

# THE CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

Anglican Parish of Colwood and Langford

Our 25<sup>th</sup> Year Ministering From Our Mt. View Building

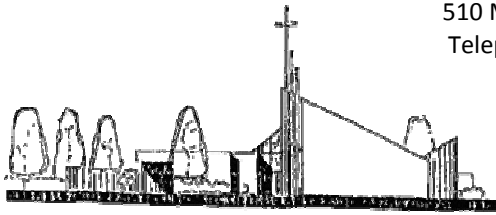
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*The Reverend Kenneth J. Gray, Priest and Rector*



**Sunday Services** are at 8:30 a.m. (Traditional Rite) and  
at 10:00 a.m. (Contemporary with Children's Activity)

**Centering Prayer** occurs Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

**Office Hours** are Monday through Friday from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

*The Church of the Advent through the Anglican Diocese of BC is committed to  
creating and maintaining a safe community in every respect including our ministry  
with vulnerable persons such as children, seniors and persons with special challenges*

**TOGETHER IN MINISTRY, OUTREACH AND PRESENCE**

*We at the Church of the Advent strive to be an open and affirming community of Christians welcoming anyone seeking companionship, spiritual nourishment, opportunity for worship and, as Christ directs us, to engage with and provide for the poor and vulnerable in local and global communities.*

**TOGETHER IN PRAYER**

*We offer these intercessions to God at our Sunday worship services and in our home devotions daily during the week for the church in the world; in our diocese; and in our local community.*

**Today we pray**

FOR the Diocese of Western North Carolina - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Granville Taylor

FOR Fred, our Primate, James, our Bishop, S. John the Baptist, South Cowichan - Scott Pittendrigh.

FOR our companion Diocese of Hpa'an - Bishop Saw Stylo.

IN THE SELKIRK REGION for St. Peter and St. Paul, Esquimalt, Lon Towstego, Priest in Charge

**For those who have asked us to pray for them**

Holly; Nicole; Mollie; Jim; Esme; Alice; Pearl; Duncan & Celina; Gayla

**8:30 a.m. Holy Communion**  
*Book of Common Prayer, p. 67*

*Rev. Ken Gray presides and preaches today*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 **Skip Triplett**

John 1:6-8, 19-28 **t.b.a.**

Administrator **t.b.a.**

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**  
*Book of Alternative Services, p. 185*

*Rev. Ken Gray presides and preaches today - Liturgical assistant is Nancy*

*Baal*

*Unless you are on call for emergency purposes or require special equipment for hearing or seeing, please turn off all electronic communication devices until the conclusion of the service.*

*Hard-of-hearing equipment is available - enquire at the door*

### **THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

*As we gather, music is played by Mary Rogers*

Hymn	<b>88 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus</b>	
Greeting and Prayer		P. 185
Trisagion (said, 3x)		P. 187
Our daily prayer		P. 269
Lighting of the Advent Candle (and Song)	<b>Gabriel and Ken</b>	

**LIGHT A CANDLE FOR PEACE  
LIGHT A CANDLE FOR JOY  
LIGHT A CANDLE THIS ADVENT MORN  
LIGHT A CANDLE FOR LOVE  
LIGHT A CANDLE FOR HOPE  
LIGHT A CANDLE THAT NEVER DIMS**

**We wait together  
Counting the weeks  
With a calendar's steady crouch;  
Prophet and priest  
Together proclaim:  
Christ is coming,  
Prepare the way**

**Sunbeam and twilight  
Moon's gentle glow  
Light to warm even bitter hearts;  
Lighten our darkness  
Help us to shine  
With the light of eternal love**

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### **THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD**

Reading	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	<b>Kathie Gray</b>	
Psalm	126		P. 885
Reading	1Thessalonians 5:16-24	<b>Val Hala</b>	
Hymn	<b>572 Let There Be Light</b>		

Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28  
Sermon  
The Prayers  
The Peace

Carolyn Hamar  
Rev. Ken Gray  
Duncan Forbes  
Congregation

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn **362 Tell Out My Soul**

*Sidespersons: Mona Olmstead & Eva Morneau*

Prayer of Thanksgiving 1 P. 193

The Lord's Prayer is sung P. 211

The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion (2) P. 212

*Distributors: Marjorie Nixon; Glenna Seppala; Mike Armstrong*

*Parish Choir sings during Communion: **Waiting** (T. Keesecker)*

Prayer after Communion P. 214

Announcements **The Gang**

Closing Hymn **573 O Day Of Peace**

Postlude Jingle Bell Rock **Instrumental Ensemble**

Jingle bells swing and jingle bells ring  
Snowing and blowing up bushels of fun  
Now the jingle hop has begun

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock  
Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time  
Dancing and prancing in Jingle Bell Square In the frosty air

What a bright time, it's the right time  
To rock the night away  
Jingle bell time is a swell time  
To go gliding in a one-horse sleigh

Giddy-up jingle horse, pick up your feet  
Jingle around the clock  
Mix and a-mingle in the jingling feet

That's the jingle bell, That's the jingle bell, That's the jingle bell rock!

***Refreshments are served in the hall. Come one, come all ... and meet the family***

***ALSO Check out the LOST & found TABLE. Remember John Newton):***

<b><i>THIS WEEK at the Church of the Advent:</i></b>		
<b>Monday</b>	10:00 a.m.	WHATSEWEVER sewing ministry

## ***THIS WEEK at the Church of the Advent:***

<b>Wednesday</b>	10:30 a.m.	HOLY COMMUNION in the chapel
	Noon	LADIES GUILD Christmas lunch (members and guests only)
	6:30 p.m.	EVENING MINISTRY (final until the New Year)
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 p.m.	PARISH CHOIR
<b>Saturday</b>	9:30 a.m.	PRISON MINISTRY music rehearsal - NO CENTERING PRAYER
<b>Sunday</b>	8:30 a.m.	HOLY COMMUNION in the chapel
	10:00 a.m.	CHRISTMAS PAGEANT with EUCHARIST in the Church

### ***MARK YOUR CALENDARS***

**Dec 20** - PARISH COUNCIL  
- COMMUNITY CAROLING at the Priory

**Dec 24** CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES (see below)

**Dec 25** Single service on CHRISTMAS DAY, 10:30 a.m.

**Jan 1, 2012** Usual service pattern of 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

**Jan 8** GETTING ON BOARD (info soon)

**Jan 15** Next JAZZ VESPERs (a 15 piece big-band)

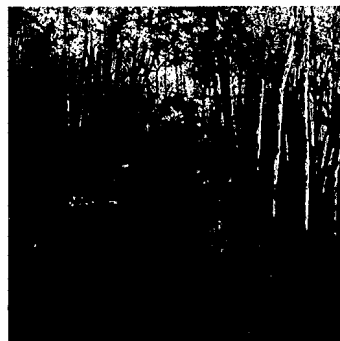
**Jan 21** All ages BARN DANCE

### ***A MESSAGE FROM SHEILA BULL***

Dear Friends in Christ. I would like to express my thanks for all your prayers and love expressed during my time of darkness. I thank God daily for this family. It is your love and caring that helps keep my spirit alive. Thanks be to God who has been so good to me. Sheila Bull

***PUT YOURSELF IN THE STORY - OUR EVERY MEMBER CHRISTMAS PAGEANT***

## Transitions: Your Journey of Transformation through Grief and Loss



Facilitator:

Sarah Donnelly, BA, M.Div.

**Groups starting in Victoria, Colwood and Duncan beginning in late January**

To register or for more information please call

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This happens **next week, Sunday, December the 18<sup>th</sup> at the 10 a.m. service.** We sing familiar carols and as the narrators tell the familiar story, we dress up and enliven the action with our presence. Therefore,



- come dressed up - as shepherds, angels, animals, townsfolk etc.
- bring props such as head garlands, winter scarves, toques, shepherd-ware etc.
- bring at least three family members and friends who do not normally attend - this is a “low-threshold” event

***WE WILL HAVE A SOME COSTUME MATERIALS AVAILABLE ON SITE and CHILDREN WILL CREATE A TREE ORNAMENT AFTER THE SERVICE - Plan to stick around for the refreshment time as the elves get busy***

#### ***CHRISTMAS IS COMING***

- Copies of our **annual Christmas letter** are available for collection today. If you don't find one with your name and address talk to Ken as **we need your contact information please.**
- If you ordered **PWRDF Christmas cards**, they are in and available in the church office. \$12 per package.
- We have a few **church calendars** available. \$6 each. They make great Christmas gifts!
- Sending out Christmas cards? Needing **addresses of former parishioners?** Contact the church office.
- **Christmas decorations** - decorate our church for Christmas - The Altar Guild is asking for any loose change, loonies, toonies etc. to put towards flowers for the Christmas services. You will notice the **small envelopes on your seats** with 'Christmas Flowers' on it. All donations are gratefully accepted.



Join us  
at the ***Church of the Advent*** in Colwood  
*Off Sooke Rd. at Mount View behind the SHELL station*

## **The Place To Be on Christmas Eve**

***Bring the kids at 6 p.m.***

to experience a crèche, a visit from the  
Peanuts gang and a very special guest

***More for adults at 10 p.m.***

with candlelight, communion, carol singing  
and a Christmas reflection

## **Celebrate this Christmas**

at the ***Church of the Advent***  
in **Colwood!**

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<i>Sidespersons, 10 a.m.</i>		

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**WE WANT TO KNOW YOU ...** but we need to be able to contact you, so ...

If you are a newcomer, or if we can help in any way, please let us know. Please fill in the relevant information and give it to a Sidesperson or place it on the collection plate. **Completion of the following information indicates your consent for this parish to gather this information and to use it for reasonable purposes of the church under The Privacy of Information Act.**

NEWCOMER	CHANGE OF ADDRESS	COURSE INFORMATION
HELP	SETUP CONTRIBUTIONS	YOUTH CONNECTION

Name	
Address	Postal Code
Email	Phone