



## St Hilda's By the Sea Anglican Church

Open Doors · Open Hearts · Open Minds

December 28, 2014 † 10:00 am



## First Sunday of Christmas

### WHO IS WHO IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Clarence Li

**Preacher:** The Rev. Bruce Morris

**Music:** Tom Kellough & St. Hilda's Choir

**Readers:** Stan Barker, Elizabeth Brown

**Greeters/Usher:** Meg Stevens, Kathy Archibald

**Coffee:** Roslyn Mundy, Lois Gory

**Altar Guild:** Liz Miller, Corrinne Newman

## WELCOME TO CHURCH

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.

## WHO WE ARE

St. Hilda's, situated on the unceded traditional territory of the shíshálh 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.

## ♿ ♯ ACCESSIBILITY

Parking for people with disabilities are 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 one of the greeters for a sound enhancing headset.

### Readings for January 4, Epiphany of the Lord

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading:	Isaiah 60:1-6.....	Reader: Eric Paetkau
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading:	Ephesians 3:1-12 .....	Reader: Janet McIntosh
Psalm 72:1-7	Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12	

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**Announcements**

*Please stand as able.*

**Processional Hymn****Christmas Festival of Readings & Carols****A Bidding for Christmas**

My sisters and brothers in Christ,  
in this season when we celebrate the birth of Jesus,  
let it be our duty and delight  
to hear once more the message of the angels  
and go in heart and mind to Bethlehem  
to see the Son of God lying in a manger.

As we hear the reading of God's holy word,  
let us reflect on the original vision of unity and love  
announced by the creator of the universe *Genesis 2*,  
find new hope in the promise that God is with us *Isaiah 61*,  
join with Mary, the favoured handmaid, and offer ourselves in service  
to God's holy and saving purpose for the world *Luke 1*,  
magnify the God of mercy who breaks the power of  
tyrants and exalts the humble *Luke 1*,  
raise our voices with the messenger who announces good  
news of great joy to all people *Luke 2*.

*The bidding continues.*

As we mark once more the mystery of the Word made flesh,  
let us join with the song of angels and saints  
and make this place ring with our carols and hymns of praise.

But first, let us remember the poverty of the birth of the  
Prince of Peace, and pray for the poor, the cold, the hungry,  
and those among us who find that there is no room for  
them at the inn.

Let us remember the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt,  
and pray for the oppressed, refugees, the isolated, and those  
on the edges of our society.

Let us remember that the Lord of Glory experienced the  
pain of life and death, and pray for the sick, the anxious,  
the weary, and the bereaved.

And remembering the promise that he shall reign for ever and ever,  
let us pray for the rulers of the nations,  
for peace and justice on earth,  
for the unity and mission of the Church,  
that we may be a sign that God's rule on earth has already begun.

With joy in our hearts,  
let us hear again the story of the birth of Christ,  
and join with Mary and Joseph,  
with shepherds and wise men,  
and with all our forebears in faith  
in offering our worship.

*Silence may be kept before the first reading.*

### **The Readings**

**Genesis 2.4–9,15–25**

**Prayer:** Creating God,  
you call us to live in harmony  
with nature, with one another, and with you.  
**Now fix our eyes upon the one in whom your purpose for our  
world has been revealed, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Carol**

**Isaiah 61:10–62:3**

**Prayer:** Light of life, you came in flesh,  
born into human pain and joy,  
and gave us power to be your children.  
**Grant us faith, O Christ, to see your presence among us,  
so that all of creation may sing new songs of gladness  
and walk in the way of peace. Amen.**

**Carol**

**Luke 1:26-38**

**Prayer:** Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord,  
**that we who have known the incarnation  
of your Son Jesus Christ,  
announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary,  
may by his cross and passion  
be brought to the glory of his resurrection;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Carol**

**Luke 2:1-20**

**Prayer:** Holy God,  
whose Word has come among us  
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem,  
**may the light of faith illumine our hearts  
and shine in our words and deeds;  
through him who is Christ our Lord,**

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Carol

**Luke 2:22-40**

**Prayer:** God of promise  
you renew your gift to those whose faces are lined  
and whose hearts are filled by the passage of years:  
help us, with Simeon and Anna,  
to see beyond the surface  
the face and heart of God  
in Jesus Christ, the given Child. Amen.

Carol

**John 1:1-18**

**Prayer:** Eternal Wisdom, creating, ordering, and saving,  
we give you thanks that we have seen you  
in the selfless love of Jesus Christ.  
Now reign within our minds and hearts,  
and mobilize our will,  
that by your power and through our hands  
this world may be re-made  
to be the garden and the city of your glory.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Carol

**Sermon** ..... *The Rev. Bruce Morris*

### **Incarnation Litany**

In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe,  
saying, "Lord, grant us peace."

By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel,  
hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the birth in time of your timeless Son, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the manifestation of your radiant glory to the shepherds and  
magi, hear us, O Lord,

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph  
of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.  
**Lord, grant us peace.**

Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom  
of our Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

**Lord, grant us peace.**

*Silence may be kept.*

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
you wonderfully created  
and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature.  
**May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who humbled himself to share our humanity,  
and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

With joy in our hearts, let us gather our prayers in the  
words our Saviour taught us.

**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.**

**Offertory Hymn**

**Blessing**

May we who have been touched by the Word made flesh  
be his body for the world,  
his hands to bring blessing,  
his sense to glory, in the promise of creation restored;  
And the blessing of God,  
Life Giver, Pain Bearer, Love Maker  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**

**Dismissal**

## Parish Events and Notices

**St. Hilda's Office Hours** The office will be closed from December 25 to Thursday January 1. Regular hours will resume on Friday, January 2, 2015.

**LNG, Pipelines & Tankers: A Dialogue with a panel of thinkers**

Wednesday January 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm at St. Hilda's. Free admission.

**ACW Meeting:** Wednesday January 7 at 10:00 am.

**Flower Calendar:** The flower calendar is ready for people to sign up for giving flowers for the altar in 2015. Telephone number as well as name would be appreciated by the Altar Guild.

**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. Brenda Wilkinson Ph: 604 989 3144 or E-mail: bw2067@gmail.com

**Church Cleaning & Spruce-up:** 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.

**Call the Boys** 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.

Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's			
<b>Sun</b>	28	4:00 pm	Drumming Circle Sanctuary
<b>Mon</b>	29 to Thu Jan 1		Church Office CLOSED Sanctuary
<b>Fri</b>	02		Church Office OPEN
<b>Sun</b>	04	8:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist with Sunday School Taizé Candlelit Service Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary

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PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK	
<b>Anglican Communion</b>	Kumi Diocese (The Church of the Province of Uganda) The Rt Revd Thomas Irigei
<b>Diocese</b>	The Diocesan Evangelism Unit - The Rev Michael Fuller (Chair) and all those ministries that bring Christ to those outside the Church The Cathedral Chapter - The Very Rev Peter Elliott, Chair
<b>Ecumenical Partners</b>	St. James, Taichung - The Rev Philip L.F. Lin, Rector; The Rev Canon David Chee, English Priest The BC Synod of the ELCIC, Bishop Gregory Mohr
<b>Local Agencies</b>	Food Banks on Sunshine Coast
<b>Local Churches</b>	Calvary Chapel
<b>UN MDG Project</b>	(Ndandini, Kenya) The Well Management Committee
<b>Acute</b>	Ted Celiz, Phyllis Hensch, Arwena Jones, Vi Labrosse Brian Russell, Morrie Sacks, Trudi Shaw, Annie Webb
<b>On-going</b>	Zachara Beemer, Gail Coleman, Gerald & Magda Cupido, Annabelle Dick, Bob & Jane Hammersma, Hank & Gail Jerzy, Juliet McClatchy, Bill Mitrovitz, Vernon Paul, Howard Peet & Maureen Shobe, R.J. Poland, Fran & Ken Redmond, Carran Taylor, Angie Towner, Kate Webb