

2nd Sunday of Advent 06^{DEC} 2020



St. Hilda's By the Sea Anglican Church

Open Doors · Open Hearts · Open Minds

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.

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev Richard Hergesheimer

Deacon: The Ven Bruce Morris

Musician: Katherine Hume

Reader: Janet McIntosh

Prayers: Stephanie Moul

Altar Guild: Barbara Carver, Linda Kern

Sunday Services for November/December

Date	Preacher	Service	Where
Dec 06	Rev Hergesheimer	Communion	Online only
Dec 13	Rev Hergesheimer	Communion	Online/ In-Person TBD
Dec 20	Ven Bruce Morris	Morning Prayer	Online/ In-Person TBD
Dec 24	Rev Hergesheimer	8:00 pm Communion	Online/ In-Person TBD
Dec 25	NO SERVICE		
Dec 27	Rev Hergesheimer	Communion	Online/ In-Person TBD

Readings for December 13, Third Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 **Reader:** Heather Rankin

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 **Prayers:** Diane Marshall

Psalms: Magnificat **Gospel:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

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✧ The Gathering of Community ✧

Introduction & Welcome

Opening Hymn..... *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*



1. A - wake! a - wake, and greet the new morn, For
2. To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
3. In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, When
4. Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, Though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing, Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, His hum - ble song is
all the world is de - spair - ing, As morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, The ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, Be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
qui - et and near, Yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
qui - et and free, So warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
crown you with light, Be strong and lov - ing and fear - less;



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, To bring all hearts to -
Mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul And hymns of lov - ing
Then shall the mute break forth in song, The lame shall leap in
Love be our song and love our prayer, And love, our end - less



geth - er, He o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door And
kind - ness, The thun - der of his an - thems roll To
won - der, The weak be raised a - bove the strong, And
sto - ry, May God fill ev - 'ry day we share, And



lives now in - side us for ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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 In this time and place,
we gather on the ancestral territory of the shíshálh Nation.

**PEOPLE From many places and peoples
we come to this house of prayer.**

Celebrant In this time and place,
we await the coming of Emmanuel, God with us.

PEOPLE Maranatha, come Christ come.

Celebrant In this time and place, together, one people of God.

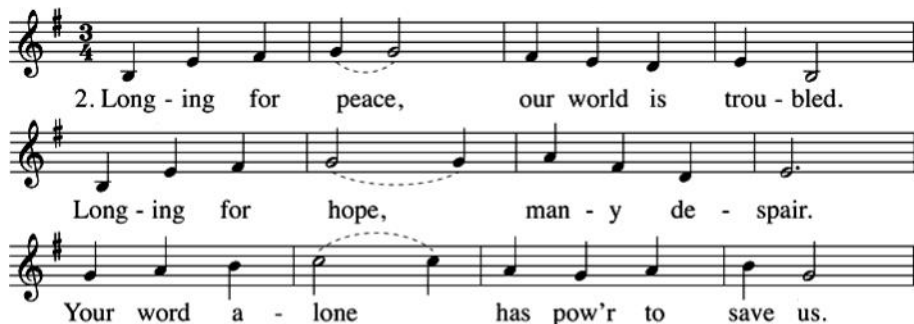
**PEOPLE In the name of God,
Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

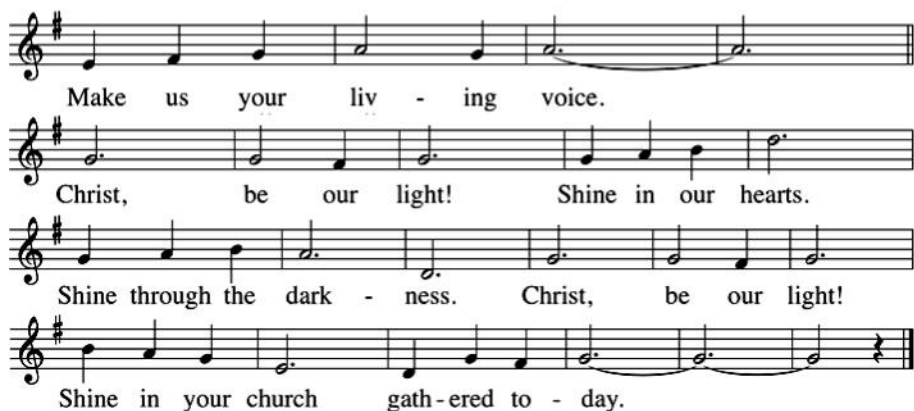
Lighting of the Advent Candle

Deacon The first Advent candle represents our call to hope.
Today we light the second Advent candle,
which represents our call to peace.
In its lighting we make space within ourselves
to hear and engage with the voices
of those we might otherwise miss,
but with whom we are connected by our common humanity.
We remember the voice of the prophets
calling us to be bearers of peace in a troubled world.

**PEOPLE O God of Peace,
you are at work in many places, making life better for all.
Peace means people have a chance to fully live.
Help us to be peacemakers,
so that the world may know your Peace.**

Advent Hymn.....Christ Be Our Light





The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God of timeless grace,

ALL you fill us with joyful expectations.

**Make us ready for the message that prepares the way,
 so that with uprightness of heart and holy joy
 we may eagerly await the coming of Christ,
 who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 now and for ever. Amen.**

✠ The Proclamation of the Word ✠

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11 Janet McIntosh

Comfort, O comfort my people,
 says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
 and cry to her

that she has served her term,

that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD's hand
 double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
 make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,

and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

and all people shall see it together,

for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass,

their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;

surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;

but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,

lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,

'Here is your God!'

See, the LORD GOD comes with might,

and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in his arms,

and carry them in his bosom,

and gently lead the mother sheep.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God.

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13 *read all together*

¹ **You have been gracious to your land, O Lord,**

you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

² **You have forgiven all the iniquity of your people**

and blotted out all their sins.

⁸ **I will listen to what you, Lord God, are saying,**

for you are speaking peace to your faithful people

and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,**

that your glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ **Mercy and truth have met together;**

righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ **Truth shall spring up from the earth,**

and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹² **Lord, you will indeed grant prosperity,**

and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ **Righteousness shall go before you,**

and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.

**Glory to God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a Janet McIntosh

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn *There's a Voice in the Wilderness* vs. 1-2 **CP 106**

1. **There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;
make straight the crooked places
where the Lord our God may go!**
2. **O Zion, give voice to good tidings,
ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.
The works of pride all perish, like flowers they shall decay;
the power and pomp of nations shall pass lie a dream away.**

The Gospel Mark 1:1-8

Deacon May God be with you

PEOPLE And also with you

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

PEOPLE Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight” ’,

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

After the reading

Deacon The Gospel of Christ

PEOPLE Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn... *There’s a Voice in the Wilderness Crying* vs. 3-4 **CP 106**

3. **But your sword, O God, is faithful,
your arm, O Lord, is strong;
you stand in the midst of nations,
and you will right the wrong.
You will feed your flock like a shepherd,
and fold the lambs to your breast;
in pastures of peace you’ll lead them, and give to the weary rest.**
4. **There’s a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where the Lord our God may go!**

Sermon.....The Rev. Richard Hergesheimer

Music for Reflection.....*Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Music: Rowland H. Pritchard Arranged for piano by Mark Hayes

Affirmation of Faith

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.

**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 Stephanie Moul

Today we lit the second candle of Advent, the candle of peace. Let us find ways to hold the light of this peace within us, to be carriers of peace, to leave footprints of peace everywhere we go. In this season of Advent, of storytelling, we re-tell the ancient stories that hold the struggles of humanity. Today those struggles of humanity with poverty, oppression, grief, conflict, discouragement and inequity are still the same. In the midst of this global pandemic and the inability to hold our normal rituals in this time of Advent, may gratitude help us to hold onto hope and to let peace become a deeper theme in our lives. As the Jewish communities around the world begin Hanukkah this week, may shalom be with them as they celebrate this sacred time in ways that are different than normal.

In our fragmented world **Let us be carriers of peace**

Today, is a remembrance of the 14 women who died 31 years ago at Montreal's Polytechnique. Peace can always feel elusive in the midst of grief,

so let us hold peace for those who are grieving. How can one experience peace where you have lost your job, may be evicted from your home, cannot find housing, have no funds for groceries, and cannot feed your children? In Iraq, displaced people are being evicted from their tents, going back to ruined homes, no food sources, no jobs. For those in Venezuela, a country deep in poverty and injustice, with inadequate food supplies, and medical care, peace is perhaps not even a dream anymore. Here in Canada, Indigenous communities continue to experience lack of clean running water, adequate housing and healthcare. For all who suffer, may we carry hope and peace for them.

In our fragmented world **Let us be carriers of peace**

Within the St Hilda's community, we pray for Rev Steve Black and his family as they begin the changes in this time of transition. May peace be with them as they navigate the move to the Sunshine Coast.

Together, we name those on our prayer list:

**Edith Glass & family, Janet McConnell, Leif Montgomery
Daun Newman, Lorelei Reier, Robert
Sher & Morrie Sacks, Lee Steels, Lorraine Way
Barbara Weatherington**

and any others we may name.

May peace surround those with ongoing need:

**Rik Diespecker, Geoffrey Dunbrack, Max Haugen
Jeannette Shouls, Chris Sooley**

In our fragmented world **Let us be carriers of peace**

Let us be instruments of peace, the peace that Jesus birth was to bring, the peace He offered each of us .

May peace in any language, be the global cry - shalom, salam, shanti, pax...for there is no language that limits the peace of the Holy.

May the light we see from this peace candle be carried with us and shared with all we meet. May the gift of peace be ours to embrace, and may it be our gift to share.

*Candles of courage where fear is ever present
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens
Candles that will burn all the year long.*

- from *Christmas Blessing* by Howard Thurman

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant We come seeking forgiveness
for all we have failed to be and do
as members of Christ's body.

~Silence is kept for reflection~

In God there is forgiveness.

ALL **Loving and all-seeing God,**
forgive us where we have failed to support one another
and to be what we claim to be.
Forgive us where we have failed to serve you;
and where our thoughts and actions
have been contrary to yours,
we ask your pardon.

Celebrant God forgives you; be at peace.
Rejoice and be glad for Christ is resurrection,
reconciliation for all the human race.

ALL **We shall be one in Christ, one in our life together.**
Praise to God who has created us,
praise to God who has accepted us,
praise to God who sends us into the world!

Presider The peace of the Lord be with you all.

PEOPLE And also with you.

✠ The Holy Communion ✠

Offertory HymnWait for the Lord (3X) **CP 94**

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God our strength,

PEOPLE we are nothing without you.

**Receive all we offer you this day
as you sustain us with your mercy;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer..... BAS p. 198

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE We lift them to God.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

PEOPLE It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh,
and opened to us the way of salvation.
Now we watch for the day when he will come again
in power and great triumph to judge this world,
that we, without shame or fear,
may rejoice to behold his appearing.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels,
and with the company of heaven,
who for ever sing this hymn
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him

to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said,
“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said,
“Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore Father, according to his command,

PEOPLE **we remember his death,**
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,

and bring us to that city of light
 where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 the firstborn of all creation,
 the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;
 by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
 now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 forever. 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, 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, grant us peace.

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant Faithful God,

ALL we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet.
Help us always to hear the prophet's call
to turn our hearts to you;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Family Thanksgiving & Announcements

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

ALL 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.

Blessing

Closing Hymn*Prepare the Way, O Zion* **CP 102**

1. Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet one who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.
2. He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.
3. Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Saviour's rule embrace.
His tidings of salvation proclaim in ev'ry place.
All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him.
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

Dismissal

Organ Postlude



St. Nicholas Day

St. Nicholas Day occurs on December 6. Although St. Nicholas partially inspired the Christmas and Santa Claus that we all know and love, St. Nicholas actually derives from a different kind of tale.

St. Nicholas (270-343 AD) was Nicholas of Myra (a city now in Turkey) and was a bishop in 4th century Greece. He was known for selling off his own items and then giving the money to the poor. He would commonly leave coins in people's shoes and dedicated his entire life to serving people who were sick and suffering. This is how he gained his saint status, and is what inspired St. Nicholas Day (also commonly known as Feast Day or the Feast of St. Nicholas).

One well-known story of St. Nicholas involves a dowry for a father's three daughters. In the third century, it was common for fathers to offer money to prospective husbands. However, one poor father with three daughters did not have money to do this. St. Nicholas paid for all three daughters' dowries by leaving gold in their shoes.

As time passed St. Nicholas Day began to be celebrated in different ways. In Italy, this day was celebrated with feasts, gift-giving, and festivals. In other European countries like Germany and the Netherlands, children would leave their shoes or special St. Nicholas boot in front of the fireplace or front door at night and find presents in them in the morning. The history of St. Nicholas and his good deeds was part of the inspiration of the modern-day Santa Claus and Father Christmas, which is why there are some current traditions of leaving gifts in people's boots or shoes (or stockings).

HOW TO CELEBRATE

- **Have a feast!**

St. Nicholas day is also commonly known as the Feast of St. Nicholas, and it's widely celebrated in Europe. To celebrate December 6, have a feast with your family. There's nothing wrong with splurging on some food for a day.

- **Help someone in need.**

Just like St. Nicholas was known to do, a great way to celebrate this day is to follow in his footsteps and help someone in need. Donate to an organization helping others, give money to someone in need, or help a friend or family member.

- **Decorate your own stocking or special St. Nicholas boot.**

This would make for a great decoration around St. Nicholas Day. Buy a pair of cheap boots or DIY an old pair and turn them into a unique decoration to sit in front of your fireplace for St. Nicholas Day.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and activities for St. Nicholas Day.

St. Nicholas Day Dec.6



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Parish Events and Notices

Accommodation FOUND: With gratitude for prayers answered, our new Rector Steve has found temporary housing. Thanks to all who reached out and contributed ideas!

2021 Offering Envelopes: For those who use Donation Envelopes, these will have to be delivered as the church is closed. We need some volunteers to help with this. Please call Maggie Scott at 604-885-3312 if you are able to help.

The Christmas Hamper team needs your help! Do you know anyone that needs a hand in creating a happy coast Christmas? Please email Meg at megstevens@outlook.com or call Margy Grant, 604-885-7157 or Gayle MacDonald 604-885-0101. THANK YOU!

Parish Outreach! Please mark your offering envelope specifically for either 'Ndandini' or 'Christmas Hampers'.

- **Christmas Hampers:** St. Hilda's hampers will be comprised of gift cards in this time of COVID. Please consider a special Christmas offering to this important ministry. Also, we need volunteers to help so if you have time to contribute to this timely project, call Meg Stevens 604-741-4036 or Margy Grant 604-885-7157.
- **Ndandini Scholarships Gifts:** Thanks to all those who are contributing to our annual Ndandini Scholarship fundraising campaign. It means the world to these Kenyan students and their families, helping pay their high school fees and making a huge difference to their futures. The student fees also help pay the teachers, who don't necessarily get a salary in these tough Covid times. Last year we raised over \$4,000, including \$1,500 from the Knapsack initiative. This is a great gift-giving opportunity for those near and dear to you, to share the gift of education. Just make a donation marked Ndandini via offering envelope or e-transfer. For Ndandini Scholarship gift enclosure cards, contact the office to pick up, or if you need help to collect, call Jill Halliwell 604-885-1994.
Hint: Look for a familiar face in this year's gift card photo!

SAVE THIS DATE

Christmas Zoom Carol Sing-along: Saturday December 19 at 4:00 pm

Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's				
Sun	06	10:00am	Communion Worship	Online Only
Fri	11	9:30 am	Wisdom Circle Meditation contact Paula pspr2eastlink.ca	Online
Sun	13	10:00 am	Communion Worship	Online Only

WIDER CHURCH NEWS

Introduction of Bill C-15: United Nations Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples Today, the Honourable David Lametti, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, and the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, announced the introduction of Bill C-15, United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act.

[Here is link to the media release and coverage on Mirage News](#)

[Here is link to Bill C-15](#)

Churches Beyond Borders—Advent Call to Address Racism and White Supremacy: On Nov 30, a statement was posted by General Synod Communications committing to dismantling and combating these systemic evils. [Read here.](#)

Lessons and Carols: From Coast to Coast to Coast Broadcast Friday December 18 at 8:00 pm ET and then will be on YouTube. Since many of our physical worship spaces are temporarily closed due to pandemic. Anticipating this reality, General Synod has worked with Anglican cathedrals across Canada to offer a special, national service of Lessons and Carols this Advent season, which will help us all prepare for the coming of the Kingdom of God. [Click here](#) for more info

MUSICAL ONLINE ADVENT CALENDARS:

- Wells Cathedral Choir has put up a musical calendar with performances for each day in Advent. [Listen HERE.](#)
- University of Oxford Music School partnered with a local charity to raise funds for the homeless. Their Advent Calendar promises a wide range of music each day leading to Christmas. [Listen HERE.](#)

Offering Options

- 1) **PAD (pre-authorized giving):** Download PAD form, from website <http://www.sthilda.ca/pages/giving> or have Karen email you the form. Fill in and mail directly to the Diocesan office.
- 2) **By cheque:** place cheque in your numbered donation envelope, and either mail it to St Hilda's at Box 302, Sechelt, BC, V0N 3A0, **OR**, drop it through the mail slot outside the church office door. **NO CASH!**
- 3) **Online through Canada Helps:** go to Giving (<http://www.sthilda.ca/pages/giving>) and click on the "Donate Online" button. Follow the steps.
- 4) **E-Transfer:** Go online and sign into your banking site. Select E-Transfer and the email to send to is: sthildadonations@gmail.com. You will set up your security question as "God loves a cheerful?" and the answer: "Giver" Please use 'message' area to include your envelope no. (if you have one) and how you wish your donation allocated, otherwise it will be directed to General Operating Fund.
- 5) **If none of the above** (or you need a cash option) contact Envelope Secretary (Maggie Scott) 604-885-3312, to arrange for your envelope to be picked up once a month.

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PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK	
Anglican Communion	The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury) The Rt Rev Carlos López-Lozano - Bishop of Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church
Diocese & Partners	The Anglican CanAsian Ministry (ACAM) Group The Deanery of Kingsway – The Rev Wilmer Toyoken, Regional Dean 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
Local Agencies	Foster Parents
Parish Ministries	Screening in Faith Subcommittee
Justice Umbrella	Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples (ACIP) SC siyaya Reconciliation Movement
Prayer Requests	Rev Steve Black & family: in time of transition Edith Glass & Family: in palliative care Janet McConnell Leif Montgomery: healing for broken arm Daun Newman: preparing to be bone marrow donor Lorelei Reier: strength while undergoing chemo Robert: brother of Anne Webb Sher & Morrie Sacks: comfort & peace Lee Steels: open heart surgery next week Lorraine Way: recovering from brain surgery Barbara Weatherington: peace & comfort in vascular dementia
Ongoing Need	Rik Diespecker, Geoffrey Dunbrack, Max Haugen, Jeannette Shouls, Chris Sooley

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