

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

Remembrance Sunday

November 11, 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.



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

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

Presider: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

9:45 am Parish Eucharist

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

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Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Sermon: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

Readers: Tom Bailey

Intercessor: Karen Coverett

Verger: Richard Routledge

Audio: Bob McIntosh

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

The Mass Setting: *Messe de Requiem a 4 voix* op. 11, Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Please stand as the procession proceeds to the front of the Church.

O Canada!

The presiding minister reads the following sentence.

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice,
and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

REMEMBERING

We meet in the presence of God,
to commit ourselves to work
for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may, together,
live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.
We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow
those whose lives, in world wars
and conflicts past and present,
have been given and taken away.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All: We will remember them.

The Last Post

Silence is kept.

Reveille

The wreaths are laid at the high altar.

The Book of Remembrance is presented.

The Litany for Remembrance

Let us remember the men and women of the Armed Forces of land, sea and air, and of the Merchant Navies.

All: And from our hearts give thanks for their great sacrifice.

Let us remember the men and women of the Resistance in enemy occupied territory.

All: And from our hearts give thanks for their great sacrifice.

Let us remember the angels of mercy of the nursing and medical units and hospitals, and the grievously wounded in body and spirit.

All: And from our hearts give thanks for their great sacrifice.

Let us remember the volunteers in all capacities who gave their lives in defence of their cities and for the protection of their people.

All: And from our hearts give thanks for their great sacrifice.

Let us remember the named and the unnamed who have given their lives that we might live in peace.

All: And from our hearts give thanks for their great sacrifice.

Let us braid for them a garland of remembrance

**All: And lay it at the feet of Him who taught us the true meaning of sacrifice and love.
Amen.**

The Act of Remembrance finishes with this prayer.

Ever-living God,

**All: we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war
into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

There will be a slight pause as we prepare for the Eucharist.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

OPENING HYMN (CP 567)

MELITA

WELCOME

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.

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER

After the prayer the children continue their worship in the Parish House.

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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

God of fierce justice,
you close the mouth of those
who hide behind their prayer
as they devour the poor:
humbled by the giving of those who have so little,
let us live from your abundance;
through Jesus Christ, the judgement of God.

All: Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE READING

Hebrews 9:24-28

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

Before the Gospel

Cantor: **All:**

Musical notation for Alleluia. The first part is for the Cantor and the second for All. The melody is in 4/4 time, G major, and consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.'

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Deacon : *Blessed are the poor in spirit : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

All:

Musical notation for Alleluia. The melody is in 4/4 time, G major, and consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia.'

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The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

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 576)

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of mercy and grace,
the eyes of all wait upon you,
and you open your hand in blessing.
Fill us with good things at your table,
so that we may come to the help of all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Common Worship Prayer E

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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

SANCTUS

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,	<i>Holy, holy, holy</i>
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	<i>Lord God of power and might.</i>
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.	<i>Heaven and earth are full of your glory.</i>
Osanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>
Benedictus qui venit	<i>Blessed is he who comes</i>
in nomine Domini.	<i>in the name of the Lord.</i>
Osanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,

that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his offering
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*
dona eis requiem. *grant them rest.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*
dona eis requiem sempiternam. *grant them eternal rest.*

All are invited to receive communion. 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.

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION

O how amiable are thy dwellings : thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter in to the courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young : even thy altars O Lord of hosts, my king and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house : they will be alway praising thee.

The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handy work.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Text: from Psalms 84 and 90; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, our life, our strength, our food,
**All: we give you thanks for sustaining us
with body and blood of your Son.**
**By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world,
so that more and more we will you praise
and serve your earth and its many peoples,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

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.**

DISMISSAL

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 575)

THAXTED

For today only the clergy will not be greeting people at the doors.

All are welcome to join us for coffee and tea in the Parish Hall. There will be a pause for silence at 11:00 am.

MUSIC NOTES FOR THIS WEEK

Our trumpet player for the Remembrance Observations this year is, once again, David Barss. David has played the trumpet at the Remembrance Sunday services at St. John's since 1990.

The music for the mass today is a short, elegant setting of the requiem mass by French composer Jehan Alain. Alain was born in 1911, and had a short career as a composer, during which he wrote prolifically, including many works for organ and choir, showing a unique and significant compositional voice (perhaps his best-known work is the Litanies for organ). In 1940, he joined the Eighth Motorised Division of the French Army, and, later that year, encountered a group of German soldiers, being killed after first having killed 16 Germans himself. He was posthumously awarded the Croix de Guerre for bravery, and was buried, by the Germans, with full military honours.

The text of the requiem mass—particularly one using the older form of the Agnus Dei—isn't strictly legit in the context of a Parish Eucharist, but hearing this musical voice from the past, and the hint of the great music which never had a chance to flow from his pen, is perhaps a fitting testament to the futility of war.

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 18 – THE 26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1 Samuel 1:4-20 Hannah's prayer for a child is answered in the birth of Samuel.

1 Samuel 2:1-10 Hannah's Song, a thanksgiving psalm, became the model for the Magnificat.

Hebrews 10:11-25 Christ is envisioned as exalted to the right hand of God, forever able to act on behalf of believers.

Mark 13:1-8 Jesus instructs for all time: be watchful and alert; endure the upheaval pointing to a future in God's realm.

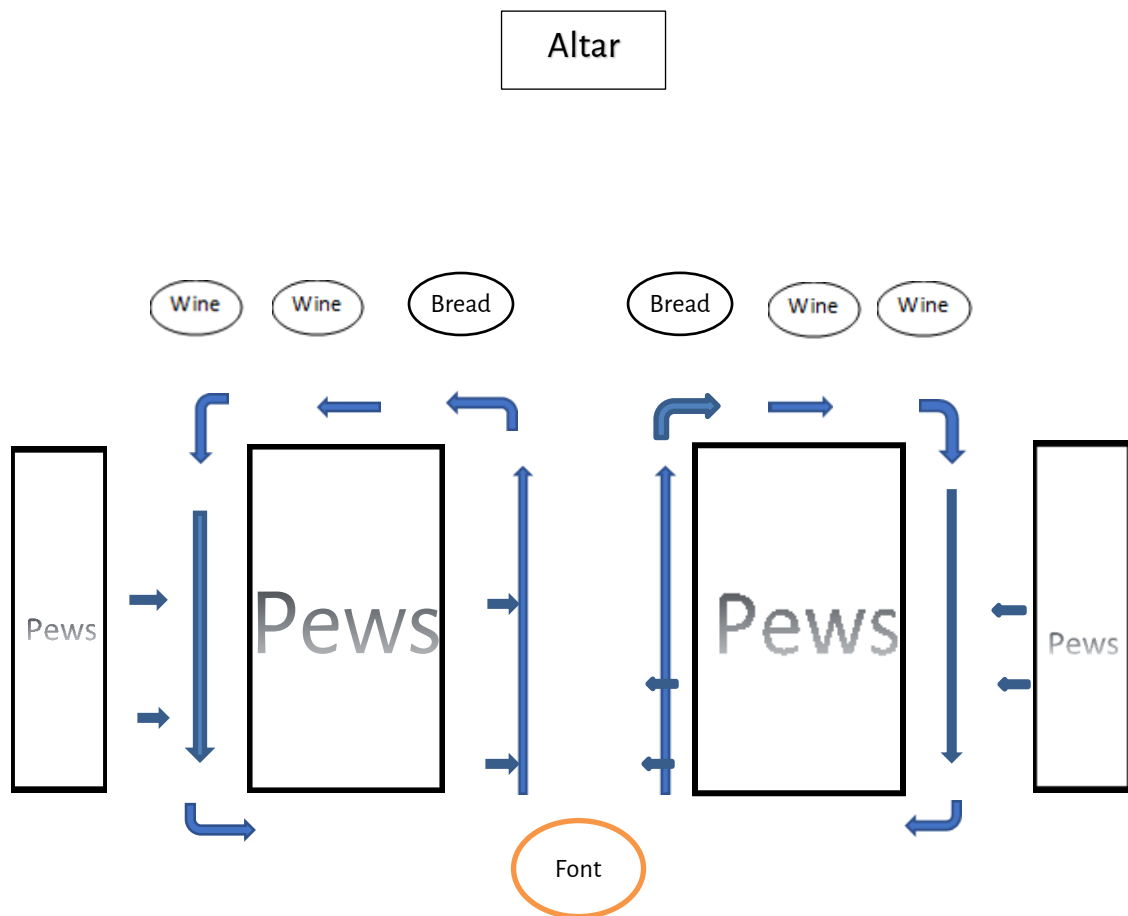
FLOWERS

The Flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of my husband Rex, and all family members who died in Nov. I miss you very much, from Louise Langham.



SHARING IN COMMUNION

Beginning today we will be trialling a new way of distributing our communion. A number of people – both newcomers/visitors and those of us who have been a part of the community for some while – have commented on how confusing, and frankly unwelcoming, our current way of sharing bread and wine is. Therefore, in an effort to make for ourselves a welcoming, accessible, straightforward space, we are going to be sharing communion in one place – at the front of the church – at two stations. Please take bread from the Eucharistic Minister standing on your side, then move to the next available chalice of the two which will be at each station. We ask those in the side aisles to go to the back of the church and then to the front to receive.



Gluten free wafers will be available at both stations.

Those with limited mobility please indicate your desire to take communion in your seat and a minister will come to you.

As always, all are welcome to take part in our sharing. Thank you for being a part of our community!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

11:15 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

Monday 12

The office is closed.

Tuesday 13

2:00 pm ACW Meeting Denson Lounge

7:00 pm Reel Thought Movie Night – “Goodbye Christopher Robin” Denson Lounge

(please note change of date)

Wednesday 14

7:45 am Holy Communion followed by Breakfast Chapel/Denson Lounge

9:30 am Sermon Circle Denson Lounge

12 Noon Pastoral Care Team Meeting Denson Lounge

1:30 pm Art and Soul Group Crypt

7:00 pm Faith in Justice Study Series: Speaker – Joel Durkovic Denson Lounge

7:00 pm Icon Workshop with Peter Pearson Crypt

Thursday 15

12:10 pm Meditative Eucharist Chapel

7:00 pm Icon Workshop with Peter Pearson Crypt

Friday 16

10:00 am Food Bank Crypt

7:00 pm Icon Workshop with Peter Pearson Crypt

Saturday 17

9:00 am-4:00 pm Icon Workshop with Peter Pearson Crypt

Sunday 18

8:00 am Holy Communion Chapel

10:00 am Parish Eucharist Church

11:30 am Divine Brunch Hall

2:00 pm PFLAG Denson Lounge

EVENTS

Bells for Peace – wave of bells to ring out across Canada to mark 100 years since WW1.

News of the end of fighting in the First World War travelled through Europe, in part, by the eruption of church bells that people rang in celebration.

A century later, bells in communities across Canada will chime 100 times as the sun slips under the horizon this Sunday to mark each year since the armistice.

The Royal Canadian Legion and Veterans Affairs Canada have been encouraging legions, churches, spiritual centres and community centres to take part in the initiative, called “Bells of Peace.” They’re asking Canadians to ring or play bells at five-second intervals starting at sunset on Sunday.

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 **11:15am, following the 9:45 am service** and usually lasts for 45 minutes or so. All are welcome; come, and bring your questions!

The Journey of Healing

During this month of November, we will be considering the shared journey of healing that all of us find ourselves on by virtue of our following Christ.

Our Sunday Sermons for the month will be following the readings for the week, and the appropriate Festivals, but there will be –

as Grant said in a recent sermon – a thread of thinking about and engaging with the meaning of 'healing' woven throughout the month.

Healing is both the heart and foundation of our faith, it is the work which Christ came to do, and which we believe Christ continues to do in our lives as we are open to the creative, dynamic, healing, gracious, Spirit of God. As the month progresses we will be looking at different aspects of healing on Sundays, including:

November 11th – Remembrance Sunday – *For the Healing of the Nations*

November 18th – Last after Pentecost – *tbc*

November 25th – The Reign of Christ – *A Kingdom of Shalom*

There will also be a **Eucharist with prayers for healing on November 18th at 6pm** in our 'Walking Together/Emmaus Chapel' and opportunities to pray for healing and to learn about the meanings of 'Christian Healing' through the month. All this is alongside the regular prayers for healing which are available in each Sunday Eucharist, and the confidential healing prayer groups, which are reachable via the office.

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.





Movie Club –

7:00 pm in the Denson Lounge

Please note that we have had to **advance by a week** the date of this month's screening and **change the day**:

Next *Tuesday* evening, the 13th at **7:00 p.m.** we will present our regular "Reel Thought" movie for November and Remembrancetide in the Denson Lounge at St John the Divine Anglican Church, 1611 Quadra Street:

Goodbye Christopher Robin (United Kingdom, 2017, 107 mins.)

"The relationship between writer A.A. Milne and his son, Christopher Robin, and how this became the inspiration for Winnie the Pooh." (IMDb) <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1653665/>

This is a fictionalized biographical drama, by turns dark and charming. It explores the early life of writer A.A. Milne and both the genesis and the unforeseen consequences of his four books about Winnie the Pooh and Christopher Robin (the latter character based on Milne's own young son). At the heart of the movie are the relationships between Christopher Robin and his parents and nanny, but especially the complex relationship with his father. Filmed on location in the forested setting of Milne's books, with strong performances by the principal actors and especially Domhnall Gleeson as Milne and Alex Lawther and first-time actor Will Tilston as Christopher Robin aged 18 and 8.

Icon Writing Workshop with Peter Pearson, Nov. 14-17, 2018

Each workshop participant will receive easy- to-follow, step-by-step instructions, and all materials necessary to complete an icon. Every session begins and ends with prayer and includes plenty of time for hands-on icon writing. The icon this year is based on the Russian Icon of the Angel with the Golden Hair. A teacher of iconography for 25 years, Peter Pearson has studied with numerous masters. Over 45 years, he has created hundreds of icons for private collectors, churches and institutions around the world. Workshop hours: Wed – Fri 7pm – 9:30pm, Sat. 9:30am – 4:30pm. Cost: \$425.00. The workshop will be held in the Crypt (Church basement). **Registration is still open.**

The St. John the Divine Social Justice and Action Group
and First Metropolitan United Church

present

The “Faith in Justice” Study Series

With guest speakers and facilitators on issues of social justice and action and the challenges they present to faith communities.

Wednesday, November 14, 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Denson Lounge

Joel Durkovic: “Moving Toward and Through Conflict: Some of the Nitty Gritty”

Joel Durkovic is a Registered Marriage and Family Therapist and Director of Arbour Counselling Centre in Victoria. He has been a professional counsellor for over 20 years working with couples and families to engage and process through conflict toward wholeness. Joel has lived and worked in Guatemala, the United States, and for the last 15 years, in Victoria. He is a member of St. John’s Parish.

All are welcome. To help us with planning these sessions please let Carol-Ann know if you plan to attend.

As mysteriously unique and distinct persons, it seems we are intentionally designed for an inevitable collision-course toward conflict with one another! Come explore how this reality can be less intimidating, actually exciting, and possibly productive. If we want to make an impact in the greater world toward peace, we best address how we move toward conflict in the most mundane of our circumstances. As former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, says: “...relation with eternal truth and love simply doesn’t happen without mending our relations with Tom, Dick, and Harriet. The actual substance of our relation with eternal truth and love is bound up with how we manage the proximity of these human neighbours.”

Prayer in the Style of Taizé – Fri., Nov. 16th at 6:00 pm at Lutheran Church of the Cross, 3787 Cedar Hill Road. *“The exchange with God becomes real for us in prayer; by his Holy Spirit, God comes to dwell within us.”* Please join us for this hour of spirit-filled worship.

Next Divine Brunch - Sunday, November 18th

Tickets are available today at coffee hour, or during the week at the office.

The cut-off for tickets is Wednesday, November 14th at 4:00 pm.

Menu: Cheese Broccoli Quiche/ Green Salad or Green Pea Soul/ 1/2 Sandwich
Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten Free

For the past twenty years in late November the Transgender community world-wide has held a day of remembrance for those killed in acts of anti-transgender violence. As part of the 20 days of Resilience and Remembrance (traditionally known as TDOR - Trans Day of Remembrance) Esquimalt United Church will be holding **TDOR—a faith-based vigil on November 19 at 7:00 pm**. This will include readings, hymns and prayers and a time of remembering by name those who were killed in 2018 in acts of anti-trans violence. More information at: <https://www.esquimaltunited.com/events/trans-day-of-remembrance-a-faith-based-vigil/2018-11-19>

Choral Evensong – Wed., Nov. 21st at 6:30 pm – UVic Interfaith Chapel – Parking Lot #6

Choral Evensong is a 450-year old tradition of the Anglican Church. All are welcome to take part in this short service of music and prayer led by the students of the St. Christopher Singers from Christ Church Cathedral.

The Bible Before Gutenberg: A Brief, Illustrated History of the Greek New Testament

Manuscript Tradition, Thurs., Nov. 22nd, 7:00-9:00 pm at Lutheran Church of the Cross, 3787 Cedar Hill Road. Led by The Rev. John Gram, DD.

Overview: Ancient biblical manuscripts are priceless artefacts of Christian history, offering unique insights into communities and places now largely lost to us. This illustrated lecture traces the manuscript tradition that stands behind today's New Testament from a rubbish tip on the Nile River to a scholar's study in Basel, Switzerland.

There will be a **memorial service for Carole Hardin**, mother of Daryl Hardin, at 2:00 pm on Sat., Nov. 24th. Reception to follow in the Denson Lounge.

Panel of Feminist Activists and Scholars (Anglican, Catholic & United) Explores #ME TOO and the Church! **“Gender, Justice and the Church”**, Thurs., Nov. 29th, at 5-6:20 pm at UVIC-MacLaurin Building Room A144. See bulletin boards for more information.



"THE CHRISTMAS FLOWER" - Poinsettias are now available to make our church look even more beautiful at Christmas. Please consider making a dedication. Cost: \$13 per plant, available until Mon., Dec.3rd. Contact Carol-Ann in the church office (carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca or 250-383-7169 ext. 226) to order a poinsettia and give a dedication.



THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND LUNCHEON

Saturday, December 8th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

The bazaar is fast approaching and the Jewelry table is looking for items from your collection: working watches, brooches, necklaces, and novelty items. Sort through your jewelry box and contribute to the bazaar gift offerings.

Contact Brenda Morton: brenda-elizabeth@shaw.ca to let her know what you plan to contribute.

Bazaar items can be brought on Sundays. After church Brenda and Heather will be at the coffee hour to receive them.

Note: The sign-up sheet for volunteers is by the garden door and will also be at coffee in the hall after the service. Please sign up for the days and times you can help set up for the bazaar and the hours you can help on the day of this important event.



An intimate concert
in an intimate setting
raising funds for neighbours in need.

Wednesday, November 21

Baumann Centre, 925 Balmoral Road

6:30 doors open / 7:00 pm concert

\$100 / person

Complimentary Appetizers / Cash Bar

Patron Ticket: \$150/person

(Includes champagne reception
with the Artists at 6:00 pm)

Payment by cash/cheque/VISA

Announcements

A Prayer Group prays through the week; to request confidential prayers for yourself or others contact Pat Manning at: 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.

It's time to start thinking of sending some love in the mail.

The **PWRDF CHRISTMAS CARDS** have arrived. This year there are 10 styles to choose from. As in past years, PWRDF will issue a tax receipt for each donation of \$20 per packet of 12 cards. Wendy Suddaby and Murray Luft will have them available at coffee hour.

Please return your **2019 pledge cards** no later than Sun., Nov. 25th. Having this information will help us greatly in determining the budget for the 2019. Thank you.

The November Special Monthly Envelope is RILL/Aboriginal Neighbours.

Aboriginal Neighbours is an ecumenical organization initiated by the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia. The organization was formed out of its members' concerns for the First Peoples and the future of aboriginal children. Revitalization of Indigenous Languages: a Gift to Future Generations (RIL) was started by the Aboriginal Neighbours Group in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Report, Call to Action # 61, that calls upon church parties to the Settlement Agreement to establish permanent funding for culture and language revitalization projects. Undertaken in conjunction with the First People's Cultural Council, the RILL project supports elders who are fluent speakers of their language to work with apprentices, as mentors, and to pass along the language that was taken from so many in the residential schools.

Tel: 250-595-1786

Website: <http://aboriginalneighbours.org/contact>



The Ghebreheskel family had a baby girl (Hannah) on Nov. 3rd

If anyone would like to donate used or new baby clothing up to the age of two, packages of disposable diapers, or baby toys, please place them in the box in the foyer labelled "baby clothes". Phone me if you need anything picked up. Many thanks for anything you can contribute.

Kit Pearson

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

Making Peace

By Denise Levertov

A voice from the dark called out,
 'The poets must give us
imagination of peace, to oust the intense, familiar
imagination of disaster. Peace, not only
the absence of war.'

 But peace, like a poem,
is not there ahead of itself,
can't be imagined before it is made,
can't be known except
in the words of its making,
grammar of justice,
syntax of mutual aid.

 A feeling towards it,
dimly sensing a rhythm, is all we have
until we begin to utter its metaphors,
learning them as we speak.

 A line of peace might appear
if we restructured the sentence our lives are making,
revoked its reaffirmation of profit and power,
questioned our needs, allowed
long pauses . . .

 A cadence of peace might balance its weight
on that different fulcrum; peace, a presence,
an energy field more intense than war,
might pulse then,
stanza by stanza into the world,
each act of living
one of its words, each word
a vibration of light—facets
of the forming crystal.

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