

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith, you will find a place at our table at St. Hilda's Anglican Church. Come as you are. There are many ways and there is no one particular way to be a part of this vibrant community. Join us today with an open mind and be prepared to discover a home for your spirit that is inclusive, incarnational, and joyful.

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Welcome to Advent: a season to be in touch with our deepest longings, the horizon of hope, an unexpected peace and an overflowing joy. Advent is a season of preparation for the gift of Incarnation when God became flesh in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. We prepare ourselves to welcome Christ to come among us this season in the midst of our yearnings, anxiety and anguish.

This liturgy is designed to create a unique space for us to pray with expectancy and longing. The candles around our Advent Wreath will mark the stages of our journey from anguish to love. The *Gloria in excelsis* will be silenced until we hear it from the mouth of the company of angels again on Christmas Eve. The The *Trisagion*, an ancient hymn from the Eastern (Orthodox) rite, will be sung at the beginning of the service to invoke our deep desire for the Holy One. We will introduce personal testimonies among our parishioners each week during the sermon at the 10 o'clock service. Tom has selected a complementary mass setting from the 17th century French carol PICARDY for the Eucharist.

I also would like to invite you to take advantage of the prayer and formation opportunities to find rest for your soul as you battle through the frenzies of the month of December. There will be a weekly Advent Bible Study on Tuesday in addition to our regular Wednesday and Thursday morning meditations.

Holy One, we come, we cry, we watch, we wait, we look, we long for you.

WHO WE ARE

St. Hilda's, situated on the unceded traditional territory of the shishalh First Nation, is a member of the Anglican Church of Canada and the worldwide Anglican Communion. As a community, we welcome and celebrate human diversity - including spirituality, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and abilities. We aim to create a space where people of any faith or none can question and discover the sacred in life through openness, struggle, laughter and prayer, lived out through a common commitment to be in solidarity with the poor and marginalized, and to cherish Creation.

CHILDREN

Children play a central part when we gather to worship. We welcome them as they gather for a Children's Time at the beginning of the service. We send them off with a song for Sunday School, and they return in time for Communion—the Lord's supper. A Nursery Room is available for parents with babies and toddlers at the back of the Church.

HOLY COMMUNION

ALL are welcome to come forward and receive communion, the divine life of Jesus which comes to us in gifts of bread and wine. Come as you are. Instructions for people joining this meal the first time can be found on p. 10.

Parking for people with disabilities is available next to the Meditation Labyrinth. You are welcome to bring your walker or wheelchair into the sanctuary. If you have hearing difficulties, please ask the greeter for a sound enhancing headset.

Order of Service

Welcome & Introduction to Service

The community is invited to pray in silence.

✤ The Gathering of Community ✤

All rise as able for the processional hymn.

Greeting

Celebrant: Arise, shine, our light is coming;

All: the glory of the Lord is rising upon us.

Celebrant: Though night still covers the earth

All: and darkness covers the nations,

Celebrant: over us will the Lord arise,

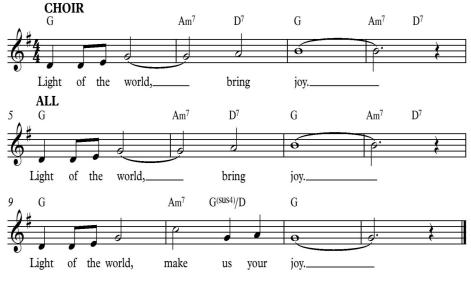
All: over us will the glory of God appear.

#707 Trisagion

The third candle of Joy on the Advent Wreath is lit during the singing of the Trisagion.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us. Sung three times.

Children's Time Children are invited to come forward. After the reflection, all rise as able. People sitting on the aisle are invited to form an arch for children to come through as they head out for Sunday School as we sing:



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray. God of light, who sent the Baptist to offer hope and to face the world's scorn:

All: open our ears to hear the cries from the margins, exposing our fears, sharpening our vision, and calling us to faith; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. Amen.

All are seated as we listen to the readings.

✤ The Proclamation of the Word of God

After each reading, there will be a short time of quiet meditation

The First Reading Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (p. 603)Bobbi Kelly

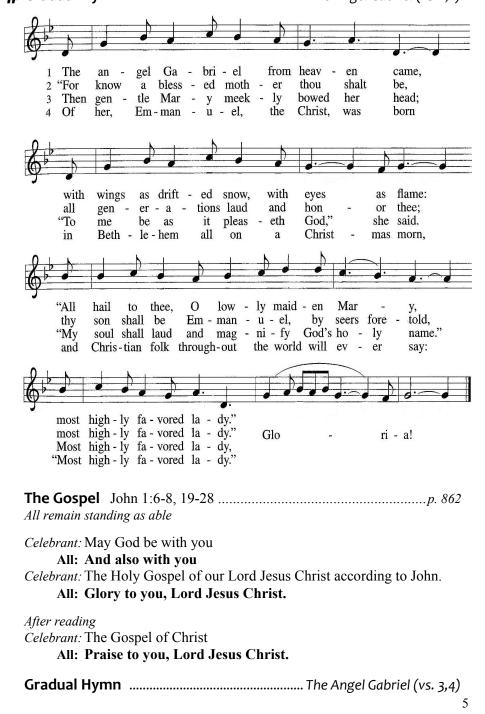
Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126.....#312, Edward Rimbault



- ^{1.} When the Lord restored the '<u>fortunes</u> of 'Zion,* then '<u>were we</u> like 'those who ' dream.
- ^{2.} Then was our mouth ' filled with ' laughter,* and our ' tongue with ' shouts of ' joy.
- ^{†3.} Then they said a'mong the ' nations,* "The ' <u>Lord has</u> done ' great things ' for them."
- ^{4.} The Lord has done ' <u>great things</u> for ' us,* and ' we are ' glad in'deed.
- ^{5.} Restore our '<u>fortunes</u>, O'Lord,* like the '<u>water-courses</u>' of the 'Negev.
- ^{6.} Those who ' sowed with ' tears * will ' reap with ' songs of ' joy.
- ^{7.} Those who go out weeping, '<u>carrying</u> the 'seed,* will come again with 'jöy, '<u>shouldering</u> their 'sheaves.

The Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (p. 960) Cassandra Pettman



Gradual Hymn The Angel Gabriel (vs. 1,2)

Sermon......Rev. Clarence Li *After the sermon, we sit for a short quiet meditation*

Affirmation of Faith

All rise as able

Celebrant: We are called to proclaim the truth and let us believe:

It is not true that this world and its people are doomed to die and to be lost.

- All: This is true: I have come that they may have life in all its abundance.
- Celebrant: It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction. All: This is true:

The deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, the poor are hearing the good news.

- Celebrant: It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word and that war and destruction have come to stay forever.
 - All: This is true: Death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more.
- *Celebrant:* It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world.
 - All: This is true: The Lord whom we seek will suddenly come to the temple; and the Lord is like a refining fire.
- *Celebrant:* It is not true that our dreams of liberation, of human dignity, are not meant for this earth and for this history.
 - All: This is true: It is already time for us to wake from sleep. For the night is far gone, the day is at hand.

The Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit, or kneel according to your praying custom. Names upheld in the prayers can be found on the Parish List on the back page. You are also welcome to name your loved one(s) aloud or silently in your heart.

Leader: God of whom we wait, Response: Hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: We are human:

- All: We strive to love, but we often fail. Jesus, we confess that we do not always answer when you call us to bear your light in the world. Although we long for love, too often we fail to accept it or to offer it. Help us let go of our failings. Renew our hearts. Fill us anew with your love. Amen.
- Celebrant: God says to you, I love you for your own sake. Know that you are loved and forgiven. Jesus invites you to pick up your lives anew And walk in love.
 - All: Amen.

The Peace *Please stand as we share the peace of the Lord*

Celebrant: May the God of peace make you completely holy, ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

$m{\P}$ The Holy Communion $m{\P}$

The Offertory

During the hymn, the bread and wine for the Lord's Supper are presented alongside with the offering of money to symbolize the offering of ourselves and of the whole creation to God in thanksgiving for the many blessings we experience.

369 Offertory HymnHe Came Down That We May Have Love

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of abundance,

- All: we bring before you
 - the precious fruits of your creation,
 - and with them our very lives.
 - Teach us patience and hope
 - as we care for all those in need
 - until the coming of your Son,
 - our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Table

This is a ritual meal to re-enact the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his friends to remind them of his sacrificial love for humanity and the whole creation. All stand as able.

Celebrant: The Spirit of God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift your hearts to heaven.

All: Where Christ in glory reigns.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Mystery of winter skies,

we thank you in the darkening hour for opening our eyes to see your starlit beauty; for parting the wide heavens to send your gentle light; for offering your word to take our mortal flesh.

He was promised by those who shared your dream of peace; John the Baptist cleared his way with words of desert fire; Mary and Joseph accepted his coming with tenderness and faith we know that he draws near again to show us who we really are with honesty and love.

Now we take up the song of hope that we might awaken to his coming among us and the world be touched by the greatness and profoundness of his glory:

722 Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

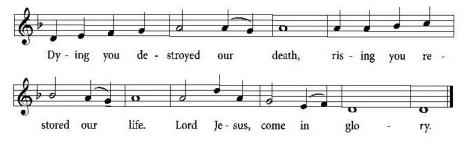
Celebrant: We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

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In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

Therefore we proclaim our hope:



Celebrant: Therefore, we come to him in whom all is created in heaven and on earth,

whose cross and resurrection make all things new.

We offer this to you,

asking you to smile upon the gift we bring, for you alone are the Giver and Christ's the gift through which we live once and for all.

Through him who was emptied to bear your fullness, we make our prayer with all created life to the glory of the God who fills all in all now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

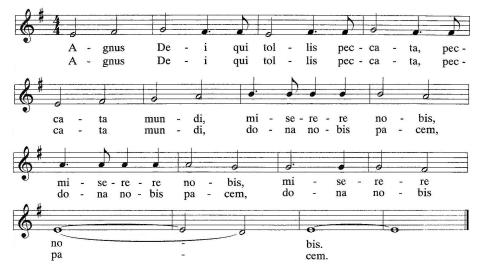
Celebrant: God of promise,

you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All: Happy are those who are called

to the supper of the Lamb.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)



The Invitation

Receiving Communion

If you know the brokenness of life, its fractures within and its division without, then you have participated in the broken body of Christ and you are invited to share in the breaking of bread.

If you desire to know the love of God that overcomes indifference and despair, if you desire the reconciliation that overcomes estrangement and alienation, then you are invited to share the cup of the new covenant.

The bread is received in the open palm. It is usual Anglican practice to drink the wine from the common cup. Wine and unfermented grape juice are served. If you would prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer or grape juice, please inform the person administering the bread or wine when they approach you. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, you are welcome to come forward and place your hands across your chest.

Prayer and Laying-on of Hands for Healing

We invite those who desire healing for themselves or on behalf of someone else, to come to the front of the line to receive the bread and wine. Immediately after receiving Communion, proceed to the prayer station beside the votive candles on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. Give your first name and briefly state your prayer need. A member of the Clergy will offer you the Laying on of Hands and Anointing. 10

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: God for whom we wait,

All: in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Family Thanksgiving & Announcements

All are invited to share if they know of any birthdays, anniversaries or other celebrations. As sharing concludes, all say "Amen."

All stand as able

Blessing

Celebrant: Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.' All: Amen. Come Lord Jesus. Celebrant: May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting. All: Amen. Celebrant: And the blessing of God:

> Life Giver, Pain Bearer, Love Maker be among you and remain with you always. All: Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go into the world and be the love of Christ. All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia

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FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE PARISH January to November 2014

		JAN - NOV 2014	JAN - NOV 2013	BUDGET FOR JAN - NOV	YEAR BUDGET 2014
REVENUE			6 		
	TOTAL INCOME	179,182.52	182,770.23	193,325.00	210,900.00
EXPENSES					
	TOTAL EXPENSE	186,857.71	180,557.25	193,112.69	214,496.00
				2012/01/01	
	PROFIT/LOSS IN PERIOD	-7,675.19	2,212.98	212.31	-3,596.00

Parish Notices

Advent Bible Study Series: Written on the Heart Tuesday from 3:30 - 5 pm (Dec 16, 23) in The Gathering Room. The series is based on a video resource on: "The Bible for Anglicans in the 21st Century."



Advent Films on Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love: All at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. JOY Monday Dec 15 *Millions* (2005, UK) is "a family film of limitless imagination and surprising joy and is one of the best films of the year". (Chicago Sun-Times, 2005) A beatific blast that intelligently discusses charity, saintliness and altruism at a child's level without sermonizing". (Nick Rogers)

It's Christmas time and seven year old Damian believes he's received a divine gift from above when a suitcase full of cash literally falls out of the sky. Damian is anxious to share the wealth with the less fortunate while his fun-loving brother Anthony would rather spend it like there is no tomorrow! But when the loot turns out to be stolen, both boys' plans are put to the test – with heart-warming and hilarious results.

LOVE Monday Dec 22 The Umbrellas of Cherbourg

Sunday School Holly Sale by donation Dec 14

<u>Christmas Carol Sing Along</u> with St. Hilda's Choir on Sunday December 21 at 2:00 pm. Admission by donation for local outreach.

<u>Ndandini Giving Opportunities</u> - There are two other ways you may provide support for our friends in Ndandini, Kenya:

1) You may contribute to the \$1000 repair of our St. Hilda's Ndandini Greenhouse cover, and/or provide support towards a Ndandini high school student's \$300 annual high school fees. Please make a donation via your offering envelope, marking it *Ndandini Greenhouse* or *Ndandini Scholarship*.

2) <u>Christmas Ndandini Scholarship Gift Cards</u> are back again! Like the idea of giving the gift of education on behalf of a family member or friend? Please use the gift cards available in the narthex to let your recipient know about the gift you have given for them, and mark your corresponding offering envelope donation <u>'Ndandini Scholarship'</u>.

<u>Christmas Hampers UPDATE</u>: We are still needing donations of money to cover the cost of buying the items needed for the hampers.

Our Shelter for the homeless needs you. BC's new HOUSING FIRST mandate states: That the best approach to homelessness is to provide people with a "Home First," and then, once they have settled in, provide the wrap around services they need. We are in desperate need of homes for our people! We need apartments and houses for the homeless. We need landlords who have both the heart and head to take a chance on providing homes to those in need. Ideally they should be safe, centrally located, and available on a long term basis (1yr+). Please contact me if you have a house, an apartment, a rental space, an idea, or if you would like to know more. Thank you for your time & caring! Lena Walker – your new Outreach Worker for the Homeless, 778.995.5362, email: drlenawalker@hotmail.com

<u>**Craft Sale**</u> Thank you to all who helped make crafts and to those who purchased them! \$2600 were raised for St. Hilda's.

<u>Church Cleaning & Spruce-up</u>: There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex with items listed that need to be looked after. Please take a look and see if you can help out with any of them.

<u>Clayton's Receipts</u>: Please get your 2014 Clayton tape receipts in before Christmas to Roberta Foxall

<u>Call the Boys</u> are giving back to our church. When you have work (windows, gutters, etc) done by them before Feb 28, they will take 75% of the bill and you will give the other 25% to St. Hilda's. See the poster in the Narthex.

Diocesan School for Parish Development: An opportunity for both clergy and laity to develop skills in congregation organizational development held at Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre in Surrey. Dates are: July 26 to August 1 or 4-weekend sessions: Jan 23/24, June 26/27, Sept 11/12, Dec 11/12. Please pick up a brochure for more detailed information. There is a Parish Bursary available to help defray the costs.

Blue Christmas: A Service of Hope and Remembrance at St. Andrew's United Church, 1044 St. George's Avenue and 10th Street in North Vancouver Tuesday, December 16th, 2014 at 7 pm Are you missing or grieving loved ones, dealing with health challenges, feeling sorrow for the state of the world? Join us for Blue Christmas, a time to acknowledge and release grief and sorrow, and begin the journey into hope. Co-sponsored by St. Andrew's United Church and the Anglican and Lutheran Churches of North Vancouver. Info: 604-985-0408 / office@st-andrews-united.ca / www.st-andrews-united.ca

	Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's			
Sun	14		Sunday School Holly Sale	Narthex
Mon	15	7:30 pm	Advent Film Night Millions	Sanctuary
Tues	16	3:30 pm	Advent Bible Study	Gathering Rm
Wed	17	8:00 am 3:00 pm 5:30 pm	Church Committee Mtg	Sanctuary Gathering Rm Sanctuary
Thu	18	10:00 am 2:00 pm	Centering Prayer EfM Meeting	Sanctuary Sanctuary
Sun 21 4 Advent		8:30 am 10:00 am 2:00 pm 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Family Eucharist with Sunday School Christmas Carol Sing Along Communion Service	Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary Christensen Village Sanctuary

St. Hilda's Mission Principles

At St. Hilda's our aim is to create a sacred space where we can be nourished and nourish others through our practices of Worship, Hospitality, and Justice.

Hospitality: The Lord's Table is the foundation of our understanding of hospitality - a safe place where all are welcome just as they are, broken yet blessed, all seeking food that satisfies. We aim to be an inclusive, sacred space in our community. We support a variety of expression of Spirit where people are committed to listen to each other, honour each other's beliefs and perspectives, and to create a safe environment for healthy, vibrant dialogue with friends and strangers alike.

Worship: As a Christ-centred community, our parish recognizes worship as a means of inspiring connection to the Divine through prayer, contemplation, music, and liturgy, with lay and ordained participation. We offer a variety of worship services to honour the diverse worshiping style of our community. We value community more than an ascribed set of beliefs.

Justice: Our faith informs us that the foundation of our practice of justice is right relationship with all of creation. Jesus calls us to seek out, serve, and learn from those who are marginalized. We seek justice through compassionate listening, extending hospitality to all, advocacy, prayer, and caring for the earth.

This Sunday's liturgy has been compiled from various sources, including:

- · Children's Song, Light of the World, Text: Lois Gory Music: Tom Kellough
- from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.
- Preface for Advent, Collect for the Day, & Eucharistic Prayer 3 from *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* by Steven Shakespeare © 2009. All rights reserved.
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- Confession & Absolution from *Daily Prayers for All Seasons*, p. 68, authorized by General Convention of ECUSA for trial use.
- Introduction to Peace, Prayer over the Gifts, & Blessing (adapted) from Common Worship: Times and Seasons (Advent materials), Church Publishing House, © The Archbishops' Council 2006
- Memorial Acclamation from Common Praise #723
- The Breaking of the Bread from The Book of Alternative Services (1985), p. 212.
- Prayer after Communion from Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006), 65 alt.

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7	Adven	et & Christmas at St. Hilda's
	<u>Sun, Dec 14</u> 8:30 am 10 am	Third Sunday of Advent Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer Family Eucharist with Sacrament of Healing
	<u>Mon, Dec 15</u>	Advent Film Series on JOY 7:30 pm, Sanctuary Millions (2005, UK) Five saints, two boys & millions of pounds! The countdown is on.
	<u>Tue, Dec 16</u>	Advent Bible Study Series: Written on the Heart 3:30 – 5 pm Session 3 The Gathering Room
	<u>Sun, Dec 21</u> 8:30 am 10 am	Fourth Sunday of Advent Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer Family Eucharist
	2 pm	Christmas Carols Sing-along Christmas stories, poetry and carols. Please bring a nonperishable food item or a donation to support our local food bank and Cold Weather Shelter
	7 pm	Taizé Candlelight Contemplative Service Chants, inspirational readings, & meditative silence
1	<u>Mon, Dec 22</u>	Advent Film Series on LOVE7:30 pm, Sanctuary The Umbrellas of Cherbourg(1964, France) For all the young lovers of the wide, wide, world
	<u>Tue, Dec 23</u>	Advent Bible Study Series: Written on the Heart 3:30 – 5 pm Session 4 The Gathering Room
	<u>Wed, Dec 24</u> 7 pm	Christmas Eve: The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ Family Pageant and Eucharist An opportunity to reflect with joy on the birth of our Saviour as our children present it in a nativity play.
	10 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Eucharist A meditative and moving service of light, as we emerge from darkness into the joyous light of a new creation.
	<u>Thu, Dec 25</u> 10 am	Christmas Day Christmas Day Eucharist A relaxed and intimate service focusing on Jesus as the Word of God.
	<u>Sun, Dec 28</u> 8:30 am 10 am	First Sunday after Christmas Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer Family Carol Eucharist, Carols sung by request!
	4 pm	Native Drumming Circle

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WHO IS WHO IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Clarence Li	Greeters/Usher: David Moul, Meg Stevens
Music: Tom Kellough & St. Hilda's Choir	Coffee: Carol & Bob Maxfield
Readers: Bobbi Kelly, Cassandra Pettman	Altar Guild: Janet Tufnall, Felicity Goldring
Prayers: Bonnie Paetkau	Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Janet Peebles,
Lay Assistant: Gwen Southin	"our dear mum and nana" - Roslyn, Ron, Ava and
Sacristan: Barbara Carver	Jamie Mundy.
Crucifer: Taras Pakholchuk	

Readings for December 21

1 st Reading:	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Reader: Janet McIntosh
2 nd Reading:	Romans 16:25-27	Reader: Corrinne Newman
Magnificat	Gospel: Luke 1:26-38	

PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK		
Anglican Communion	canKitgum Diocese (The Church of the Province Uganda)nionBishop: The Rt Revd Benjamin Ojwang	
Diocese	The Deanery of Royal City / South Burnaby The Reverend Faun Harriman, Regional Dean	
Ecumenical Partners	St. Peter, Chia-Yi - The Reverend Simon T. S. Tsou, Vicar The BC Synod of the ELCIC, Bishop Gregory Mohr	
Local Agencies	Elves Club	
Local Churches	Calvary Baptist	
UN MDG Project	(Ndandini, Kenya) Students of Ndandini Primary School	
Acute	Liz Bryson, Ted Celiz, Phyllis Hensch, Tammy Kennedy, Nancy Moote & Pat Dickie, Morrie Sacks, Trudi Shaw, Annie Webb	
Parish Families	Susan Parsons & Trevor Boxall, Edward & Stevie Paskar, Leif & Veronica Pedersen, Ron & Deb Pepper	