



St Hilda's By the Sea Anglican Church

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January 4, 2015 † 10:00 am Family Eucharist

Epiphany of the Lord



WHO IS WHO IN OUR WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Clarence Li

Music: Tom Kellough & St. Hilda's Choir

Readers: Eric Paetkau, Elizabeth Brown

Prayers: Bonnie Paetkau

Lay Assistant: David Moul

Sacristan: Carol Eades

Crucifer: Elena Alps Mocellin

Greeters/Usher: Eric Paetkau, Maggie Edwards

Coffee: David & Stephanie Moul

Altar Guild: Sandra Sneddon, Janet McConnell

From the Rector

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a delightful holiday time filled with light, meaning and renewed relationships. This Sunday we shall celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, a special feast day that concludes Christmastide (or the Twelve Days of Christmas). In the Western churches, the Epiphany ('the manifestation') became an occasion to celebrate one element in the story of Christ's birth, the visit of the far-travelled magi, understood as the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. Matthew's account speaks simply of 'wise men from the east'; later tradition fixed their number at three, made them kings, and recalled their resonant names – Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Today we shall follow the ancient tradition of blessing chalk in honour of these three saints for the use of blessing our own homes.

Epiphanytide (beginning today until February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple) is an apt season to pray for the worldwide mission of the Church. The feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, appropriately falls in the Epiphany season, as does the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

At St. Hilda's, we invite you to reflect on the mission of the Church through the lens of **STEWARDSHIP** over 2 meaningful events during Epiphanytide. You are invited to a **special congregation meeting on January 11** following the 10 o'clock service to discuss how we shall resource our mission in this coming year. The Treasurer will update us on our 2014 year end finances and the wardens will present some of the giving trends they have identified and invite your inputs and ideas on how to prioritize our mission focus in 2015.

Also on **Wednesday January 14 at 7 pm**, you are invited to participate in a meaningful community dialogue on LNG, Pipeline and Tankers. The proposed development of LNG industry in British Columbia have profound impacts on our lives and for many generations to come. The issues are complex and controversial. The main goal of this event is to create a safe space in our community to listen and dialogue on this multifaceted topic. "...real dialogue presupposes an openness to modify deeply held convictions." We hope many of you will be able to participate at this event on January 14.

Happy Epiphany!

Clarence

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.

143 Processional Hymn.....Angels From the Realms of Glory

Celebrant: Alleluia, the Word was made flesh.

All: And dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Alleluia!

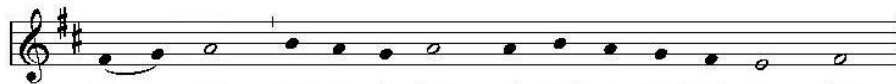
Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God



Celebrant: Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



All: Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

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you are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Children's Time: Blessing of the Chalk

Children are invited to come forward

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Bless, † O Lord God, this chalk** that it may be helpful to all and grant by the invocation of thy Most Holy Name that whosoever shall use it or inscribe with it the names of thy Saints Gaspard, Melchior and Balthazar upon the doors of their homes, may through their merits and intercession, enjoy health of body and protection of soul; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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

151 All Poor Folk and Humble (vs 1)

All poor folk and humble, all lame folk who stumble,
 come haste ye, and be not afraid; for Jesus, our treasure,
 whose love passes measure, in lowly poor manger was laid.
 Though wise men who found him laid rich gifts around him,
 yet oxen they gave him their hay; and Jesus in beauty
 accepted their duty: contented in manger he lay.

Then haste we to show him the praises we owe him;
 our service he ne'er can despise, whose love still is able
 to show us that stable where softly in manger he lies.

**After the service you are invited to take a piece of this chalk with you and write on the lintel of your home with an accompanying prayer. For the Epiphany Blessing for your home see page 12.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Shepherd of Israel and Light of all Nations,
made known in the gifts of those who call to other names and
walk on different ways:

**All: may unjust powers and the hatred within us be dismayed by
your friendship and dethroned by your love; through Jesus
Christ, the open arms of grace. Amen**

All are seated

✠ The Proclamation of the Word of God ✠

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

The First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 (*Bible p. 602*) Eric Paetkau

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 #146 S. Elvey



1. Give the King your 'justice, O ' God,*
and your 'righteousness to the ' King's ' Son;
2. That he may rule your ' people ' righteously*
– 'and the ' poor with ' justice;
3. That the mountains may bring pros'perity to the ' people,*
and the ' little ' hills bring ' righteousness.
4. He shall defend the needy a'mong the ' people,*
he shall rescue the ' poor and ' crush the op'pressor.
5. He shall live as long as the sun and ' moon en'dure,*
from one gene'ration ' to an'other.
6. He shall come down like rain upon the ' mōwn ' filed,*
like ' showers that ' water the ' earth.
7. In his time shall the ' righteous ' flourish,*
there shall be abundance of peace till the ' moon shall ' be no ' more.

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- 10. The kings of Tarshish and of the ' isles shall pay ' tribute,*
and the kings of Arabia and ' Saba ' offer ' gifts.
- 11. All kings shall bow ' down be'fore him,*
and all the ' nations ' do him ' service.
- 12. For he shall deliver the poor who cries ' out in dis'tress,*
and the op'pressed who ' has no ' helper.
- 13. He shall have pity on the ' lowly and ' poor;,*
he shall pre'serve the lives of the ' needy.
- †14. He shall redeem their lives from op'pression and ' violence,*
and dear shall their ' blood be ' in his ' sight.

Glory to God, Source' of all being,
Eternal ' Word and ' Holy ' Spirit;
As it was in the be'ginning is ' now
and shall be for ' e'ver. A'men.

The Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12 (*Bible p.950*).... Elizabeth Brown

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

All: Thanks be to God.

161 Gradual Hymn*Wise Men, They Came to Look for Wisdom (vs 1,2)*

Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:1-12 (*Bible p. 783*) *All remain standing as able*

Celebrant: May God be with you

All: And also with you

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

After reading

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

161 Gradual Hymn*Wise Men, They Came to Look for Wisdom (vs 3,4)*

Sermon..... The Rev. Clarence Li

After the sermon, we sit for a short quiet meditation

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: O, Holy Child of innocence and wisdom,

Response: Hear our prayer.

Reflective Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: We come before God knowing we are wounded. In our hurt and pain, we have wounded others. In a moment of silence, let us approach God, let us lay bare our hearts and consciences in the presence of the divine mercy.

A period of silent prayer and reflection follows.

God's embrace is wider than you can imagine.

God forgives you and calls on you to forgive others.

God invites you to delight in one another and in yourselves, and partner with God to build a world of reconciliation. Amen.

All: We rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor.

The Peace *All stand as able as we share the peace*

Celebrant: God makes peace within us.

All: Let us claim it.

Celebrant: God makes peace among us.

All: Let us share it.

Celebrant: 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 experienced.

139 Offertory Hymn.....The First Nowell

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Good and loving God,

All: we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be a blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer

“Eucharist” means “thanksgiving”. 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.

Eucharistic Preface



Celebrant: The Spirit of God be with you. *All:* **And al - so with you.**



Celebrant: Lift your hearts to heaven *All:* **where Christ in glo-ry reigns.**



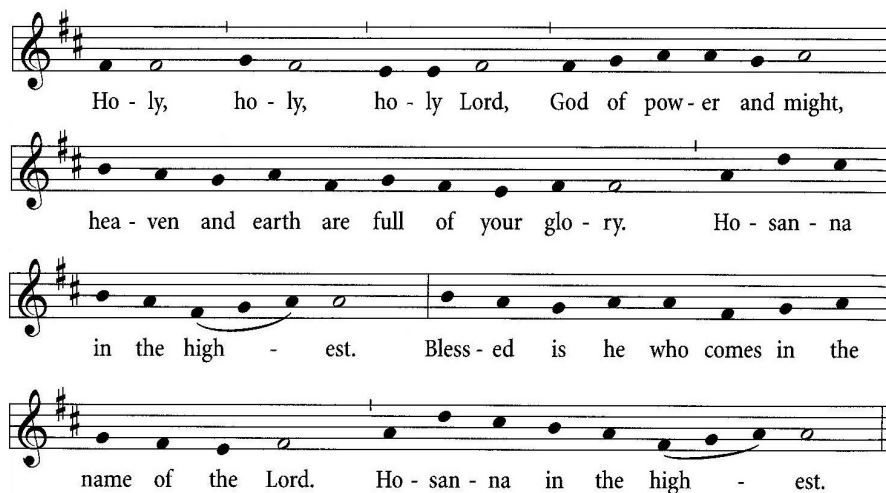
Celebrant:
Let us give thanks to God All: It is right to of-fer thanks & praise.

Celebrant: We praise you, God of many names,
whose spirit runs free
through all the earth,
whose image lies deep
in every mortal soul.

In your grace
your Word is made known to every people,
calling forth the best they have to offer;
your Beloved is immersed in the waters of creation
healing the chaos that floods our world;
your Song is the guest who offers new wine
changing hearts grown withered and cold.

Therefore we celebrate
the rays of morning light
that bathe the world in glory
and kindle a new song:

Sanctus & Benedictus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: Gracious God,
in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ
to share our fragile humanity.
Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection
you open the path from brokenness to health,
from fear to trust, from pride and conceit
to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life,
Jesus knew death was near.
His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman,
Jesus gathered together those who loved him.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it
and gave it to his friends, saying,
"Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
gave you thanks, and said,
"Drink this all of you,
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table
in response to his commandment,

to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love,
and to proclaim our faith.

**All: Christ is died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: Breathe your Holy Spirit,
the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love for all the world
and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Gathered around the table by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught:

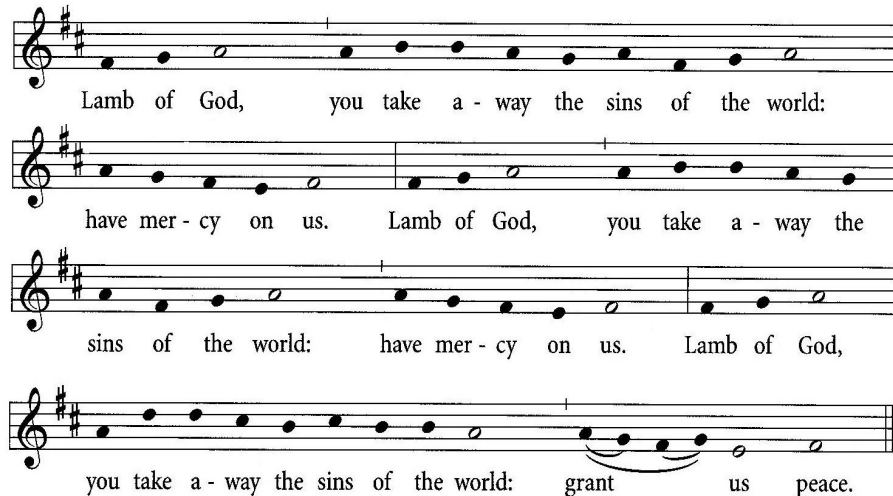
**All: Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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

All stand as able

Celebrant: Radiant God,

All: with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, so that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Family's Thanksgiving & Announcements

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

Closing Blessing

Celebrant: May God the Father,
who led the wise men by the shining of a star
to find the Christ, the Light from lights,
lead you in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: And the blessing of God:
Life Giver, Pain Bearer, Love Maker
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

150 Recessional Hymn *On This Day Earth Shall Ring*

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in hope, bearing the message of love, of service,
of community into the world that God loves.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

An Epiphany Blessing for Our Homes

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This may be written on the lintel above the front door into your home. A piece of blessed chalk from this Mass may be taken home with you for this purpose. Following the writing, this prayer is to be used:

Let us pray.

O holy and everlasting God, we ask you to hear us and send your holy Angel from heaven to guard and cherish, protect and visit, and evermore defend all that dwell in this house. I call upon thy Saints – Gaspard, Melchior, and Balthazar – to protect my Family and my home from every harm and danger, and, I place this mark over my door to remain as a constant reminder to us and all who enter here that my house is truly a house of the Lord.

O God, make the door of my house the gateway to thine Eternal Kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

Parish Events and Notices

Rector Away: Clarence will be away between January 7-11 attending the annual Gay Christian Network conference in Portland, Oregon. This will be his first time to this gathering which brings hundreds of Christians from all backgrounds together for fellowship, worship, support, Bible study, and more. The Rev. Richard Hergesheimer will be presiding and preaching on Sunday January 11.

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.

Centering Prayer: Wednesday Wisdom Circle and Meditation will resume on January 7. Thursday Centering Prayer will resume on January 8.

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.

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 worshipping 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.

Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's			
Sun 04	7:00 pm	Taizé Service	Sanctuary
Tues 06	2:15 pm	Communion Service	Shorncliffe
Wed 07	8:00 am 10:00 am	Wisdom Circle & Meditation ACW Meeting	Sanctuary Gathering Rm
Thurs 08	10:00 am 12:00 pm 2:00 pm	Centering Prayer Pastoral Care Committee EFM Meeting	Sanctuary Sanctuary Gathering Rm
Fri 09	7:00 pm	Gospel of Thomas	Sanctuary
Sun 11	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist & Sunday School Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary

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 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. 11.

♿ ♻️ ♻️ 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.

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Readings for January 11, Baptism of the Lord

1 st Reading:	Genesis 1:1-5.....	Reader: Bobbi Kelly
2 nd Reading:	Acts 19:1-7.....	Reader: David Moul
Psalm 29		Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Anglican Communion	The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) Lagos West Diocese - The Rt Revd James Odedeji Lagos Mainland Diocese - The Rt Revd Adebayo Akinde
Diocese	Church of the Epiphany, Surrey - The Ven Stephen Rowe, The Rev Connie Wilks
Ecumenical Partners	St. Mark, Ping-Tung - The Rev C.C. Cheng, Vicar St. Stephen's, Keelung - The Rev Julia S.H. Lin, Vicar BC Synod of the ELCIC, Bishop Gregory Mohr
Local Agencies	Foster Parents
Parish Ministries	Anglican Church Women
UN MDG Project	Ndandini/Kenya: Students of Kyaithani Secondary School
Acute	Phyllis Hensch, Arwena Jones, Vi Labrosse, Brian Russell, Morrie Sacks, Annie Webb
On-going	Zachara Beemer, Gail Coleman, Gerald & Magda Cupido, Annabelle Dick, Bob & Jane Hammersma, Hank & Gail Jerzy, Juliet McClatchy, Bill Mitravitz, Vernon Paul, How- ard Peet & Maureen Shobe, R.J. Poland, Fran & Ken Red- mond, Carran Taylor, Angie Towner, Kate Webb