

# THE CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

Anglican Parish of Colwood and Langford

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

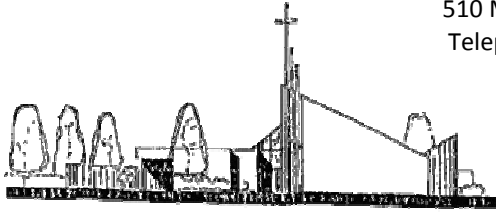
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*The Right Reverend James A. J. Cowan, Bishop*  
*The Reverend Kenneth J. Gray, Priest and Rector*

Unknown it is,  
the road ahead,  
but could we breathe  
if all was understood

Peter Millar  
*The Iona Community*

**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 of Australia The Most Revd Dr Phillip John  
Aspinall Archbishop of Brisbane & Primate of Australia

FOR Fred, our Primate, James, our Bishop, S. John the Divine, Victoria  
- Larry Scyner & Sarah Belknap

FOR our companion Diocese of Yangon

IN THE SELKIRK REGION for Holy Trinity Sooke, Alex Nagy, Nancy  
Nagy, Wally Eamer

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

Holly; Nicole; Jim & Bonnie; Duncan & Celina; Gayla; Sally & Roy; Bryce;  
George Mortimore (GEM)

**For those who have died**

For Kaye Langdon (Mark Langdon's mother)

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

*Rev. Ken Gray presides and preaches today*

Acts 19:1-7 **Betty Ruff**

Mark 1:4-11 **Jeanette Thompson**

Administrator **Helen Horner**

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

*Rev. Ken Gray presides and 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**

Greeting and Prayer

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We sing together

♪ **As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you;  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.**

**YOU ALONE ARE MY STRENGTH, MY SHIELD,  
TO YOU ALONE MAY MY SPIRIT YIELD,  
YOU ALONE ARE MY HEART'S DESIRE,  
AND I LONG TO WORSHIP YOU!**

**I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy,  
You alone are the real joy giver  
and the apple of my eye.**

**You're my friend and you are my brother,  
even though you are a king;  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything!**

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♪ **GOD IS PATIENT, IS PATIENT WITH US ALL  
GOD IS PATIENT, SO PATIENT  
ONE DAY, WITH GOD IS LIKE A THOUSAND YEARS OF COUNTING,  
GOD IS PATIENT, SO PATIENT**

**How then, can we befriend the holy gift of waiting?  
Help us, O God to wait together;  
How then, can we lead lives of holiness and goodness?  
Waiting for the coming day of God.                      REFRAIN**

Waiting, we gather, according with his promise,  
Waiting for new heavens and new earth;  
Waiting, in love and faithful hope and expectation  
For that place where righteousness is home. REFRAIN

Therefore, beloved, while you are always waiting  
Strive, to be found by him at peace  
Regard, the patience of our God as saving glory  
Waiting for the coming day of God. REFRAIN

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♪ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity. PD

Our daily prayer

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THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Reading	Genesis 1:1-5	Jose Pereña Pratt
Responsive Reading	78 The New Jerusalem	P. 78
Reading	Acts 19:1-7	Glenna Seppala
Hymn	635 Like The Murmur of the Dove's Song	
Gospel	Mark 1:4-11	Tytti Smith
Sermon		Rev. Ken Gray

♪ YOU ARE MY SON,  
THE BELOVED; WITH YOU  
I AM WELL PLEASED

**YOU ARE OUR GOD,  
FROM THE WATER,  
YOU BLESS ALL LIFE**

**From the mountains and the valleys  
Through the tempest and the storm  
and darkest hour;  
Your never failing presence  
Offers strength and peace and then  
your saving power**

**In the joys and celebrations  
Throughout all our times of ease  
each moment blest;  
As we travel life's long journey  
As we seek to love our neighbour  
in You we trust**

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Apostles Creed	P. 189
Prayers of the people	<b>Duncan Forbes</b>
The Peace	<b>Congregation</b>

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn **482 Come And Journey with A Saviour**

*Sidespersons: Jose Pereña Pratt & Barney Pratt*

Prayer of Thanksgiving 4 P. 201

The Lord's Prayer is sung P. 211

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

*Distributors: Mike Armstrong, Val Hala, Joan Hoffman*

*Music during communion includes: **There Was the Word** (R. Makeever) sung by the Parish Choir*

Prayer after Communion P. 214

Announcements **Rev. Ken Gray**

Closing Hymn **656 She Comes Sailing On The Wind**

*Refreshments and community building in the hall after the service*

<b><i>THIS WEEK at the Church of the Advent:</i></b>		
<b>Monday</b>	10 a.m.	WHATSEWEVER sewing ministry
<b>Tuesday</b>	10 a.m.	LITURGY PLANNING GROUP (kitchen)

<b><i>THIS WEEK at the Church of the Advent:</i></b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:30 a.m.	HOLY COMMUNION in the chapel
	1:30	LADIES GUILD meet (chapel)
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 p.m.	PARISH CHOIR rehearses
<b>Friday - Sunday</b>		Diocesan Synod Meets
<b>Saturday</b>	8:30 a.m.	MENS BREAKFAST
	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
	7 p.m.	BIG BAND JAZZ VESPERS (see below)

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- Jan 21 All ages BARN DANCE (see below)  
 Jan 22 GETTING ON BOARD (Inter-service gathering)  
 Jan 29 Farewell to ARMSTRONG FAMILY  
 Feb 19 ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS (combined service at 9)  
 Feb 22 ASH WEDNESDAY (Lent commences)

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**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

This Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup>. Coffee is on at 8 a.m. Breakfast is served at 8:30 a.m. sharp! By donation. Come enjoy some good fellowship and interesting conversations! Bring a friend.

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**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.

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**ARMSTRONG FAMILY FAREWELL**

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. ***Please sign the 'farewell' card in the Narthex.***

# JAZZ VESPERS

*Where Music and Spirit meet together*

## Big Band Jazz Vespers

### **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.

***Sunday, January the 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.***

#### **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:

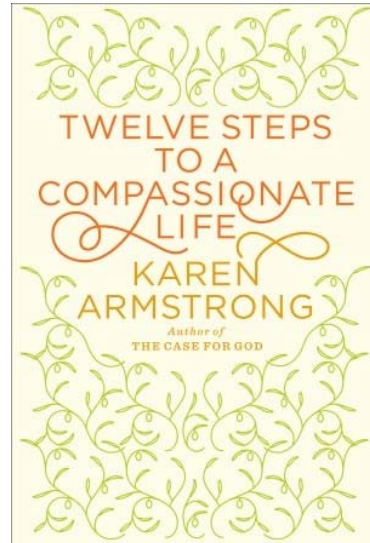
- Wednesday evenings, 7-9:30pm, January 25 – March 28 –  
Centennial United Church, Victoria (250-384-6424)
- Thursday afternoons, 1-3:30pm, January 26 – March 29 –  
Grace Lutheran Church, Victoria (250-383-5256)

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)

**COMPASSION - our 2012 Winter/Spring  
Programme**

A book study and motivational guide for growing compassionates - Wednesday evenings commencing in February - Cost of Book is \$20.00 - ***sign sheet in the narthex if you seek a copy***

One of the most original thinkers on the role of religion in the modern world—author of such acclaimed books as *A History of God, Islam, and Buddha*—now gives us an impassioned and practical book that can help us make the world a more compassionate place.



Karen Armstrong believes that while compassion is intrinsic in all human beings, each of us needs to work diligently to cultivate and expand our capacity for compassion. Here, in this straightforward, thoughtful, and thought-provoking book, she sets out a program that can lead us toward a more compassionate life.

The twelve steps Armstrong suggests begin with “Learn About Compassion” and close with “Love Your Enemies.”

Throughout, Armstrong makes clear that a compassionate life is not a matter of only heart or mind but a deliberate and often life-altering commingling of the two.

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

**GOOD OLE FASHIONED**

**BARN**



**DANCE**

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

*Pot - Luck finger Food*

**CHURCH OF THE ADVENT PARISH HALL**  
**510 MOUNT VIEW AVE. COLWOOD**  
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**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

**DONATIONS FOR EXPENSES APPRECIATED**

*It is an annual New Year's Day tradition for the Anglican Primate to preach at Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa. This year Archbishop Fred Hiltz considers the significance of names and the nameless—from the protestor celebrated by Time magazine to those who call themselves survivors of the residential schools system. Finally, he considers how each Anglican can be a better Christian lover, both through work in Canada and by strengthening ties around the worldwide Anglican Communion. The full text can be viewed at [www.anglican.ca](http://www.anglican.ca) Here are some extracts:*

The name of Jesus tells the story of divine love made known in the manger and on the cross. It tells the story of the Son of God coming to proclaim good news to the poor, release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind. It tells of the Servant of God walking among the least and the last, feeding the hungry, healing the sick. It speaks of the Beloved of God drawing us into an abiding friendship one with another in his mission in the world. As true as the statement "names tell stories" is of Jesus, so it is of others. Names tell the stories of the day and of the events of the year.

According to Time Magazine the person of the year 2011 was "Protestor." In Tunisia, Egypt, Yemen, Libya and now Syria, we saw masses of people filling city squares protesting the oppression under which they lived for so long. Refusing to be suppressed any longer they demanded dictators step down and they called for democracy in the governance of their nations.

In Europe we saw massive protests in the wake of political turmoil and floundering economies in several countries. In New York hundreds of protestors occupied Wall Street drawing worldwide attention to the ever growing gap between the wealthy and the poor. The Occupy Movement spread to cities all across North America and around the world. Here in Ottawa, the Blanket Train made its way to The Hill protesting the lack of a comprehensive Government plan for addressing longstanding issues of injustice borne by the indigenous peoples of this land. The awful reality is that across this country there are many communities like Attawapiskat. The crisis in housing, access to fresh food and clean water, health care, and schooling cannot be ignored . . .

If "Protestor" was the person of the year in 2011 I believe a very close second was "Survivor." We saw immense suffering through natural disasters — the cataclysmic tsunami in Japan, relentless flooding in India and Pakistan, earthquakes in Chile and New Zealand, and storms that battered the Philippines just before Christmas. We watched millions of people on the move, struggling to survive in their escape from the ravages of famine in the Horn of Africa. Canadian Anglicans channelled their compassion and extraordinary generosity through the Primate's World Relief and

Development Fund (PWRDF) working with Action by Churches Together (ACT) . . .

We are haunted by the face of other survivors, those who have suffered through gender-based violence and human trafficking. Tragically many young people are lured or snatched up for the sex trade. They become a commodity, goods delivered, damaged and then discarded. From the horrors of this violation of human dignity, we cannot turn our eyes. We must shout out our condemnation at all forms of sexual slavery and we must stand with those who would help people escape its bondage.

Abuse often has its seeds in bullying. Alarmingly this behaviour is learned at a very young age. Those who are bullied are often silenced sometimes to the desperate act of taking their own life. Thankfully however many young people themselves are taking initiatives to address this issue. Musical pop stars and sports celebrities are inspiring them in a shift from a climate of bullying to a culture of kindness. As a Church we must do everything we can to support and model that shift.

The ministry of the Servant of God, touched the suffering ones of his time. His eyes beheld them. His lips uttered words of compassion. He reached out to touch and comfort them and in his heart he carried them. After his example we are called to "go and do likewise" . . .

Much of the work to which we are called in the world reflects a devotion to the Christ of the Synoptic Gospels — Matthew, Mark and Luke. To what work I wonder does the Johannine portrait of Christ call us? Implicit in that gospel and related writings is the beautiful image of Christ as the Beloved of God — sent from God not to condemn the world but to redeem it. The Beloved becomes very flesh and dwells among us. He draws us together as a community that abides in the mystery of the eucharist, the word of his peace and the command to love one another. "By this" he said, everyone will know that you are my disciples." (John 13:35)

Lovers? Is this how we are known — as lovers of God, lovers of one another, lovers of God's creation? Is loving a theme in your life's story and mine? Is it a pervasive theme in the witness of our church? I hope that what people see and hear and experience in our church is a love revealed in genuine welcome and hospitality, a love informed by gospel values and oriented toward the world, a love inspired by the Beloved himself and then incarnated in our words and actions . . .

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Full text available on the narthex table or at <http://www.anglican.ca>

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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.**

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| NEWCOMER | CHANGE OF ADDRESS   | COURSE INFORMATION |
| HELP     | SETUP CONTRIBUTIONS | YOUTH CONNECTION   |

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