

# THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

*The Epiphany of Our Lord*

*January 7, 2018*

As people of God, we celebrate Christ in the heart of Victoria through joyful worship,  
building inclusive community, and putting faith into action.

St. John's acknowledges these ancestral territories of the Lekwungen people.

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**Welcome to the Parish Church of St. John the Divine**, Victoria. We are a community of faith in the Anglican Tradition, seeking to live lives of faith, hope and love as part of this community of Downtown Victoria. We are on a journey of learning to be a welcoming, inviting, inclusive and serving community which is open to all.

Our worship reflects our rootedness in the Anglican tradition, whilst drawing on liturgies that reflect the long history and heritage of our Christian faith. Please join in as you feel able, and enjoy the words, music and opportunity for prayer and to be a part of our community.

If our service seems unfamiliar, please follow the cues from our leaflet, the ministers leading the service and those around you. Most of our Sunday morning worship services have the Eucharist, or Holy Communion, at the heart of our worship – please feel free to join us, whatever your tradition, in the sharing of bread and wine, at the station nearest to where you are seated. Gluten free wafers are available at all stations: Please indicate if you need one.

Within the Anglican Church of Canada (under the advice of the Primate and the Chief Medical Officer for Canada) we would ask that bread is not dipped into the wine, as this has the potential to spread infection in a way that the sharing of the cup does not. If you would prefer not to share the cup then receiving only bread is considered ‘full communion’ (also known as ‘Communion in One Kind’).

If there is anything that you wish to talk about, please do take the opportunity to talk to the worship leaders, ministers and other members of the congregation following the service. If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Healing Prayer group in the south Quadra entrance who would be happy to pray with you as the Holy Communion is shared.

After our service we usually share coffee and an opportunity to get to know one another, in the Church Hall – through the door on the front left hand side. We have many visitors and newcomers here so please make yourself known to folks as you feel comfortable.

You are very welcome here. We don’t always get it right; please let us know when we do, and when we don’t. Please stay and be a part of our family, for however long you would like.

## **8:00 am Holy Communion**

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*The order of service is found on page 67 in the Book of Common Prayer*

Presider: The Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt

# 10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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*The congregation is invited to join in the hymns, responses and prayers marked in bold print.*

**Presider:** The Reverend Gillian Hoyer

**Deacon:** The Reverend Patrick Sibley

**Sermon:** The Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt

**Readers:** Chris Eve, Doug Henderson

**Intercessor:** Peggy Wilmot

**Verger:** Chuck Neilson

**Music:** Soile Stratkauskas, soloist

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## **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

*The children are invited to gather at the back of the church and join in the procession.*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** (CP 160)

DIX

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

**All: And also with you.**

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.**

## **CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER**

Loving God,

**All: You've called us to be your family and to celebrate our life together in worship.  
We pray for all the members of our family, here and absent,**

and especially for our young people now as they continue their worship,  
Bless them, and each of us, in fun and learning, in friendship, and love. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND FORGIVENESS**

Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

Most merciful God,  
**All: we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **GLORIA**

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Eternal God,  
**All: who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son.  
Guide by your light the nations of the earth,  
that the whole world may know your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

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# THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## THE FIRST READING

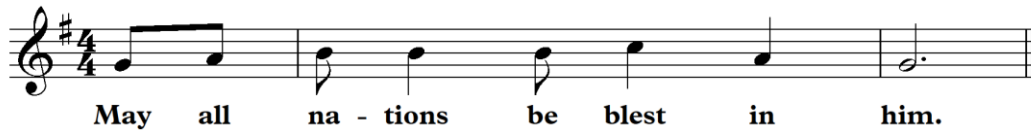
Isaiah 60:1-6

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

72:1-7, 10-14



Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son; That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice. That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness. **Refrain**

He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. **Refrain**

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts. All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service. For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper. He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy. He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight. **Refrain**

## THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:1-12

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 2:1-12

*Before the Gospel*



*Choir: We have seen his star at its rising ; and have come to pay him homage.*



The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After the Gospel*

The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Following the Sermon there will be a pause for Silence.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE PEACE**

*Please stand.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.*

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**OFFERTORY HYMN** (CP 139)

THE FIRST NOWELL

**THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Gracious God,

**All:** accept the offering of your Church,  
the hearts of your people  
joined in praise and thanksgiving,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation,  
and have shown your Son Jesus Christ  
to be the light of all peoples.  
Therefore with angels and archangels  
we raise our voices in joyful praise  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Sanctus** (Holy, holy, holy)

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.\_\_\_\_

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Heav - en and earth are full,\_\_\_\_ full\_\_\_\_ of your glo - ry. Ho -  
Bless - ed is he who comes\_\_\_\_ in the name of the Lord.\_\_\_\_ Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
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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,  
**All: we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

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.

**All: Amen.**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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.**

**THE COMMUNION**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**AGNUS DEI**

Je- sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on - us. Je - sus, re deem- er, re  
deem- er of the world, Give us your peace, give us your peace.

*All are invited to receive communion at the side chapel, at the altar rail, or at the back of the church. Please follow the Greeters' instructions. Receiving bread or wine is considered full communion. It is the practice of the ACC not to dip the bread into the wine. Any not receiving communion are invited to receive a blessing, and to indicate that by holding their arms crossed on their chest.*

*If you are unable to come to a communion station please make this known to the Greeters and we will bring communion to you.*

*Gluten free wafers for communion are available. Please request them from the person who is distributing the bread.*

**Ministry of Healing**

We invite those wishing prayer for themselves or on behalf of someone else to come to the front of the line to receive the bread and wine. Immediately after receiving, go to the prayer station in the south Quadra entrance. Briefly state your need. The prayer team will lay hands on your shoulders and will pray quietly for you.

## **THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of all the nations of the earth,  
**All: guide us with your light.**  
**Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us**  
**in this eucharist and in our neighbours.**  
**May we welcome him with love,**  
**for he is Lord now and for ever.**  
**Amen.**

### **THE DOXOLOGY**

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.**

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN** (CP 158)

STUTTGART

*The procession moves to the Garden Door for the closing blessing and chalking of the door.*

### **CLOSING BLESSING (CHALKING THE DOOR)**

*During Epiphany-tide (following 6<sup>th</sup> January) the Church family and friends gather at the main entrances to homes/places of work/places of worship and ask God's blessing on their dwellings and on all who live or visit there.*

Peace be to this house and to all who enter here.

A reading from Proverbs:

"By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures."

Let us pray:

Gracious God,  
as a shining star once guided the magi

to the birthplace of the infant Jesus,  
so enable those who meet here to be your light in the world;  
through Jesus Christ we pray.

**All: Amen.**

*Using chalk (hence, "Chalking the Door"), people are invited to inscribe the lintel of their home (the horizontal frame above the door) with the inscription shown below. The letters C M B come from the traditional (9<sup>th</sup> century) names for the "three kings" -- Caspar, Melchior & Balthazar. Some also suggest "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means "May Christ bless this dwelling!" We will do the same to our Church door:*

**20 + C + M + B + 18**

A reading from Isaiah:

"The effect of righteousness is peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and quiet places."

Let us pray:

Sovereign God, we pray that you will bless this church and all who live here with your gracious presence, that your love may be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light, and your peace our benediction; through Jesus Christ we pray.

**All: Amen.**

Lord, remember your children and teach us to pray:

**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.**

*People may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of their baptism.*

May the Lord watch over our going out and our coming in,  
from this time forth and forevermore.

**All: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory  
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **VOLUNTARY**

*You are invited to be seated for the Voluntary or to leave at this point.*

*Coffee and tea will be served in the Parish Hall.*

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# 7:30 pm Choral Evensong – Baptism of the Lord

*The congregation is invited to join in the hymns, responses and prayers marked in **bold** print.*

**Officiant:** The Reverend Gillian Hoyer

**Vergers:** Douwe Bosma

**Music:** The Choristers of St. John the Divine, The Sutton Organ Scholar, The MacRae Choral Scholars

**Setting of the Canticles:** Healey Willan - Fauxbourdons

**Lectionary:** Church of England, 2<sup>nd</sup> Service

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An **INTROIT** *may be sung by the choir*

## **RESPONSES** *(Please stand)*

*Cantor:* O Lord, open thou our lips

*Choir:* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise

*Cantor:* O God, make speed to save us.

*Choir:* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Cantor:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost

*Choir:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

*Cantor:* Praise ye the Lord;

*Choir:* The Lord's name be praised.

## **OFFICE HYMN** (CP 109)

SOLEMNIS HAEC FESTIVITAS

## **PSALM** *(Please sit; stand for the final Gloria Patri)*

Psalm 46

## **FIRST LESSON** *(Please sit)*

Isaiah 42:1-9

## **MAGNIFICAT** *(Please stand – sung by the choir)*

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and the meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (Luke 1.46-55)

**NUNC DIMITTIS** *(Please stand – sung by the choir)*

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (Luke 2.29-32)

**APOSTLES' CREED** *(Please stand – recited by all)*

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

*Cantor:* The Lord be with you;

*Choir:* And with thy spirit.

*Cantor:* Let us pray.

**PRAYERS** *(Please kneel or sit)*

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

*Cantor:* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*Choir:* And grant us thy salvation.

*Cantor:* O Lord, save the Queen;

*Choir:* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Cantor:* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

*Choir:* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Cantor:* O Lord, save thy people;

*Choir:* And bless thine inheritance.

*Cantor:* Give peace in our time, O Lord;

*Choir:* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.  
(OR And evermore mightily defend us.)

*Cantor:* O God, make clean our hearts within us;

*Choir:* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

ETERNAL FATHER, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **THE SECOND COLLECT** For Peace.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

## **THE THIRD COLLECT** For Aid Against All Perils.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **THE ANTHEM** *(Please sit – sung by the choir)*

## **PRAYERS** *(Please kneel or sit)*

## **BLESSING** *(Please stand)*

## **HYMN** (CP 622 / US 497)

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

## **VOLUNTARY**



## READINGS FOR JANUARY 14, 2018

**1 Samuel 3:1-20** Samuel becomes God's agent for change, but first he must learn to recognize God's voice.

**Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17** God intimately knows us.

**1 Corinthians 6:12-20** Christians in Corinth struggle with the meaning of their new freedom in Christ.

**John 1:43-51** Philip invites Nathanael to "come and see" what Jesus is about, and in responding Nathanael experiences the presence of God.



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italian baroque concerti  
led by Kati Debretzeni, violin (UK)

**VICTORIA**  
St. John the Divine, 1611 Quadra St  
**January 12 7:30 pm**  
TICKETS \$28, \$25, \$5  
Long & McQuade, Munro's Books  
Ivy's Bookshop and at the door

**NANAIMO**  
St. Andrew's United Church  
311 Fitzwilliam St  
**January 13 7:30 pm**  
TICKETS \$28, \$25, \$5  
Fascinating Rhythm  
Arbutus Music  
and at the door




# Applausi Festivi

Victoria Baroque

with

**Kati Debretzeni, violin (UK)**

**Friday January 12 7:30pm**

at the Church of St. John the Divine

*One of the leading baroque violinists of our time leads the Victoria Baroque in a riot of fiery and virtuosic works by Italian Baroque masters, full of energy, drama, passion and drive!*

Tickets: \$28 / \$25 senior / \$5 student & child

At the door, Munro's books, Ivy's Bookshop, & Long & McQuade.

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# Office Hours 9am – 12 Noon Monday to Friday

**The deadline for leaflet announcements is Tuesday noon of each week.  
All notices are to be given in writing, preferably by email.**

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

### Today

11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge
7:30 pm	Evensong	Church
9:00 pm	Out of the Rain Youth Shelter	Crypt

### Monday 8

1:30 pm	The Divine Knitters	Denson Lounge
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### Tuesday 9

10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
10:30 am	Christmas Bazaar De-brief	Denson Lounge
2:00 pm	ACW	Vestry
2:00 pm	Refugee Committee Meeting	Denson Lounge
9:00 pm	Out of the Rain Youth Shelter	Crypt

### Wednesday 10

7:45 am	Holy Communion followed by Breakfast	Chapel/Denson Lounge
9:30 am	Sermon Circle	Denson Lounge
1:30 pm	Art & Soul Group	Crypt

### Thursday 11

12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Chapel
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### Friday 12

10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
7:30 pm	Concert: The Victoria Baroque Players Applausi Festivi with Kati Debretzeni, leader/violin	Church

### Saturday 13

2:00 pm	Funeral – Audrey Farey	Church
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### Sunday 14

8:00 am	Holy Communion	Chapel
10:00 am	Parish Eucharist	Church
11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge
9:00 pm	Out of the Rain Youth Shelter	Crypt



## THIS WEEK

**Christmas Bazaar debriefing** meeting Tues., Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in the Denson Lounge.

Bazaar Committee.

Come and revive your **Art & Soul** at the art and spirituality group held in the basement space at St. John the Divine every Wednesday afternoon at 1:30pm. Art experience is not necessary! We ask for a *voluntary* donation of \$4.00 per session to provide supplies for those in need. Any questions - please contact Gillian Barlow or Susan McCabe.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**The Monday Book Study** will meet Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm to have a final discussion on Richard Rohr's book "The Naked Now". Starting Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> we will begin discussing "The Great Spiritual Migration" by Brian D. McLaren. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information contact Derek Dunwoody.



**Congregation Emanu-El Synagogue invites you to a fun night of live theatre in support of the Diocesan Refugee Sponsorship Program.**

A comedy by Neil Simon, "The Prisoner of Second Avenue" starring Cam Culham and Christine Upright. Wednesday, 24 January 7:30 pm at the Congregation Emanu-El Synagogue, 1461 Blanshard Street. Proceeds in support of the Anglican Diocese of BC Refugee Program. For tickets (\$25 cash or cheque only) either call 250-386-7781, email

synod@bc.anglican.ca and pickup from the Diocesan Office. Or order

from Chris Eve who will deliver to you. Seating is limited to 80 so this will be an intimate theatre experience in a very special setting.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A Prayer Group** prays through the week; to request confidential prayers for yourself or others contact Pat Manning at: [patriciacmanning@gmail.com](mailto:patriciacmanning@gmail.com) or leave the request at the church office.

**Prayer is the bedrock of our relationship with God through Christ.** Individual requests for intercessory prayer (read at Sunday and weekday services) may be made by filling out a Prayer Request Card available at the back of the church (on the west wall) or by emailing the same information requested on the card to: [carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto:carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca).

**Sunday Reflections** - On weeks without other events we offer the opportunity to ask 'what just happened?' at our Sunday service - an open forum to discuss the sermon, liturgy, music, and indeed anything that might have cropped up during our worship services, or about Anglican practice and tradition generally. This takes place at **11:45am, following the 10am service** and usually lasts for 45 minutes or so. All are welcome; come, and bring your questions!

## **Blue Envelopes 2018**

Each year the Parish Council chooses 12 outreach ministries so that envelope subscribers may direct their gifts to specific ministries. The money collected and distributed is not part of the budget. Each month the special outreach ministry is advertised. Each special outreach ministry is an opportunity to make a personal offering back to God. These offerings are collected in special blue envelopes.

**The January blue envelope is for refugee ministry.** Our parish has a joint refugee ministry with First Met. One sponsorship is in progress, with a few months left to run, supporting an Afghan teen reunited with his Mom in Victoria. He is settling into school here and enjoying the soccer. Our next family are due to arrive in August 2018 – a Syrian single Mom and her two teen children. Kathy Cook from First Met is leading on this: there is a team in place and planning work starts this month.

Our group has been asked by the Diocese to support an orthodox Christian family of 9 Eritreans who are expected to be arriving in late March or early April. We are developing a proposal for the 16 January Parish Council meeting. To meet this need we will need about half a dozen more parishioners to get involved and help with the settlement process from time to time over about the next six months. If you are new to this, the Diocese will provide a one-evening orientation and arrange for a Criminal Record Check. There is a detailed job list and sign-up at <https://www.volunteersignup.org/BFCJ3> If you have questions please contact Chris Eve.

**The new 2018 Flower Dedication Calendar is now at the garden door.**

**Out of the Rain News:** A huge thank you to all who contributed to our Christmas sock project. We were able to fill 12 stockings with goodies, and to also buy 12 new winter hoodies for our homeless kids. Apparently Christmas morning was a happy one for all. We even had a small tree which they decorated themselves. It's so wonderful to belong to such a generous church family!

**Books!** - We're trying to develop a collection of Indigenous books for our library. You will find a few in a basket at the Garden Door which may be borrowed. If you can contribute any, they would be most welcome. Please leave them in the book return in the Denson Lounge or with Carol-Ann in the office.

**A chance to make a difference!** A nomination committee appointed by Parish Council is seeking parishioners who would like to stand at Vestry for a 2 year position as a parish councillor or a one-year position as an assistant warden (beginning in March 2018). If serving in this way interests you, or if you would like more details, please contact Graeme Brown, Tom Clements or Michael Zenger.

**Follow-up to our request for support** - A message from Barb Prescott, Communications Coordinator, St. Luke's Church (a partner in the Shelbourne Community Kitchen): Thank you to all of you for voting, and sharing/posting invitations to vote for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen. Thanks to all the votes the Kitchen received, the Kitchen was selected as one of the five organizations to receive a donation of \$20,000 from the Epicure Foundation™ National Grant Program! Your efforts were key to our success.

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