



CHRIST'S CHURCH
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ANNOUNCEMENT

Cathedral Café will continue operating through to March 31, 2025

A collaborative partnership between St. Matthew's House (SMH) and Christ's Church Cathedral

Through the support of volunteers and staff of the Cathedral Café over 14,000 meals have been served, between December 2023 and March 2024, to some of the most vulnerable members in our community. Due to the positive impact of the hard work of our staff and volunteers, the City of Hamilton has asked that the Cathedral Café continue operating its services through next winter until March 31, 2025.

We are pleased to share that the Cathedral Café, located at 252 James Street North, will continue provide a safe and supportive day time drop-in space for unhoused individuals and those at risk of homelessness with a capacity for 50 people, Monday to Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm. Guests will be able to access seating, relief from the weather, friendly welcoming faces, activities, programs and services, washrooms and food, with the main focus being to provide breakfast and lunch daily and a place to be regardless of the weather.

Cathedral Place, home to the worship and ministry space of Christ's Church Cathedral as well as the offices of the Anglican Diocese of Niagara, is a centralized and accessible location on James Street that will provide the space for the drop-in site, volunteer engagement and a staff hub, and includes programming space, auxiliary kitchen space and washrooms.

St. Matthew's House is a unique community support agency that provides childcare services and support services to older adults 55+. Many of the people and families that it serves face barriers which it helps them overcome through its programs and services. SMH works in the heart of Hamilton's most challenged neighbourhoods, with people facing, on average, the highest rates of poverty in the city. This is associated with the highest rates of ill-health, mental illness and limited education levels.

St. Matthew's House and Christ's Church Cathedral are humbled and honoured to be able to serve our community members most heavily impacted in these areas through the Cathedral Café.

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