

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

November 3, 2019

10:00 a.m.

All Saints - Parish Eucharist

7:30 p.m.

All Souls - Evensong with Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

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 lands of the Lekwungen speaking people.

We are an inclusive and affirming parish; the sacraments of the church (baptism, communion and marriage) are available to all people on equal terms. Christ welcomes you, and so do we.



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. Gluten free wafers are available: 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 Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

Presider: The Reverend Grant Croswell

Intercessor: Karen Coverett

Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Audio: Joel Durkovic

Sub-Deacon: Matthew Cook

Verger: Kelly Somogyi

Readers: Karen Coverett, Kit Pearson

Music: The Community Choir

Gospel: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Sermon: The Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt

A Nursery for children aged 0 to 3 is available from 10 am until the start of the Eucharist.

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 276)

SINE NOMINE

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.

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

The Presider may introduce the prayers.

Please repeat "Lord have mercy" or "Christ have mercy" after the priest.

The Priest reminds us of God's healing and forgiveness.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glo - ry be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will to-wards all.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glo - ri - fy you,

we give thanks to you for your great glo-ry, O Lord god, heav-en - ly King,

God the Fa-ther al-migh - ty. O Lord the on - ly be-got ten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the

sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. You take a - way the sin of the world,

re-ceive our prayer. You are seat-ed at the right hand of God the Fa - ther,

have mer-cy up - on us. For you on-ly are ho - ly; you on-ly are the Lord;

you on - ly, O Christ with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

are most high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

John Merbecke, adapted

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
whose people are knit together in one holy Church,
the mystical Body of your Son,
grant us grace to follow your blessed saints
in lives of faith and commitment,
and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared
for those who love you;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

149

The refrain is sung first by the cantor and repeated, sung by all; after each set of verses it is sung by all.



Let the faith-ful re-joyce and be joy - ful.

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in his maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their king. **Refrain.**
Let them praise his name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory. **Refrain.**
Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds.

Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand;
To wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples; **Refrain.**

To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron;
To inflict on them the judgement decreed; this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah! **Refrain.**

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:11-23

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 6:20-31

Before the Gospel

Cantor: All:

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please sit, stand or kneel as is your custom.

THE PEACE

Please stand.

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN (CP 278)

EWING

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Holy and mighty God,
we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the lives of all his saints.
Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like them,
to run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer 3, Book of Alternative Services

Priest: The Lord be with you. *All:* And al-so with you. *Priest:* Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *All:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
in the multitude of your saints
you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses,
that we, rejoicing in their fellowship,
may run with patience the race that is set before us,
and together with them receive the crown of glory that never fades away.
Therefore with angels and archangels
and with all who have served you in every age,
we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

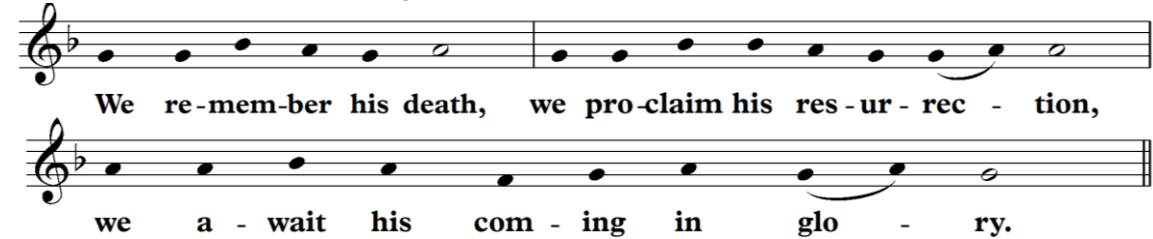
SANCTUS

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 re-mem-ber his death, we pro-claim his res-ur-rec-tion,
we a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

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 children
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: A - men, A - men, A - - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ambrosian Chant

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**All: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

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 forward for communion 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

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.
The Lord, who left the heavens, our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with all, their pattern and their King.
Still to the lowly soul he doth himself impart,
And for his dwelling and his throne chooseth the pure in heart.
Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be;
Give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for thee.

Text: John Keble (1792-1866). / Music: Antony Baldwin (b. 1957).

Following the Communion there will be a pause for Silence.

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of hosts, we praise your glory reflected in your saints.
May we who share at this table
be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom,
where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 323)

DARWALL

VOLUNTARY *Sine Nomine*

Dénis Bédard (B. 1950)

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.

7:30 pm Choral Evensong with Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

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

Officiants: The Venerable Alastair McCollum, The Reverend Patrick Sibley

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

Setting of the Canticles: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585) *The Dorian Service*

INTROIT (*sung by the choir*)

Holy is the true light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict. From Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia!

Text: the Salisbury Diurnal, G. H. Palmer (1846-1926) / Music: William H. Harris (1883-1973).

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.

Music: Thomas Tallis, arr. M. Larkin

OFFICE HYMN (CP 20)

AR HYD Y NOS

PSALM (*Sung by the choir. Please sit; stand for the final Gloria Patri*)

Psalm 121

¹ I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.

² My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.

³ He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

⁴ Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

⁶ So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.

⁷ The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

⁸ The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in : from this time forth for evermore.

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.

FIRST LESSON *(Please sit)*

Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'

The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

For the Lord will not reject for ever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

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)

SECOND LESSON *(Please sit)*

John 14:1-6, 27

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'

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

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast 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 God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection that, in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; 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.

ACT OF COMMEMORATION

O Father of all, we pray to thee for those whom we love but see no longer. Grant them thy peace; and in thy loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of thy perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READING OF THE NAMES

During the reading of the names you are invited to come forward to light a candle in memory of a friend or loved one.

After the names have been read, the choir sings a setting of the Russian Kontakion of the Dead:

*Give rest unto your servants with your saints, O God,
where there is neither pain nor sorrow, neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

For you, God, only are immortal, the creator and the maker of all,
and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to the earth we shall return.

Give rest...

For so did you ordain when you created me saying, 'You are dust and to dust you shall return;'
all of us go down to the dust, yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest...

Music: Rupert Lang (b. 1948)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray thee, with those who mourn, that casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING *(Please stand)*

HYMN (CP 29)

ST. CLEMENT

VOLUNTARY

Saraband in Modo Elegiaco

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

READINGS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 10, 2019

Haggai 1:15b—2:9 The prophet encourages the governor and the high priest to begin to rebuild the temple as a sign of hope for the returning exiles.

Psalms 145:1-5, 18-22 God's reign over the world is joyfully praised.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 False teachings that the world is about to come to an end are counteracted, and the church in Thessalonica is encouraged to stand firm and to strengthen itself.

Luke 20:27-38 Jesus dismisses a story to trap him and instead points to the eternal God as God of the living.

FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In loving memory of my mum, Iris Powell, who loved to laugh, from Susan and Larry.

Office Hours 9am – 12 Noon Monday to Friday

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge
7:30 pm	Evensong and Commemoration of the Dead	Church

Monday 4

1:00 pm	All Weather Eucharist	Memorial Garden
2:00 pm	Book Study	Chapel
4:00 pm	Living Presence Meditation	Chapel

Tuesday 5

10:00 am	Food Bank	Church Basement
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Wednesday 6

7:45 am	Holy Communion followed by Breakfast	Chapel/Denson Lounge
9:30 am	Sermon Circle	Denson Lounge
12 Noon	Art & Soul Drop-In Group	Church Basement
7:00 pm	End of Life Series	Denson Lounge

Thursday 7

12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Chapel
7:00 pm	Climate Crisis - The Call to Action is NOW "Welcome to the Anthropocene: Towards a One Planet Region" Dr. Trevor Hancock, Professor of Public Health & Senior Researcher, U Vic.	Denson Lounge

Friday 8

10:00 am	Food Bank	Church Basement
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Remembrance Sunday 10

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

EVENTS

Tonight there will be an All Souls Evensong at 7:30 pm.

This service will provide a time of remembrance and thanksgiving for the lives of the faithful departed, particularly those who have died in the last 12 months. **Please list names of deceased you wish to have read at the service on sheets provided at the Church office counter, at the back of the Church or at the Garden door.**

Family Ministry in November

(contact Ruth through the church office for details)

Nov. 3 - All Saints at Goldstream

everyone is welcome 2-4pm in the picnic area - a chance to remember & celebrate hot dogs and hot chocolate provided - please bring your own travel mug

Nov. 17 Liturgy for All Ages

everyone is welcome 7-8pm

soup at (6:30 pm) for the belly - story and song for the soul

Nov. 22 - kidspace

6:30-8:00 pm in the parish house - for kids in grades 3-5 active, fun and challenging, with a focus on friendship and belonging

In The Midst of Life...

we are in death

A series about finding meaning towards the end of life. Wednesdays in November, all starting at 7pm in the Denson Lounge

November 6th - Sister Death

Led by Bill Tarter

Exploring how the Franciscan idea of Sister Death can help us think a little of how we might find meaning in our lives

November 13th – When It's All Over, It All Goes Back In the Box

Led by Alastair McCollum

A presentation and discussion on considering how we make the most of our days, whatever stage of life we find ourselves at. What does making meaning mean? How can we engage in more mindful living? Can reflecting on our mortality sharpen our sense of living?

November 20th – Reel Thought Movie Night

Led by Mark Hanson and Daryl Hardin

An appropriate movie to help us engage with life, death, and everything in between.

November 27th – Dead Serious

Led by Alastair McCollum

Practicalities and priorities – we will have a speaker talk on Legalities around issues for seniors, along with advice from Clergy on planning for Funeral/Thanksgiving/Memorial services

For further details please get in touch with Alastair – incumbent@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

Kristallnacht: "Remembrance and Action."

Each year, we commemorate Kristallnacht (night of broken glass), which was the beginning of the tragic history of attacks on European Jews. The commemoration this year will be at Congregation Emanu-El Synagogue, 1461 Blanshard St., on Thursday, November 7th at 7:00 pm.

St. John's Social Justice and Action Group presents

Climate Crisis - The Call to Action is NOW

Two presentations by public health and ecological educators and advocates with extensive knowledge of the problem and who are organizing to address it followed by discussion:

Thursday, November 7, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

"Welcome to the Anthropocene: Towards a One Planet Region"

a talk by Dr. Trevor Hancock, Professor of Public Health and Senior Researcher, U Vic.

Thursday, December 5, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

"Environmental Violence: Trying to Understand, Confront, and Reduce our Damages"

a talk by Dr. Rick Kool, Professor of Environment and Sustainability, Royal Roads University

Both sessions in the Denson Lounge. Tea, coffee and cookies will be served.

Up in lights

All are invited to visit Christ Church Cathedral in the evenings of Nov. 8th to 11th to see a 15-minute photographic show of veterans projected on the south side of the Cathedral. The salute takes place from 7 to 9 pm. The interior of the Cathedral will feature photographs of wartime in Victoria, and guests can enjoy hot chocolate.

Music and Prayer in the Style of Taizé - All are welcome at James Bay United Church, 511 Michigan Street, at 6:00 pm **Friday, November 15th**. Come; discover the beauty of this faith community in the heart of James Bay.

Next Brunch Day is Sunday, November 17th – Parish Potluck

Please come join us and bring what you can - if you are able to sign up and let us know what type of dish you would like to bring, please mark it on the sheet at the garden door or contact Carol-Ann. It is important to have an idea of how many people are coming so that we have enough seating for everyone.

First Met United Church, KAIROS Victoria & Aboriginal Neighbours

invite you to take part in a

KAIROS Blanket Exercise

on Sunday, November 17th, 1:30-3:30 pm

First Met United Church, 932 Balmoral Road

\$5-\$15 sliding participant fee

register through First Me website - <https://www.firstmetvictoria.com/>

Come at noon and enjoy a bowl of soup for a small charge.

Announcements

AWE – All Weather Eucharist

Every Monday 1pm in the Memorial Garden!

A very simple Eucharist (20 minutes) to pray and be present beyond our walls!

Come and join us, and dress for the weather!

A Prayer Group prays through the week; to request confidential prayers for yourself or others contact Pat Manning 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: admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca.

The Special Blue Envelope for November is 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 RIL 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.

PWRDF MOMENT: Ever had your doubts about PWRDF? Here's some exciting news for you! The Anglican Church of Canada's own relief and development agency was recently chosen by Maclean's Magazine as one of the 100 best Canadian charities!! PWRDF scored a final grade of 92.5%. This is derived from scoring 100% in the financials grade (weighted at 60%), plus 81% in the transparency grade (weighted at 40%). PWRDF was one of only 10 charities chosen from the International Development sector! WOW!

We will be selling PWRDF Christmas cards on Sundays at coffee hour, just as soon as they arrive. Forget Hallmark this year! Support PWRDF's impressive poverty-reduction work by purchasing one of two lovely designs. Twelve cards (with envelopes) for only \$20. What a deal! Watch future Sunday bulletins for more details.

Ghebremeskel Family - If you would like to contribute to the dental treatment fund for the wife and mother of the Ghebremeskel family, Tsigay, you can do that by making out a cheque to the Church of St. John the Divine, with the notation Newcomer Dental Treatment. Thank you from the family and the support group.

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey.

“I am not a saint, unless you think of a saint as a sinner who keeps on trying.”

— Nelson Mandela

“The saints, too, had wandering minds. The saints, too, had constantly to recall their constantly wandering mind-child home. They became saints because they continued to go after the little wanderer, like the Good Shepherd.”

— Peter Kreeft, *Prayer For Beginners*

“Many people genuinely do not wish to be saints, and it is possible that some who achieve or aspire to sainthood have never had much temptation to be human beings.”

— George Orwell

A Last Beatitude

And blessed are the ones we overlook;
The faithful servers on the coffee rota,
The ones who hold no candle, bell or book
But keep the books and tally up the quota,
The gentle souls who come to ‘do the flowers’,
The quiet ones who organise the fete,
Church sitters who give up their weekday hours,
Doorkeepers who may open heaven’s gate.
God knows the depths that often go unspoken
Amongst the shy, the quiet, and the kind,
Or the slow healing of a heart long broken
Placing each flower so for a year’s mind.
Invisible on earth, without a voice,
In heaven their angels glory and rejoice.

Malcolm Guite

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