

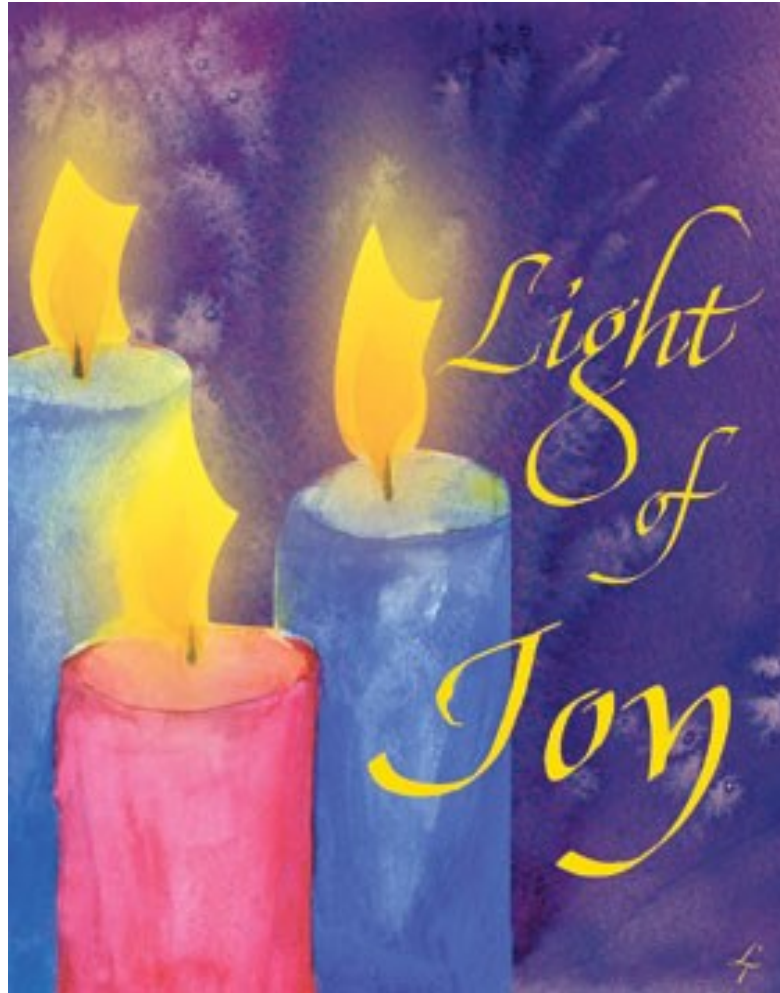


St. Hilda's By the Sea Anglican Church

Open Doors · Open Hearts · Open Minds

December 11, 2016 † 10:00 am Family Eucharist

ADVENT



WHO IS WHO IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Clarence Li

Music: Katherine Hume, St. Hilda's Choir

Readers: Linda Smith, Stan Barker

Prayers: Kevin Rolston

Lay Assistant: Sher Sacks

Sacristan: Janet McIntosh

Crucifer: Kevin Rolston

Greeters/Usher: Joan & Margaret Brock

Coffee: Stan & Lorraine Barker

Altar Guild: Janet Tufnall, Janet McConnell

Altar Flowers: In loving memory of Ernie & Marie Montgomery from Carl, Katherine, Aria, Leif & Allegra Montgomery

Worship this Advent:

Welcome to Advent: a season which we are invited to be in touch with our deepest longings and to anticipate a tenderness from our loving God. We prepare ourselves to welcome Christ to come among us this season in the midst of our yearnings, anxiety, and anguish.

People new to the liturgical traditional of the church often notice the stark contrast between how our popular culture and the worshipping community observe these weeks leading up to Christmas Day. The joyful music on the radio and in the stores are replaced by soulful hymns of longing; a cheerful Santa tagged with a license to indulge and consume is substituted with a rugged John the Baptist in the wilderness with his winnowing forks giving directions to 'the Way of the Heart.'

Open all your senses when you come to worship this season. Let the flickering flames of the candles around our Advent Wreath mark the stages of your journey from anguish to love. Look for Mary and Joseph over the window sill in the sanctuary and follow their journey from Nazareth to the Little Town of Bethlehem. Allow the introspective tone during worship to invite you to free your heart to taste the promises of God's tender love for you.

*Joy shall come even to the wilderness,
and the parched land shall then know great gladness*

May you take your heart to the wilderness this Advent and find new joy and tenderness. Peace, joy, and love, *Clarence*

WHO WE ARE

St. Hilda, situated on the unceded traditional territory of the shíshálh First Nation, is a member of the Anglican Church of Canada & the worldwide Anglican Communion. As a community, we welcome & celebrate human diversity - including spirituality, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, & abilities. We aim to create a space where people of any faith or none can question & discover the sacred in life through openness, struggle, laughter & prayer, lived out through a common commitment to be in solidarity with the poor & marginalized, & 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 and then send them off to Sunday School. They return in time for Communion—the Lord's supper (grape juice is available for communing). A Quiet 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 those joining this meal for the first time are printed in the bulletin.

♿ ♻️ ♻️ ACCESSIBILITY

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 one of the greeters for a sound enhancing headset. There are also large print hymnals available in the entry.

✧ The Gathering of Community ✧

Prelude

Introduction & Welcome *Children are invited to gather at Advent Wreath.*

Introit *Of Eternal Love Begotten.....* sung by Choir
All rise as able as the Sanctuary party processes in.

🎵 **91 Processional Hymn***People, Look East! The Time is Near*

Greeting

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

Celebrant Holy One, as we prepare for the advent of Christ,

PEOPLE **Give us your spirit of wisdom.**

Celebrant As we seek to embody your love in the world,

PEOPLE **Give us your spirit of good counsel.**

Celebrant As we seek to be faithful,

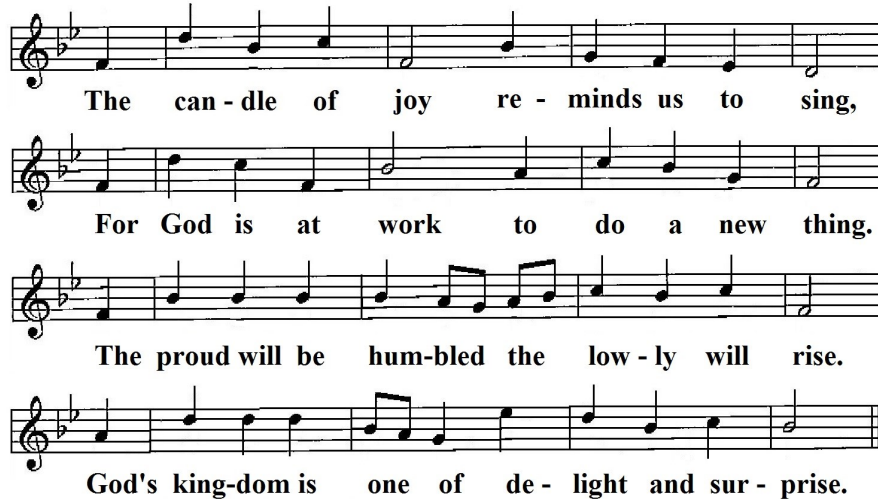
PEOPLE **Give us eyes to see beyond the obvious.**

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Leader We have lit the first two candles, one for hope and one for peace. Today we light the third candle, the candle of joy. This should be the easy one, because joy is all around us—in the children, the lights, the music, the gathering together. But how often do we let our preparations, or our memories, push joy to the side? Joy is like an underground spring that wells up within us, but joy is also a choice, an attitude. Like a muscle, it needs to be exercised. So today we open ourselves to joy, trusting that God has already planted it in us. All we need to do is give it care and offer it to share.



Three candles are lit as the congregation sings:



The can - dle of joy re - minds us to sing,
For God is at work to do a new thing.
The proud will be hum - bled the low - ly will rise.
God's king - dom is one of de - light and sur - prise.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God for whom we watch and wait,

ALL you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right.

Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,
That we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

The congregation repeats the Candle Lighting verse as the children depart for Sunday School.

✠ The Proclamation of the Word of God ✠

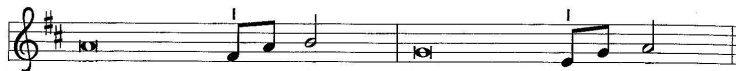
After each reading, there will be a short time of quiet meditation

First Reading Isaiah 35:1-10 (p. 578).....Linda Smith

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

ALL Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146:5-10




5 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help! *
For their hope is in the | Lord their God,
6 who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all | that is in them; *
who keeps promis-| es for ever;
7 who gives justice to those who | are oppressed, *
food to those who hunger and sets the | pris'ners free.

- 8 The Lord opens the eyes | of the blind! *
 The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down
 and | loves the righteous.
- 9 The Lord cares | for the stranger *
 and sustains the orphan and widow,
 but frustrates the way | of the wicked.
- 10 The Lord shall | reign for ever, *
 your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!
 Glory to God, Source | of all being,*
 Eternal Word and | Holy Spirit;
 As it was in the begin- | ning is now*
 and shall be for e- | ver. Amen.

Second Reading James 5:7-10 (*p. 980*).....Stan Barker

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

ALL Thanks be to God.

 **Gradual Hymn** *Deo Gratias (sung by choir)*
All remain standing as able

The Gospel Matthew 11:2-11*p. 792*

Deacon May God be with you

PEOPLE And also with you


Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

PEOPLE Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After reading

Deacon The Gospel of Christ

PEOPLE Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

 **Gradual Hymn** *Deo Gratias (sung by choir)*

Sermon The Rev Clarence Li

After the reflection, remain seated 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.

PEOPLE 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.

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**PEOPLE 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.

**PEOPLE 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.

**PEOPLE 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.

**PEOPLE 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.

Call: We wait with patience and hope

Response: **Come Lord Jesus.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant We are human.

**PEOPLE 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.

PEOPLE Amen.

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE **And also with you.**

*We pass the peace of Christ to each other with the words,
"The Peace of Christ be 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.

♪ Offertory HymnChoose to Hope



Hope is born when we choose to be-lieve that
Hope will grow when we choose to be-lieve that
Hope will shine when we choose to be-lieve a



love is stron-ger than ha - tred; Love is born when our
we are sis - ters and bro - thers; Love will grow when our
lit - tle child will lead us; Love will shine when our



hearts learn to see that ev - 'ry per - son is sa - cred.
hearts learn to see the life we share with each oth - er.
hearts learn to see that God is dwell - ing with - in us.



In the times of dark-ness, in times of fear, choose to hope,



choose to love, and know that God is near.



choose to love, Em - man - u - el is near.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of abundance,

PEOPLE 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.

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.



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.

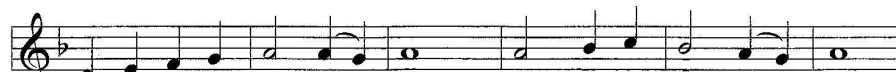


Celebrant:
Let us give thanks to God *All:* It is right to of-fer thanks & praise.

Celebrant Mystery of winter skies,
we thank you in the darkening hour...

Now we take up the song of hope,...
.....and the world be touched by the greatness
and profoundness of his glory:

Sanctus



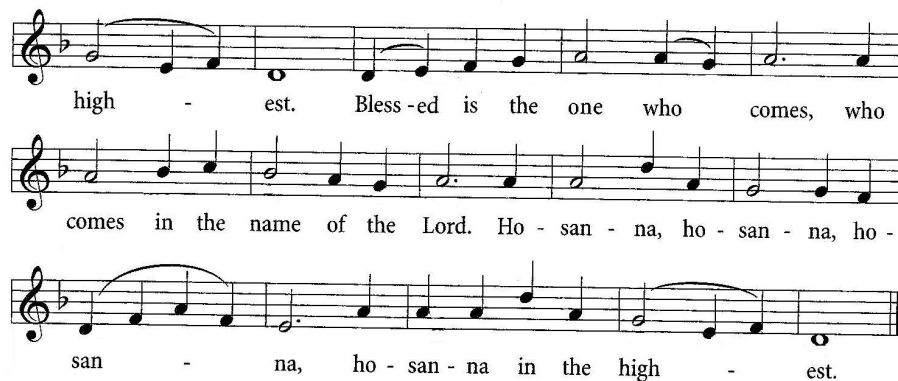
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of power and might,



heav'n and earth are full, full of your glo -



ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes, who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us. ...

...Therefore we proclaim our hope:



Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ris - ing you re -
stored our life. Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

Celebrant Therefore, we come in memory and hope, ...

...and all the worlds are drawn into the ceaseless love
of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



A - men, a - men.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant Joining our prayers into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us saying:

**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.

PEOPLE Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Solo Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world.

Tutti Lord have mer-cy up - on us. *Solo* Lamb of God you take a-way the

sins of the world. *1. Tutti* Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

2. Tutti Grant us peace, Lord, 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.

Musical Offering Guest violinist: Kathy Caswell
Largo in Eb Major from *The Four Seasons* “Winter”
by A. Vivaldi arr. for violin and piano

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

Celebrant Glory to God,

**PEOPLE Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than
we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to
generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and
ever. Amen.**


The Blessing

Celebrant Rejoice in God always, and again I say, rejoice
For God has created you with the capacity for joy.

**PEOPLE We will find what makes us joyful,
And make that our gift to the world.**

Celebrant Trust in God’s good will for all of creation
and open yourself to God’s gentle, transforming love.

**PEOPLE We will welcome new possibilities in our lives.
We will offer ourselves to God’s goodness.
We will go forth in hope and peace and joy.**

 **104** Recessional Hymn.....Joy Shall Come

Dismissal

PEOPLE Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude



Parish Events and Notices

Last Chance Sale: Today between services and after the 10 am service, we will be having a 50% off sale on selected Craft Sale items. Come early to get the best selection. If you have made or donated any of these items and wish to have them back, please feel free to pick them up. Thanks to all, Corrinne

Invitation from St. Bart's, Gibsons: Our siblings in Christ from St. Bart's are inviting us to two of their upcoming celebrations:

1. **Celebration of New Ministry:** Come and celebrate the installation of the Rev. Brian Heinrich as Vicar on St. Lucy's Day this coming Tuesday, December 13 at 5:30 pm. The Dean, The Very Rev Peter Elliott, will be preaching.
2. **The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord:** Join our Anglican neighbours in celebrating the Visitation of the Magi on Friday, January 6, 2017. Eucharist at 6 pm followed by a potluck. Clarence will be the guest celebrant and the new vicar will preach.

Offering Envelopes: Your 2017 Offering Envelopes are now available to be picked up in the Narthex. Using your envelopes allows the church to keep track of your donation and issue you a tax-deductible receipt at the end year. Alternatively, you could arrange monthly pre-authorized donations (PAD) from your bank or credit-card. Please contact Maggie Scott, Envelope Secretary, if you want new envelopes or want to set up PAD.

Parish Wisdom School Retreat in 2017: "Opening to the Eye of the Heart" 4-day residential retreat with the Rev. Matthew Wright at the beautiful retreat house Rivendell on top of Cate's Hill in Bowen Island. March 26 - 30. Cost: Shared room \$685, Single \$850 includes accommodation and meals. Contact Parish Office for early registration. Space is limited. Details please refer to the poster in the Narthex or on the parish website.

Mark the for 2017 Bishop's Visit. Bishop Melissa Skelton is visiting St. Hilda's on Sunday, January 15, 2017. We shall have a combined service at 10 am with opportunities to have lunch and visit with the Bishop following the service. We count on you to make our Bishop feel welcome in her parish. Details to follow.

Rector's recommended Advent Daily Devotions

1. **#AdventWord** - The Anglican Communion, through its partnership with the Society of Saint John the Evangelist (SSJE, an Anglican/Episcopal order of monks) provides a daily email meditation on one word starting on November 27th. You may sign up by visiting: adventword.org. Once you sign up, you will receive the daily meditation by email and be able to access other participants' reflection on the Anglican Communion's Global Advent Calendar. Your daily email will contain a daily word and meditation, accompanied by a stunning image. You are invited respond with an image of your own on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook by using the hashtag #AdventWord. Tell your children and grandchildren about this!
2. **Daily Prayer for All Seasons** - a printed trial version of this refreshing new resource from the Episcopal Church is available on the Narthex table. Rooted

in the practice of praying through the various hours of the day, this resource, compiled by practitioners of contemplative prayers breathes new words, images, and life into the ancient tradition. The trial version includes materials for 8 short prayer times for the season of Advent. If you found the resource helpful, you may purchase the full version with prayers written for each season of the liturgical year.

Ndandini 7th Annual Scholarship Campaign: Through our local Rotary partnership, St. Hilda's has formed a significant ongoing relationship with students and families in Ndandini, Kenya, by providing support towards high school fees. You may contribute to this by:

1. Making a personal donation via your offering envelope; or
2. Giving a 'gift of education' donation as a Christmas gift to your family & friends. Please mark your envelope donation 'Ndandini'. For those donating as a Christmas gift, Ndandini Scholarship Christmas Gift Cards are available in the narthex to let your recipient know about the gift you have given on their behalf.

Knapsack Campaign *Assante Sana! Assante Sana! Assante Sana!* St. Hilda's you are amazing! Thank you for your overwhelming support of this ministry!

Ice Cream Buckets: Need 8 with or without lids. If you have any, please contact Donna Walsh Wheeldon.

Christmas Hampers: Please consider giving a special donation directed to the Christmas Hampers. Also, if you know of a family who would appreciate a hamper from us this year, please let Clarence know. Also, please contact Meg Stevens if you can help shop or wrap.

ADVENT FILM on the theme of Joy Mama Mia! (sing-along version)

Monday, Dec 12 at 7 pm Get into costume or come as you are and sing along to the lyrics projected on the screen.

This film is an utterly joyous experience. Mamma Mia is a superb musical that doesn't take itself too seriously. Phyllida Lloyd directs this light-hearted and playful musical which is carried by the snappy and happy songs of the Swedish group ABBA. If you're just a little bit crazy and want to have a good laugh, if you love ABBA and want to see Meryl Streep like you've never seen her before or if you simply have a secret crush on Colin Firth and/or Pierce Brosnan (his singing was nothing short of hilarious), you will LOVE this movie.

Last Film for Advent on Love: *The Bélier Family* Monday Dec 19 at 7:00 pm

Christmas Pageant Ideas are starting to formulate. Adult angels and shepherd are needed. Costumes provided. Please see/contact Bev Dall 740-2078 or Lois Gory 885-9710

Music Arising! Saturday, January 28, 2017, 3:00 pm Pianist Markus Masaites, winner of the 2016 BCRMTA piano competition, from Coquitlam will perform the next recital in our series. This event is co-hosted with the Sunshine Coast Branch, British Columbia Registered Music Teachers' Association. Admission by donation. Hope to see you there!

Epiphany Concert: Monday January 2 at 2:00 pm hosted by St. Hilda's
Eight voices. Twelve days. Come experience the fullness of Christmas with a concert of beautiful choral and organ music. From the sounds of Orlando Gibbons to favourites by Sir David Willcocks to a new carol by Thomas Hewitt Jones, join MOTET Chamber Choir as we celebrate this most wonderful time of year and take you on a musical journey to Epiphany. Admission by donation. All ages warmly welcomed.

Wolf Carving: We are still accepting monies (this is tax receiptable) to have the carving replaced by Tony Paul. If you would like to contribute, please contact David or Stephanie Moul at church or 604-886-7458 or dmoul@dccnet.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Suncoast Phoenix Choir: Concert on Saturday December 17 at 7:00 pm at St. Hilda's. Admission by donation.

Readings for December 18, Advent 4

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16Reader: Eric Paetkau
2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7.....Reader: Corrinne Newman
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

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Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's			
ADVENT 3 Sun 11	8:30 am 10:00 am	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist & Sunday School	Sanctuary Sanctuary
Mon 12	7:00 pm	Advent Movie	Sanctuary
Tues 13	8:00 am 9:30-11:30	Morning Prayer Library Hours	Sanctuary Gathering Rm
Wed 14	8:00 am 3:00 pm	Wisdom Meditation & Eucharist Church Committee	Sanctuary Gathering Rm
Thurs 15	8:00 am 1:30 pm 3:00 pm	Morning Prayer EfM Group St. Hilda's Choir	Sanctuary Gathering Rm Sanctuary
Fri 16	9:30-11:30	Library Hours	Gathering Rm
Sat 17	7:00 pm	Suncoast Phoenix Choir Concert	Sanctuary
ADVENT 4 Sun 18	8:30 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Traditional Eucharist Family Eucharist & Sunday School Communion Service CRMC Service	Sanctuary Sanctuary Christensen Village Sanctuary

FINANCIAL REPORT TO PARISH				
JANUARY TO OCTOBER 2016				
	JAN - OCT 2016	JAN - OCT 2015	BUDGET FOR JAN - OCT	YEAR BUDGET 2016
TOTAL INCOME	162,682.52	160,675.65	191,333.50	229,600.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	184,023.17	171,539.43	185,956.00	231,147.00
PROFIT/LOSS IN PERIOD	-21,340.65	-10,863.78	5,377.50	-1,547.00
RESERVE SAVED OVER PAST THREE YEARS			7,500.00	
50% OF INVESTMENT INCREASE			7,708.25	
TRUE DEFICIT AT 31 OCTOBER			-6,132.40	

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PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK	
Anglican Communion	Kericho - (Kenya) Vacant
Diocese & Partners	The Deanery of Royal City / South Burnaby The Rev Gordon Barrett, Regional Dean <hr/> Companion Diocese: Bishop Brent Alawas, & the Clergy & People of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines BC Synod of the ELCIC, Bishop Gregory Mohr
Local Agencies	Emergency Responders: RCMP, Fire Halls, Paramedics
Local Churches	Sechelt Community
UN MDG Project	Students of Ndandini Primary School
Healing	Al (Annie Webb's son): comfort & strength during chemo Isabel Benson & family: comfort in their mourning Ron Campbell: healing for heart problems Marilyn & Neil Campbell (parents), Kendra (wife) & children: comfort & strength in the death son/husband, Kim John & Jane Farrer: healing for John Rev Ian Nestegaard Paul: healing from illness Robert (Annie Webb's brother): healing from cancer
Parish Families	Eric & Bonnie Paetkau, Taras Pakholchuk, Leisa Pakholchuk, Susan Parsons & Trevor Boxall, Edward & Stevie Paskar