

The History

In 1923, there was no cemetery in Sechelt so people were taken to Vancouver for burial. Regnheld, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, died in January of that year and Mr. T.J. Cook gave permission for her to be buried on his land. A few years later Mr. Cook conveyed the title of the land to the Anglican Church.

For many years, St. Hilda's Pioneer Cemetery functioned as a community cemetery since there was no burial place other than the Roman Catholic Church Cemetery on the *shíshálh* First Nation land.

A Japanese Buddhist family is buried here in a plot enclosed by an iron rail. Two Japanese cherry trees are planted in the plot. Members of the Konishi family and their friend Mr. Kawamoto are all buried in this plot. They were market gardeners prior to the Second World War. Mr. Jiro Konishi, who was a naturalized Canadian citizen died in October 1939. Later in the war the government moved his widow and children from Sechelt and sent them to the Interior. All of them have since died and are buried in this plot.

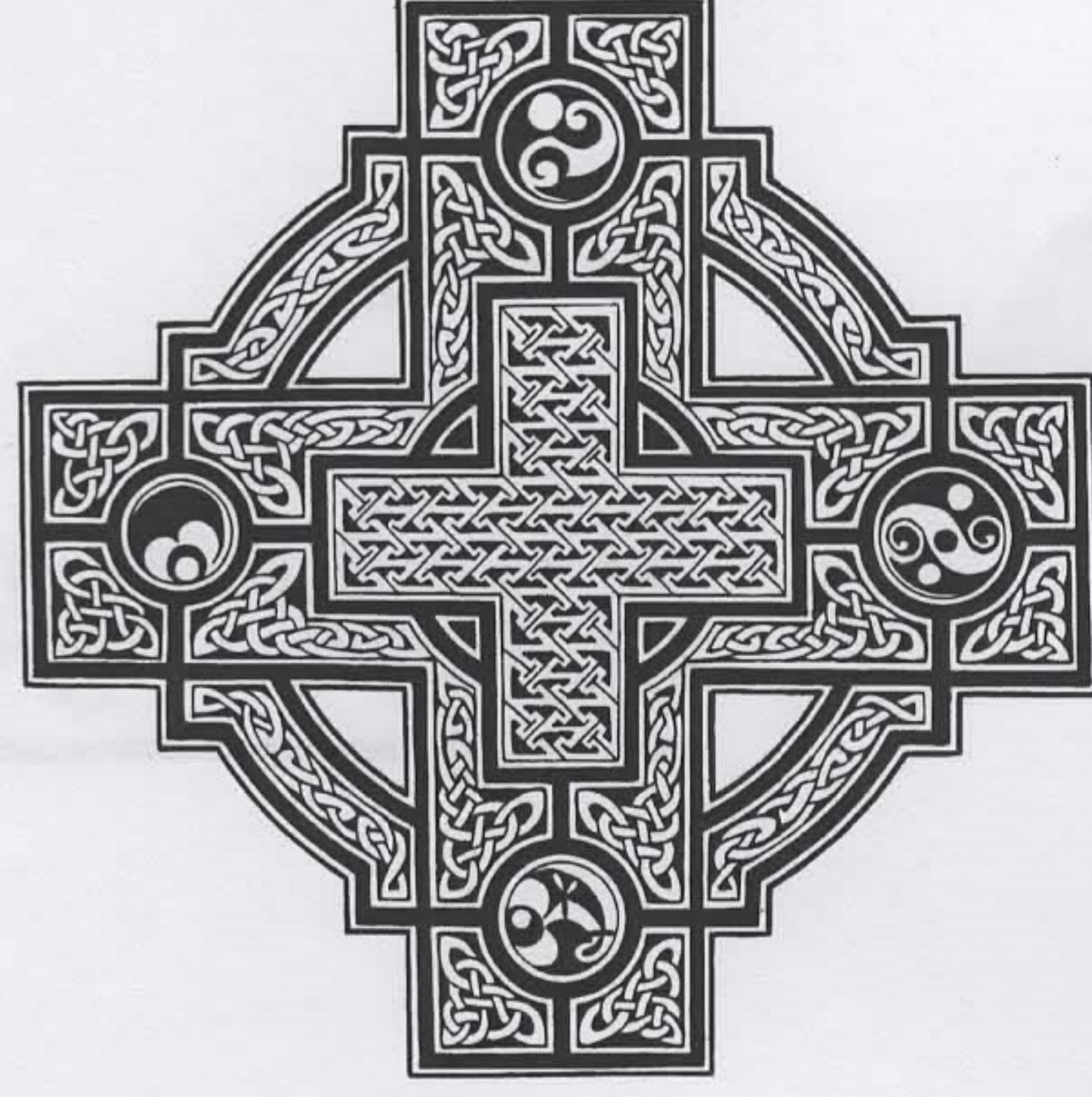
Many members of other pioneer families are buried here including the Claytons, the Hacketts, and the Redmans.

The Cemetery Today

While there is no longer space to allow the interment of bodies in the cemetery, some plots remain for parishioners of St. Hilda's for the interment of cremated remains in urns. These continue to be marked by monuments.

Our two Memorial Gardens are marked by large wooden Celtic crosses on which brass plaques are affixed with the names of those whose ashes are interred there. These Gardens continue the tradition of the community cemetery and many members of the wider community have found their resting place here.

Those who are interested in either a funeral and/or interment at St. Hilda's should feel free to call the church office. More information about the fees charged is available upon request.



St. Hilda's Church

The first church was built in 1936. Prior to that time, services were held in the old school, at the hotel on the waterfront, in tea rooms and in a tent on the church site.

The current church building was built in 1986 on the site of the old church. The stained glass windows from the original building are visible on the side walls on either side of the chancel.

In 2018, a \$1.4 million restoration of our Sanctuary was completed due to structural deficiencies and the west transept was added.

St. Hilda's Today

There are two Sunday services:

8:30 am - Traditional Eucharist using the Book of Common Prayer

10:00 am - Contemporary Family Eucharist

There is Sunday School offered during the school year at the 10:00 service and a Quiet/Nursery room is situated at the back of the church.

On Wednesdays at 8:00 am

Wisdom Meditation Circle meets.

Every 4th Sunday of the month at 4:00 pm the Native Drumming Circle meets.

Every day throughout the year our labyrinth is available to be walked.