

**KIDS
ZONE**

**GAMES &
FELLOWSHIP**

**BAKE SALE
(PYC 2026)**

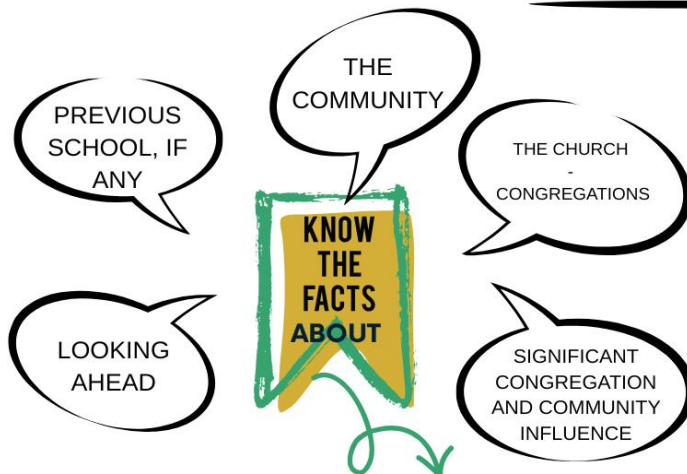
**SUNDAY
APRIL 26**

**VENUE: KING GEORGE V
MEMORIAL PARK, ST. PHILIP**

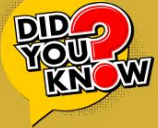
CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE & HONOUR OUR HISTORY



OCTOBER 2025 - SEPTEMBER 2026



MONTH OF OCTOBER



- WEEK 1 - THE MISSIONARIES
- WEEK 2 - BUNKERS HILL
- WEEK 3 - CUSTOMS & PRACTICES
- WEEK 4 - EDUCATION

MONTH OF FOCUS FOR EACH CONGREGATION

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| • NOVEMBER - FAITH (2018) | • MAY - DUNSCOMBE (1860) |
| • DECEMBER - BETHLEHEM (1964) | • JUNE - CLIFTON HILL (1841) |
| • JANUARY - PENUEL (1914) | • JULY - CALVARY (1834) |
| • FEBRUARY - FULNEC (1894) | • AUGUST - MOUNT TABOR (1825) |
| • MARCH - GRACE HILL (1882) | • SEPTEMBER - SHARON (1768) |
| • APRIL - CENTENARY (1865) | |

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