

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The Epiphany of Our Lord

January 5, 2020

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 Grant Croswell

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

Presider: The Venerable Alastair McCollum **Intercessor:** Kit Pearson

Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley **Audio:** Ann McLaren

Readers: John Bergbusch, Jim Keefe **Verger:** Kelly Somogyi

Sermon: The Reverend Grant Croswell

A Nursery for children under 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 160)

DIX

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

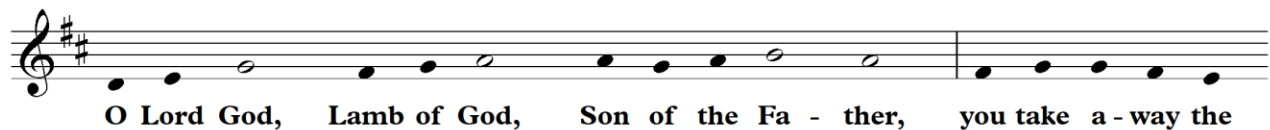
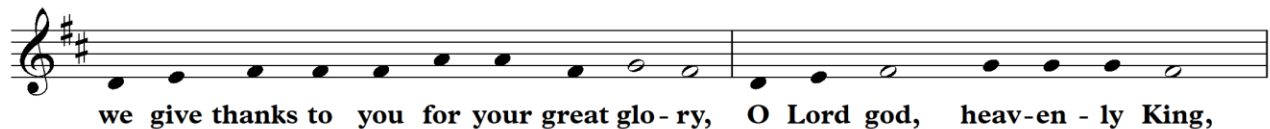
After the prayer the children continue their worship in the Parish House.

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

John Merbecke, adapted



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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

All: Amen.

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

Cantor: Al - le - lu - ia. All: Al - le - lu - ia.

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

All: Al - le - lu - ia.

God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Good News of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Following the Sermon there will be a pause for silence.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through whom all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made human.**

**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 and the Son.
Who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified.
Who 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

THE PEACE

Please stand.

The peace of the Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN (CP 139)

THE FIRST NOWELL

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer 3, Book of Alternative Services

Priest: The Lord be with you. *All:* And also 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;
 you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation,
 and have shown your Son Jesus Christ
 to be the light of all peoples.
 Therefore with angels and archangels
 we raise our voices in joyful praise
 to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS

F. Schubert, *Deutsche Messe*

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 -

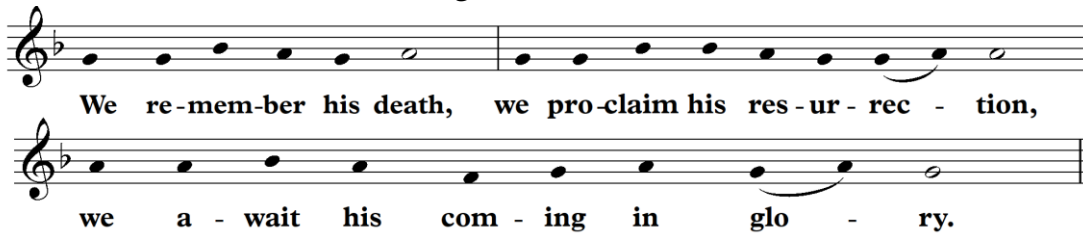
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

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 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.

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

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

All: Amen.

During the hymn (next page) the procession moves to the Garden Door for the closing blessing and chalking of the door.

CHALKING OF THE DOOR

During Epiphany-tide (following 6th 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 (9th 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 + 20

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

Officiant: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

An Introit may be sung by the choir. Please stand as the clergy and choir process to the chancel.

RESPONSES *(Please remain standing)*

Cantor: O Lord, open thou our lips

Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise

Cantor: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

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

Cantor: Praise ye the Lord;

Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

OFFICE HYMN (NEH 4:6)

MODE 1

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

Psalm 98

FIRST LESSON *(Please sit)*

Baruch 4:36-end of 5

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 2:1-11

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cantor: The Lord be with you;

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Cantor: Let us pray.

PRAYERS *(Please kneel or sit)*

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Cantor: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir: And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor: O Lord, save the Queen;

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

Cantor: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor: O Lord, save thy people;

Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

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

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

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant, that we, who know thee now by faith, may be led onward through this earthly life, until we see the vision of thy heavenly glory; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND COLLECT For Peace.

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

THE THIRD COLLECT For Aid Against All Perils.

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

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

HYMN (CP 159)

STELLA ORIENTIS

PRAYERS *(Please kneel or sit)*

BLESSING *(Please stand)*

HYMN (CP 622 / US 497)

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

VOLUNTARY

READINGS FOR JANUARY 12 – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isaiah 42:1-9 In the form of a public proclamation with Yahweh as speaker, the prophet proclaims the mission of God's beloved servant to restore justice.

Psalms 29 The voice of the Lord breaks through the natural order.

Acts 10:34-43 With reference to Jesus' baptism, Peter proclaims the cosmic nature of God's plan in Jesus.

Matthew 3:13-17 Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan and a voice from heaven reveals Jesus' identity.

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

in memory of Michael, loving and much loved brother and brother-in-law, from Lorraine and Andrew Gates.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

7:30 pm Evensong Church

Monday 6

1:00 pm Garden Eucharist Memorial Garden

Tuesday 7

10:00 am Food Bank Crypt

12:10 pm Meditative Eucharist Chapel

Wednesday 8

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

9:30 am Sermon Circle Denson Lounge

Thursday 9

5:30 pm Holy Communion Denson Lounge

Friday 10

10:00 am Food Bank Church Basement

6:30 pm kidspace Parish House

7:30 pm Baroque Concert Church

Sunday 12

8:00 am Holy Communion Chapel

10:00 am Parish Eucharist Church

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

EVENTS

Forces of Nature

With Kati Debretzeni, violin/director



Friday, January 10 7.30pm

St John the Divine

Vivaldi - Four Seasons

Rebel - Les Éléments

Tickets: \$30/\$25/\$5

At McPherson Box Office, Ivy's, Munro's
Coffee Hour Jan 5th, and the door

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Reel Thought and the Social Justice Action Group present

"Five Broken Cameras"

with commentary by Dr. Martin Bunton, Department of History, UVic

Wednesday, January 15th, at 7:00 pm, in the Denson Lounge.

This award-winning documentary, jointly directed by Palestinian farmer Emad Burnat and Israeli film maker Guy Davidi, is an inspiring, and at the same time profoundly disconcerting, study of the daily challenges of Palestinians living in the West Bank and their relations with both the encroaching Israeli settlements and the Israeli Army. It portrays the attempts of Burnat and his neighbours in the community of Bil'it to combat non-violently their treatment as strangers in their own land. The film, made roughly ten years ago, has continuing relevance, not least because of the recent decision of the Trump administration not to oppose Israeli settlement in the territory.

Dr. Bunton is an expert in Middle Eastern history and is author of the concise, eminently readable, and balanced study, *The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford University Press, 2013).

The next Brunch will be on Sunday, January 19th

Please sign up on the sheet provided if you plan to attend, this will let us know how many to set up for.

The menu will be:

Coleslaw

Oven roasted BBQ sausage

Perogies

Breads

Un-stuffed Cabbage Rolls

Mixed Vegetables

Candy Popcorn (dessert)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Art & Soul Group will resume again on Wednesday, January 15th.

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.

If you have not yet returned your **2020 pledge card**, please do so soon as we need this information to prepare as accurate a budget as we can.

New for 2020 – the January Blue Envelope is for Street Hope Victoria

The Street Hope motor home operates two evenings a week a couple of blocks from our church. Volunteers welcome people of all ages for homemade soup, sandwiches, hot chocolate, juice, cookies and fruit.

Hungry people find food, support and conversation as well as other essentials such as warm clothing and toiletries.

- 50-100 people are served every night.
- 100-200 sandwiches are made each evening, and 50-100 cups of soup are served; as well as other food and clothing items.
- 4-6 volunteers help out per evening.
- People leave encouraged and with full stomachs.

This ministry began in 1986 and was for many years associated with Captain Rick Sandberg.

If you are interested in making soup or volunteering for a shift in the motor home, email victoria@streethope.org For more information, visit the Street Hope Victoria website at victoria.streethope.org or talk to Chris Eve.

Thank you: The request for assistance by the Refugee Support Group for Mariam Kebbeh at last Sunday's service was completely fulfilled. The generosity of our congregation for refugees in need is greatly appreciated as always.

Thank you all.

- *Bill Williamson*, RSG Chair

Out of the Rain News

A huge thank you for your most generous donations toward Christmas stockings for our kids! We were able to purchase enough good hoodies, warm gloves and winter socks for everyone who spent Christmas Eve with us. There was also an abundance of chocolate and a special supper, as well as a much appreciated breakfast. It's so great to belong to such a loving community.

Blue Envelopes - SPECIAL OFFERING FOR OUTREACH MINISTRY

Each year the Parish Council chooses 12 outreach ministries so that envelope subscribers may direct their gifts to specific ministries. The money collected and distributed is not part of the budget. Regular white envelopes support the operation of the church, the "Outreach Ministries" are above and beyond this, addressing issues we care about as a church. Like the regular white envelopes, a tax receipt is issued at year end. Each month the special outreach ministry is advertised in the Bulletin and in church.

For 2020 the Blue Envelopes are for:

JANUARY - Street Hope

FEBRUARY - Food Bank at St. John's & Alliance Club

MARCH - Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)

APRIL - Sisterhood of St. John the Divine

MAY - Victoria/Taiama Partnership

JUNE - PEERS Victoria Resource Society

JULY - Threshold Housing

AUGUST - Refugees

SEPTEMBER - Food Bank at St. John's

OCTOBER - Out of the Rain

NOVEMBER - RILL/Aboriginal Neighbours

DECEMBER - Rector's Discretionary Fund

For more about each of these see the information on the web site at:

www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca/pages/special-collections-the-blue-envelopes

Each special outreach ministry is an opportunity to make a personal offering back to God. Thank you for your help.

Happy New Year!

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey.

"Home By Another Way"

Those magic men the Magi, some people call them wise or Oriental, even kings.
Well anyway, those guys, they visited with Jesus, they sure enjoyed their stay.
Then warned in a dream of King Herod's scheme, they went home by another way.
Yes, they went home by another way, home by another way.
Maybe me and you can be wise guys too and go home by another way.
We can make it another way, safe home as they used to say.
Keep a weather eye to the chart on high and go home another way.

Steer clear of royal welcomes, avoid a big to-do.
A king who would slaughter the innocents will not cut a deal for you.
He really, really wants those presents, he'll comb your camel's fur
until his boys announce they've found trace amounts of your frankincense,
gold and myrth.
Time to go home by another way, home by another way.
You have to figure the Gods, saying play the odds, and go home by another way.
We can make it another way, safe home as they used to say.
Keep a weather eye to the chart on high and go home another way.

Home is where they want you now,
you can more or less assume that you'll be welcome in the end.
Mustn't let King Herod haunt you so or fantasize his features when you're
looking at a friend.

Well it pleasures me to be here and to sing this song tonight,
they tell me that life is a miracle and I figured that they're right.
But Herod's always out there, he's got our cards on file.
It's a lead pipe cinch, if we give an inch, old Herod likes to take a mile.
It's best to go home by another way, home by another way.
We got this far to a lucky star, but tomorrow is another day.
We can make it another way, safe home as they used to say.
Keep a weather eye to the chart on high and go home another way.

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