

# THE CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

Anglican Parish of Colwood and Langford

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

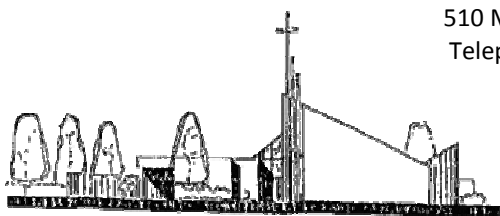
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*The Right Reverend James A. J. Cowan, Bishop*  
*The Reverend Kenneth J. Gray, Priest and Rector*

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

**Jazz Vespers** occurs on  
the third Sunday of each  
month at 7 p.m.

**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 Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia The  
Most Revd William Brown Turei

FOR Fred, our Primate, James, our Bishop, S. Peter, Campbell River &  
S. Saviour, Cortes Island - Blair Haggart & Charles Massey

FOR our companion Diocese of Sittwe

IN THE SELKIRK REGION for all parishes of our region

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

Holly; Nicole; Jim & Bonnie; Alice; Duncan & Celina; Gayla; Sally Fordham;  
Bryce; Kaye (Dianne Langdon's Mother-in-law)

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

*Canon Trevor Wright presides and preaches today*

Phil 2:5-11 **Lenn Enns**

Lk 2:15-21 **Gary Olmstead**

Administrator **Jeanette Thompson**

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

*Rev. Ken Gray leads music and presides and Canon Wright preaches today -  
Liturgical assistant is Mike Armstrong*

*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**

Hymn	<b>154 Joy To The World</b>	
Greeting and Prayer		P. 185
Trisagion (said three times)		P. 187
Our daily prayer		P. 269

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Reading	Num 6:22-27	<b>Mollie Medcalf</b>
Psalm	8	P. 711
Reading	Phil 2:5-11	<b>Kathie Gray</b>
Hymn	<b>121 O Little Town Of Bethlehem</b>	
Gospel	Lk 2:15-21	<b>Barbara MacDowell</b>
Sermon		<b>Canon Wright</b>
Sing a New Song		<b>Rev. Ken Gray</b>

**When the angels left for heaven,  
And found their way back home,  
When the shepherds made their trek,  
To where the Christ is shown,  
At Bethlehem, in fields nearby,  
Their eyes were opened wide,  
A shepherd's Holy ruckus made,  
As heav'n and earth collide**

**Mary found within her heart,  
A treasure now made known,  
Earth's newest mother paused for cause,  
Her heavenly child clear shown,  
Surrounded by the starlit host,  
Throughout an earthly sky,  
The shepherds learned the angel-song,  
A tune both low and high.**

**(And they were)  
Glorifying and praising God,**

With hasty breaths they spoke,  
Telling tales of miracles,  
Of birth and life and hope,  
Singing songs of love and joy,  
to all who care to listen,  
People just like you and me,  
With tongues we need to loosen.

After eight days travel home,  
In Nazareth located,  
He took his given, ancient name,  
The gift of those about Him,  
The name above all other names,  
Which angels had instructed,  
The name we take upon ourselves,  
Our faith with theirs now bonded.

He is called Jesus, son of Joshua  
Jesus the son of David,  
God with us, Emmanuel  
The One who is our Saviour  
Holy One, Messiah, Lord  
The Prince of Peace foretelling  
Good News to all God's favored ones  
New hope for all our living

(So we are)  
Glorifying and praising God  
With hasty breaths we speak  
Telling tales of miracles  
Of birth and life and hope  
Singing songs of love and joy  
to all who care to listen  
People just like you and me  
With tongues we need to loosen

Based on Lk 2:15-21 - Festival of the Naming of Jesus - © Kenneth J. Gray, Jan 1, 2012

The Peace

**Congregation**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn **138 Hark The Herald Angels Sing**

*Sidespersons: Mona Olmstead & Eva Morneau*

Prayer of Thanksgiving 4 P. 201  
 The Lord's Prayer is sung P. 211  
 The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion (6) P. 213  
*Distributors: Linda Cue, Irene Ferguson, Kathy Middleton*

Prayer after Communion P. 214  
 Announcements **Rev. Ken Gray**  
 Closing Hymn **135 Shepherds In The Fields Abiding** (omit v. 3)  
*There may (or may not) be refreshments this morning*

<b><i>THIS WEEK at the Church of the Advent:</i></b>		
<b>Monday</b>	10:00 a.m.	WHATSEWEVER sewing ministry
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:30 a.m.	Ministry at the PRIORY
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:30 a.m.	HOLY COMMUNION in the chapel
<b>Saturday</b>	9:30 a.m.	CENTERING PRAYER in the chapel
<b>Sunday</b>	8:30 a.m.	HOLY COMMUNION in the chapel
	10 a.m.	HOLY EUCHARIST in the large sanctuary

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Jan 13-15 DIOCESAN SYNOD  
 Jan 11 LADIES GUILD Monthly Meeting  
 Jan 14 Men's Breakfast  
 Jan 15 BIG-BAND JAZZ VESPER (a COTA JV first)  
 Jan 21 All ages BARN DANCE  
 Jan 22 GETTING ON BOARD (Inter-service gathering)  
 Feb 19 ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

**A CHRISTMAS BABY!**

Congratulations to Catrina & Larry Snook on the safe arrival of their son Blake William Lawrence on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. A brother for Kian. Darleen & Graham Terlson are the proud grandparents and Bob & Peg Flint are the proud great-grandparents.

**NOMINATIONS FOR LAY MINISTRY POSITIONS are now open**

We invite nominations for the position of warden, parish council member and lay distribution of the bread and wine at communion. Our parish policy is that persons who have served three consecutive years on council or in a lay ministry role must take a sabbatical year. We therefore have openings in all areas at present. We have one

nomination for warden at this point. Call or email Ken for more information.

**PARISH FINANCIAL POSITION as of Nov 30, 2011**

<b>November 2011</b>	<b>Actual 2011</b>	<b>Budget 2011</b>	<b>Actual 2010</b>
Total income from operating	\$20,430	\$20,265	\$19,869
Total operating expenses	\$20,193	\$19,864	\$21,917
<b>Total net income</b>	<b>\$237</b>	<b>\$401</b>	<b>\$2,048</b>
<b>November YTD</b>			
Total income from operating	\$234,594	\$205,931	\$206,287
Total operating expenses	\$232,381	\$210,610	\$220,125
Total income from operations	<b>\$2,213</b>	<b>-\$4,678</b>	<b>-\$13,839</b>
Income from bequest	\$51,000		
<b>Total net income</b>	<b>\$53,213</b>		

For the month of November, revenue from the Christmas Craft Fair was up 8% compared to last year and right on budget. Overall, our income and spending was very close to budget. Year to date, ignoring all bequest income and expenses, our offerings are up 3% and our operational spending is on budget. As we close the year, our overall net income is well ahead of budget and it is looking like we will end with a comfortable surplus. Gowan Armstrong, Treasurer

**RECTOR’S NOTE: Sadly, Gowan and family will shortly move away to Northern BC, to Fort St. John as Gowan has accepted a senior management position there. His careful administration of parish finances over the past six years has blessed staff, council and the parish as a whole. The Armstrongs have been an integral part of our parish life and we will miss them so.**

**TRANSITIONS: YOUR JOURNEY OF TRANSFORMATION THROUGH GRIEF AND LOSS**

Church of the Advent is very pleased to be offering “Transitions: Your Journey of Transformation through Grief and Loss.” This 10-week program will provide insight, hope and prayerful support for those who have experienced a wide-variety of losses including the death of a loved one, illness in yourself or someone you love, loss of a job or retirement, and the ending of a marriage or significant

relationship. Cost: \$200 or \$20/week. Limited financial assistance is available. Facilitator: Sarah Donnelly, BA, M.Div.

**Thursday evenings, 7-9:30pm, January 26 – March 29 –  
Church of the Advent, Colwood (250-474-3031)**

Transitions will also be offered at the following locations:

- Wednesday evenings, 7-9:30pm, January 25 – March 28 – Centennial United Church, Victoria (250-384-6424)
- Thursday afternoons, 1-3:30pm, January 26 – March 29 – Grace Lutheran Church, Victoria (250-383-5256)

To register please contact one of the churches. For more info please contact Sarah at 1-250-710-7675 or [info@sarahdonnelly.ca](mailto:info@sarahdonnelly.ca)

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**JAZZ VESPERS - A BIG BAND BLAST - JANUARY AT COTA**

Bruce Hurn's Jazz Orchestra Collective (BHJOC) is a collection of some of Victoria's finest musicians (including our own David Enns) in both the jazz and classical genres. The band is a reincarnation of the former "Monday Night Big Band" which was formed in 1998 by Hurn, along with fellow trumpeters Mike Herriott and Geoff Houghton.

Once again Bruce has assembled an ensemble of great players to perform works by some of the greatest "Big Band" arrangers of our time: Rob McConnell - Sammy Nestico - Quincy Jones - Gordon Goodwin - Rick Wilkins - Bob Mintzer, to name a few. The band also features works from some of the creative minds within the band itself and also from the local jazz community.

Be prepared to be "blown away" by the energy and dynamic diversity of this wonderful group of musicians as they take you on a musical adventure you'll not soon forget.



**SATURDAY JANUARY 21 - 7 <sup>PM</sup>**

**GOOD OLE FASHIONED**

**BARN**



**DANCE**

**PROFESSIONAL TEACHER AND CALLER**  
*NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NECESSARY*

*Pot - Luck finger Food*

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