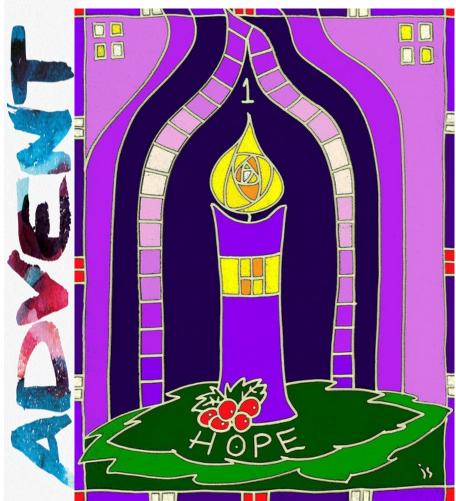


# St Hilda's By-the-Sea Anglican Church

Open Doors · Open Hearts · Open Minds
November 30, 2014 10:00 am Family Eucharist



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.

You will find a marked departure in the tone our worship these coming four weeks. The 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 *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 shishálh 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. 9.

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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.

# 95 Processional Hymn ...... O Come, Divine Messiah

## 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.

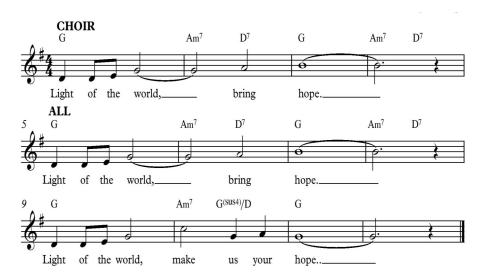
## #707 Trisagion

A member of the congregation will light the first Advent candle of hope on the Advent Wreath 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 unveiled truth.

All: in times of darkened sun and waning moon, lift up our hearts and waken our love to announce the coming dawn of unexpected peace; 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 64:1-9 (p. 606) ...............................Julie Stevens

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

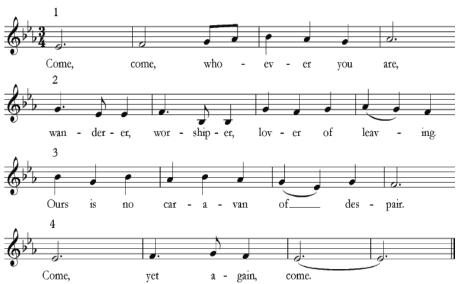
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-17 Refrain is sung by all. Verses sung by choir.



- <sup>1.</sup> Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- <sup>2</sup> In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, Stir up your strength and come to help us. *Refrair*
- 4. O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5. You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn. *Refrain*
- <sup>16.</sup> Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your Name. *Refrain*

The Second Reading I Corinthians 1:3-9 (p. 926) ...... Elizabeth Brown

Gradual Hymn ...... sung three times



Celebrant: May God be with you

All: And also with you

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After reading

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn .....(see above) sung twice

#### **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.

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.

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:

I have come that they may have life in all its abundance. It is not true that this world and its people are doomed to die and to be lost.

### All: This is true:

Death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more.

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.

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: In the tender mercy of our God,

the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness

and in the shadow of death,

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

## ↑ The Holy Communion ↑

## 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.

# 110 Offertory Hymn ....... Sleepers, Wake!

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

Celebrant: God of abundance,

All: Look upon us in mercy, not in judgement; draw us from hatred to love;

make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.

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 Lord, Lord God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory.

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."

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying:

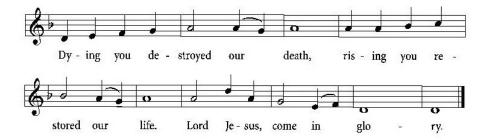
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

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 in memory and hope, responding to your call and the promise that echoes from the dawn of all time.

May mind and heart be held by your self-giving love as we stand before the cross, approach the empty tomb and praise the one whose name is lifted high above all earthly power.

Receive our broken offering through his all-powerful grace and bind us in communion with all who share your gifts; through Jesus Christ, in whom all ages and all the worlds are drawn into the ceaseless love of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

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

### The Lord's Prayer

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

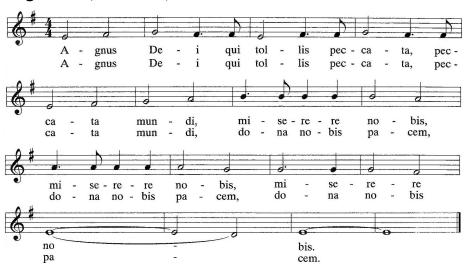
## The Breaking of the Bread

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 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.

## # 599 Recessional Hymn......Awake! Awake! Fling Off the Night

### **Dismissal**

Deacon: Let us go into the world and be the love of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia



## FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE PARISH January to October 2014

REVENUE

**TOTAL INCOME** 

**EXPENSES** 

TOTAL EXPENSE

PROFIT/LOSS IN PERIOD

JAN - OCT 2014	JAN - OCT 2013	BUDGET FOR JAN - OCT	YEAR BUDGET 2014
159,836.59	166,567.38	175,750.20	210,900.00
170,098.08	164,899.15	178,931.60	214,496.00
-10,261.49	1,668.23	-3,181.40	-3,596.00

#### **Parish Notices**

Advent Bible Study Series: Written on the Heart: Every Tuesday from 3:30 - 5 pm throughout Advent (Dec 2, 9, 16, 23) at The Gathering Room. The series will be based on a video resource on: "The Bible for Anglicans in the 21st Century". Suitable for beginners as well as anyone who is interested in participate in a regular Bible Study Group.

Cold Weather Shelter needs your help! BC's new HOUSING FIRST mandate states: "That the best approach to homelessness is to provide people with a "Home First," and then provide the wrap around services they are in need of, once they have settled in. 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+). Clients will have rental subsidies and outreach supports while renting from you, so there is a level of peace of mind to you as a landlord. Please contact our new Outreach Worker Lena Walker if you have a house, an apartment, a rental space, or if you would like to know more: 778-995-5362 drlnawalker@hotmail.com

<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.

Advent Films on Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love: All at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

HOPE Friday Dec 5 The Eighth Day
PEACE Monday Dec 8 Joyeux Noel
JOY Monday Dec 15 Millions

LOVE Monday Dec 22 The Umbrellas of Cherbourg

**Sunday School Holly Sale** by donation Dec 7 and Dec 14

Have you picked up your St. Nick's Knapsack yet? This year, you are invited to support the Ndandini Scholarship Fund by collecting your pocket change between now and the Feast of St. Nicholas on December 7th (just 50 cents a day from each parishioner will meet more than meet our goal). Our parish has been supporting students of Ndandini Village in Kenya since 2011. Pick up and fill your St. Nick's Knapsack and offer it to St. Nicholas when he visits us on Dec 7.

<u>Christmas Hampers</u>: A small committee is needed to shop, wrap, and deliver the hampers. If interested, please contact Meg Stevens at 604-741-4036 or let the office know. Also, if you know of a family who would appreciate a hamper from us this year, please let Meg know.

#### Handel's Messiah by Vancouver Chamber Choir

Special rates for Anglican Church of Canada members. See poster in breezeway.

**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

DATE	PARISH CALENDAR EVENTS	
Sunday Nov 30 2:00 pm	The public reading of <u>Charles Dickens' <i>The Christmas Carol</i></u> at St. Hilda's. This is a joint project with St. Bart's, and the net proceeds of the event will support the outreach ministries of both churches.	
Tuesday Dec 2 3:30 pm	Advent Bible Study Written on the Heart In the gathering room	
Friday Dec 5 7:30 pm	An Advent Film on HOPE: The Eighth Day  Quirky, visually inventive, funny, intense, enlightening & emotionally challenging, The Eighth Day reaches straight for the heart. This Golden Globe nominee for Best Foreign Film (1997) takes us into the world of Georges, a Down Syndrome sufferer, and his Hopeful quest for a meaningful relationship with someone, just anyone. The two leads (Daniel Auteil & Pascal Duquenne) shared the Cannes Festival's Best Actor award	
Sunday Dec 7 11:45 am	6 <sup>th</sup> Annual St. Nicholas Party: from 11:45am to 2:00pm. Sign up sheets are on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex. Please sign up and come and enjoy an annual St. Hilda's tradition.	
Monday Dec 8 7:30 pm	An Advent Film on PEACE: Joyeux Noel One of the Best Movies of 2005. Utterly Magical! On Christmas Eve during WW1, the Germans, French, & Scottish fraternize, & get to know the men who live on the opposite side of a brutal war, in what became a true lesson of humanity. Beautiful music & cinematography.	
Sunday Dec 21 2:00 pm	Christmas Carol Sing-Along: St. Hilda's Choir presents the Fourth Annual Carol Sing-along for the community. Favorite carols, stories and refreshments. Please come, bring your friends and a donation to support our local food bank and Cold Weather Shelter.	

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

<u>Christmas Kettle Campaign</u>: The Salvation Army is looking for Bell Ringers now until December 24. Each shift is for 2 hours. If you would like to help out you can phone 604-886-3665 or email kettlecampaign@eastlink.ca. You can also go online to check out the schedule at tsaonthecoast.com and click on KETTLE button. See Poster in breezeway for more info.



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Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's					
Sun	30	2:00 pm	Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol	Sanctuary	
Tues	02	2:15 pm 3:30 pm	Communion Service Advent Bible Study	Shorncliffe Lodge Gathering Rm	
Wed	03		Wisdom Circle & Meditation St. Hilda's Choir	Sanctuary Sanctuary	
Thu	04	10:00 am 2:00 pm		Sanctuary Sanctuary	
Fri	05	7:30 pm	Advent Film Night	Sanctuary	
Sun 2 Adv	07 ent	8:30 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Sunday School Holly Sale	Sanctuary Sanctuary Narthex 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.

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### WHO IS WHO IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Clarence Li Music: Tom Kellough & St. Hilda's Choir Readers: Julie Stevens, Elizabeth Brown

Prayers: Bobbi Kelly Lay Assistant: Sher Sacks Sacristan: Barbara Carver Crucifer: Taras Pakholchuk

Greeters/Usher: Eric Paetkau, Maggie Edwards Coffee: Win Wright, Sandra Sneddon Altar Guild: Win Wright, Sandra Sneddon

## Readings for December 7

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11......Reader: Eric Paetkau 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a ......Reader: David Moul

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK			
Anglican Communion			
Diocese	St. Andrew, Langley: Rev Paula Porter Leggett St. Clement, North Vancouver: The Ven Lynne McNaughton, Rev Elizabeth Mathers		
Ecumenical Partners	Advent Church, St. John's University, Taiwan: Rev Dr Lennon Y.R. Chang, Rector The BC Synod of the ELCIC, Bishop Gregory Mohr		
Local Agencies	Community Resource Centre		
<b>Local Churches</b>	Bethel Baptist		
UN MDG Project	(Ndandini, Kenya) The teachers and staff of Kyaithani Secondary and Ndandini Primary Schools		
Acute	Desrocher Family, Tammy Kennedy, Nancy Moote & Pat Dickie, Peter & Kate		
Parish Families	Susan Parsons & Trevor Boxall, Edward & Stephania Paskar, Leif & Veronica Pedersen, Ron & Deb Pepper Cassandra Pettman and Cody, Casey		