

# THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

## *The Epiphany of Our Lord*

**January 6, 2019**

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 Venerable Alastair McCollum

# 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 Venerable Alastair McCollum

**Gospel:** Chris Eve

**Sermon:** The Venerable Alastair McCollum

**Readers:** Paul Gillan, Muriel Ryan

**Intercessor:** Pat Ormerod

**Audio:** Patrick Ryan

**Verger:** David Pupak

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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)

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion 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

*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.**

## 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



- 1. Glory be to God in heaven: peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**
- 2. Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Saviour, you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**

3. **Holy One we now acclaim you: Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendour bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

Text: Gloria, para. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, no. S204a.  
Music: HYMN TO JOY, L. van Beethoven, arr. E. Hodges (1796-1867).

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty and everliving God,  
you revealed the incarnation of your Son  
by the brilliant shining of a star.  
Shine the light of your justice  
in our hearts and over all lands,  
and accept our lives as the treasure we offer  
in your praise and for your service;  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (2006) alt.

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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.

**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.

**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.**

## THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:1-12

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN (CP 161)

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

## 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.*

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## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY HYMN (CP 159)

STELLA ORIENTIS

### THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus,  
who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace.  
As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be a blessing for others.  
With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven,  
we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with 'Celebrant' and 'People' parts clearly marked in red. The first staff contains the lyrics: 'Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And al - so with you.' The second staff contains: 'Celebrant Lift up your hearts. People We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff contains: 'Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

*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.

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

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

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.  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

*All are invited to receive communion. 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 communion please make this known to the Greeters and communion will be brought 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.

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## THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Radiant God,

**All: with our eyes we have seen your salvation,  
and in this meal we have feasted on your grace.  
May your Word take flesh in us,  
so that we may be your holy people,  
revealing your glory made known to us  
in 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.**

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

## RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 158)

STUTTGART

## 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 + 19**

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.**

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

# **7:30 pm Choral Evensong for the Epiphany**

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**Officiants:** The Reverend Patrick Sibley, The Venerable Alastair McCollum

**Verger:** Douwe Bosma

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

**Setting of the Canticles:** Philip Moore, 3<sup>rd</sup> Service

**Anthems:** The Coventry Carol (Anon.); Bethlehem Down (Warlock)

# READINGS FOR JANUARY 13 – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**Isaiah 43:1-7** Knowing the self as beloved is an empowering experience. Israel drew courage in exile from this knowledge.

**Psalms 29** The voice of God is heard in the power and strength of a thunderstorm, and this voice gives God's people strength.

**Acts 8:14-17** Having been baptized only in the name of Jesus, Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands by the apostles Peter and John.

**Luke 3:15-17, 21, 22** Through the intimacy of prayer after his baptism, Jesus knows himself as precious in God's eyes, affirmed in the direction he is taking, and empowered to move forward.

**victoria baroque**  
Steven Devine (UK),  
director and harpsichord  
Kate Semmens, soprano  
Nathan McDonald, baritone

## Joy Passion Metamorphosis

Handel's orchestral works and dramatic cantata  
**Apollo e Daphne**

**Friday 7:30pm  
January 11**  
St. John the Divine  
1611 Quadra St., Victoria

**Saturday 7:30pm  
January 12**  
St. Andrew's United Church  
311 Fitzwilliam St., Nanaimo

**TICKETS \$28, \$25, \$5**  
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Munro's Books, McPherson Box  
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## victoria baroque

# Joy, Passion, Metamorphosis

**With Steven Devine (UK), director and harpsichord**

*Handel's dramatic cantata 'Apollo e Daphne' and orchestral works.*



**Fri. Jan. 11 • 7:30 pm • St John's Church  
1611 Quadra St, Victoria**

**Tickets: \$28 • \$25 • \$5**

*through the McPherson Box Office  
and Ivy's, Munro's and Long & McQuade.*

*Tickets available at coffee hour today.*

**PLUS:** A special VBMS fundraising event with **Steven Devine** in conversation with **Nancy Argenta**  
**“Devine Adventures in Music”**

*An intimate and entertaining evening of stories and music,  
shedding light on the magic of the harpsichord and continuo playing.*

Monday, January 14th, 2019 Baumann Centre, 925 Balmoral Rd, Victoria  
**\$60 (\$30.00 tax deductible)**

**RESERVE in advance victoria-baroque@shaw.ca or 250 590-9770**

## FLOWERS

To the Glory of God and in memory of Michael, loving and much loved brother and brother-in-law,  
from Lorraine and Andrew.

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### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

#### Today

11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge
7:30 pm	Evensong	Church

#### Tuesday 8

10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
10:30 am	Christmas Bazaar Wrap-Up Meeting	Denson Lounge
2:00 pm	ACW Meeting	Vestry
2:00 pm	Refugee Support Group	Denson Lounge

#### Wednesday 9

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
4:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Denson Lounge

#### Thursday 10

12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Chapel
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#### Friday 11

10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
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#### Sunday 13

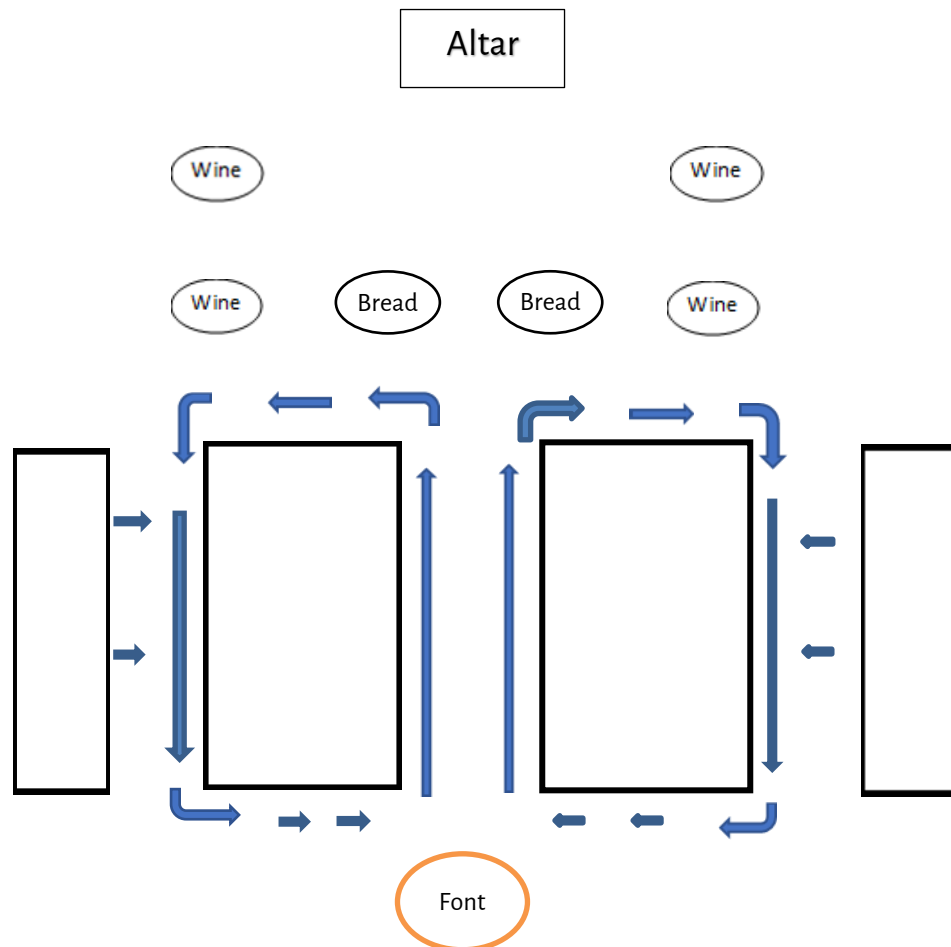
8:00 am	Holy Communion	Chapel
10:00 am	Parish Eucharist	Church
11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge



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## SHARING IN COMMUNION

We are 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 are 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!

## EVENTS

**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!

### **Post Bazaar Meeting -**

This meeting will take place on Tues., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in the Denson lounge. Anyone who has thoughts regarding this event that they wish to contribute for discussion is welcome to attend, or contact Heather Baker at [hbaker@islandnet.com](mailto:hbaker@islandnet.com).



### **Movie Club –**

**7:00 pm in the Denson Lounge**

REEL THOUGHTS AND FAITH IN JUSTICE present

### **"(Disrupted) human flow: Migrants' crises in the 21st century"**

Featuring the documentary "Human Flow" by former Chinese dissident and film maker Ah Wei Wei and comment by and discussion with Sabine Lehr, Refugee Sponsorship Coordinator for the Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria (ICA)

**Wednesday, January 16, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Denson Lounge, St. John's Church**

**A joint venture of First Met and St. John's Churches.**

### **Next Divine Brunch - Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

**The cut-off for tickets is Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.**

**Menu:** California Quiche (Artichoke hearts and cheese)/ Green Salad or  
Chicken Taco Soup / Green Salad  
Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten Free



## 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).

**A huge thank you** for your loving generosity in giving to our Christmas “Sock Project”! We were able to fill 12 fuzzy red stockings with hoodies, socks, gloves, earbuds, toiletries, a first aid kit, and other treats, which our homeless kids opened Christmas morning.

It was a delight to be able to do this for them. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated by everyone involved.

*Gerry, Karyn and Pauline*

**Thank you,** Reverend Jane and members of St. John’s, for all your kindness following my hip surgery. I am sure your prayers and good wishes helped the healing process enormously! *Judith Branion*

**Pledge Cards:** If you have not yet handed in your pledge card for 2019 please do so now as we need this information to help us prepare the Budget for 2019.

<p><b>The new 2019 flower calendar</b> is now in place. Please consider giving flowers sometime during the year. When giving flowers, please be sure to mark your cheque with the date of the dedication.</p>
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### Looking for a St. John’s Treasurer

With sadness we report that Kate McCabe, our Parish Treasurer has resigned, effective immediately, for personal reasons and the pressures of a new job. Kate has done a wonderful job as our Treasurer and we will miss her. We wish her well.

So, we are seeking a Treasurer (the Parish has a bookkeeper who maintains account records). The person should have some financial knowledge and will work with the Finance Committee to oversee the finances of the Parish and report to Parish Council.

We welcome a conversation with interested individuals.

Chris, Graeme and Joan, the Wardens.

**2019 Envelopes** are now available (at the garden door), including blue envelopes for **Credit Card and Automatic donors**.

If you expect to be visiting any shut-in parishioners today, please take their envelopes to them.

**The Special Blue Offering Envelopes for 2019 are:**

January – Refugees	July – Threshold Housing
February - Food Bank & Alliance Club	August - Refugees
March - PWRDF	September - Food Bank
April - Sisterhood of St. John the Divine	October - Out of the Rain
May – Victoria/Taiama Partnership	November - RILL/Aboriginal Neighbours
June – PEERS	December - Rector's Discretionary Fund

**The January blue envelope is for Refugee Ministry.** Our parish has a joint refugee ministry with First Met for the first two sponsorships described. However as a result of the transition First Met participation cannot be counted on once these two are completed in July.

**The Ghebremeskels** – Eritrean Mom and Dad and their eight children – arrived last July and are living in the Burnside area. John McLaren is leading this. **More people are needed now to help settle this group.** Please see John if you have some time to spare.

**The Bilal family** – a Syrian single mom and her two teen children – also arrived last July and are settling in Esquimalt. Kathy Cook from First Met is coordinating this.

**The Omer family** – Kurdish Mom and Dad, with two young children and a newborn. A settlement group is forming now for a projected arrival in August 2020.

If you have questions or need more information please contact Chris Eve.

## **Pastoral Care at St. John the Divine**

Our pastoral care team is made up of trained clergy and lay members of the congregation, and we are here to visit you at home, in a care residence, or at the hospital. We can pray together, have a conversation, read from the scriptures, tell you what is happening at the church, or just sit in silence, depending on what works best for you. We may also bring Holy Communion, if you so wish. We can also connect you with some of the other ministries of care at St John's. For example, with your permission, we can add your name to the Sunday prayer list or the confidential Pastoral Prayer Ministry, or arrange for you to receive the gift of a prayer shawl.

Pastoral care visits can be arranged by calling the church office at **250-383-7169** or by emailing **[pastoral@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto:pastoral@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca)**. Please include some contact information in your message and a member of the pastoral care team will get back to you as quickly as possible in order to arrange a visit.

*For any urgent, after hours pastoral care need, please call the **on-call cell phone at 778-678-6873**.*

# SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

## The Journey Of The Magi

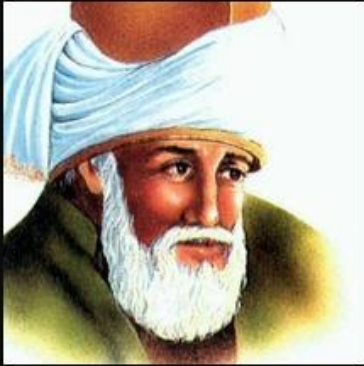
A cold coming we had of it,  
Just the worst time of the year  
For a journey, and such a long journey:  
The ways deep and the weather sharp,  
The very dead of winter.'  
And the camels galled, sorefooted, refractory,  
Lying down in the melting snow.  
There were times we regretted  
The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,  
And the silken girls bringing sherbet.  
Then the camel men cursing and grumbling  
and running away, and wanting their liquor and women,  
And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,  
And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly  
And the villages dirty and charging high prices:  
A hard time we had of it.  
At the end we preferred to travel all night,  
Sleeping in snatches,  
With the voices singing in our ears, saying  
That this was all folly.

Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,  
Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;  
With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness,  
And three trees on the low sky,  
And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.  
Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel,  
Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,  
And feet kicking the empty wine-skins.  
But there was no information, and so we continued  
And arriving at evening, not a moment too soon  
Finding the place; it was (you might say) satisfactory.

All this was a long time ago, I remember,  
And I would do it again, but set down  
This set down  
This: were we led all that way for  
Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly  
We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,  
But had thought they were different; this Birth was  
Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.  
We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,  
But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,  
With an alien people clutching their gods.  
I should be glad of another death.

*T.S. Eliot*

Rumi



When your love contracts in anger, the atmosphere itself feels threatening. But when you're expansive, no matter what the weather, you're in an open, windy field with friends.

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