



St Hilda's By the Sea Anglican Church

Open Doors · Open Hearts · Open Minds

December 30, 2018 † 10:00 am

## First Sunday of Christmas



### WHO IS WHO IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

**Officiant & Preacher:** The Rev. Richard Hergesheimer  
**Deacon:** The Ven. Bruce Morris  
**Music:** Katherine Hume  
**Greeters/Usher:** Eric Paetkau, Maggie Edwards

**Prayers:** Kevin Rolston  
**Reader:** Julie Stevens  
**Coffee:** Morrie & Sher Sacks  
**Altar Guild:** Win Wright, Janet McConnell

## 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.



## Christmas Festival of Readings & Carols

### Prelude

### Introduction & Welcome

*All rise as able as Sanctuary party processes in.*

🎵 **118 Processional Hymn** ..... O Come, All Ye Faithful

### 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.**

 **132 Carol**..... Of Eternal Love Begotten vs. 1-4

**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.**

🎵 143 Carol ..... Angels From the Realms of Glory

**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.**

🎵 128 Carol ..... The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

**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.**

🎵 135 Carol ..... Shepherds in the Field Abiding

**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.**

🎵 140 Carol ..... It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

**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**

*cont'd over*→

to be the garden and the city of your glory.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

♪ 139 Carol..... The First Nowell

Sermon.....*The Rev. Richard Hergesheimer*

♪ 368 Carol..... He Came Down

**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      Coventry Carol



1. Lul - lay, thou lit - tle ti - ny Child.      Bye, bye, lul -  
2. O sis - ters, too, how may we do      for to pre -  
3. Her - od, the king, in his rag - ing,      charg - ed he  
4. Then woe is me, poor Child, for thee,      and ev - er



1. ly, lul - lay.      Lul - lay, thou lit - tle  
2. serve this day      this poor young - ling for  
3. has this day      his men of might in  
4. mourn and say,      for thy part - ing nor



1. ti - ny Child.      Bye, bye, lul - ly, lul - lay.  
2. whom we sing?      Bye, bye, lul - ly, lul - lay.  
3. his own sight,      all chil - dren young to slay.  
4. say nor sing      bye, bye, lul - ly, lul - lay.

**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.**

🎵 **138 Recessional Hymn** ..... Hark the Herald Angels Sing

**Dismissal**

**ALL Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude** ..... We Wish You a Merry Christmas





Coloring Page for the Child in all of Us



## Parish Events and Notices

### **Art Exhibit of Victorian stained glass**

Two lancet windows from the firm Clayton & Bell, made in 1885, will be on loan from Dick Clayton for the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

Clayton and Bell was one of the most prolific and proficient English workshops of stained glass during the latter half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century & early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The partners were John Richard Clayton (great-grandfather of Dick Clayton) and Alfred Bell. The company was founded in 1855 and continued until 1993. Their windows are found throughout the United Kingdom, in the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Clayton and Bell's commercial success was due to the high demand for stained-glass windows at the time, their use of the best quality glass available, the excellence of their designs and their employment of efficient factory methods of production. (Wikipedia)

**Sing and Stand with Land Defenders:** Saturday January 5, 7-9 pm in Sanctuary Land Defenders from the T'seil-Watuth Nation on Burrard Inlet—to the Neperara Nation in Colombia are fighting for their Holy Lands and Waters. How can we stand with them? Come and spend time with the Emilie Smith, Anglican Priest, and Patti Powell, Community Choir Director. Emilie will be speaking about her recent trip to Colombia, up the Naya River, and linking this with her experiences with the pipeline resistance. Patti is an outstanding, gifted teacher of singing (check out [pattipwellchoirs.com](http://pattipwellchoirs.com)). She will teach us songs that are about connecting with one another and with the source of all life.

**Coffee Servers for 2019:** Do you enjoy having coffee/tea after the service? Would you consider volunteering to help set-up/clean-up twice a year? The 2019 list is being drawn up and we need more people to help out with the coffee. Please see Amelia Foster if you think you can help with this service.

**Update on Ndandini Scholarship donation:** Our partner, the Sunshine Coast Rotary Club was informed recently by the Belleville Rotary Club that the Belleville Club is no longer able to be the Canadian charity to forward the fund to the Rotary Club in Kenya. This would mean that until a new charity with the ability to forward funds overseas is found, all new donations collected for Ndandini scholarship are not eligible for a charitable donation receipt for income tax purpose based on CRA regulations. If you have given to Ndandini Scholarship recently, your donations may not be eligible for a 2018 tax-deductible receipt as a result. If this is a problem for you and you would like to redirect the funds to another cause or have your donations refunded, please contact Maggie Scott, Envelope Secretary. The Sunshine Coast Rotary Club is applying for its own charity status currently to prevent the same situation from happening in the future.

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**The Twelve Days of Christmas MOTET Concert:** Friday January 4 at 2:00 pm at St. Hilda's. A choral concert featuring Anthems and Carols for the Christmas Season

**Vocal Intent Concert:** Sunday January 6 at 3:00 pm at St. Bart's

**Readings for January 6, Epiphany of the Lord**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 .....Reader: TBD  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12 .....Reader: TBD  
 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14      Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

<b>Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's</b>			
<b>December 25-28</b>		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
<b>Sun 30</b>	10:00 am	Combined Service Lessons & Carols	Sanctuary
<b>Tuesday January 01</b>		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
<b>Fri 04</b>	2:00 pm	MOTET Concert	Sanctuary
<b>Sat 05</b>	7:00 pm	Sing & Stand with Land Defenders	Sanctuary
<b>Sun 06</b>	8:30 am	Traditional Eucharist	Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Family Eucharist & Sunday School	Sanctuary

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<b>PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK</b>	
<b>Anglican Communion</b>	Kubwa - ( Abuja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Duke Akamisoko
<b>Diocese &amp; Partners</b>	<hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: 0;"/> Holy Trinity Mission in Bantey (twinned with St. Hilda's) Companion Diocese: Bishop Brent Alawas, & the Clergy & People of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines BC Synod of the ELCIC, Bishop Gregory Mohr
<b>Local Agencies</b>	Foster Parents
<b>Local Churches</b>	Pender Harbour Pentecostal
<b>Justice Umbrella</b>	Kenya: the Community Greenhouses
<b>Prayer Requests</b>	Carolyn: healing Mary Gordon: strength during rehab treatment for stroke George & JoAnne: comfort while awaiting prognosis Phyllis Hensch: back pain & peace of mind Larry Jones: recovery from stroke Lukas: continued recovery from infection complications
<b>Parish Families</b>	Carol & Ted Eades, Maggie Edwards, Franz Erber, Amelia Foster, Garry & Roberta Foxall

*Prayer requests are listed for 4 weeks - to extend, please contact the office.*