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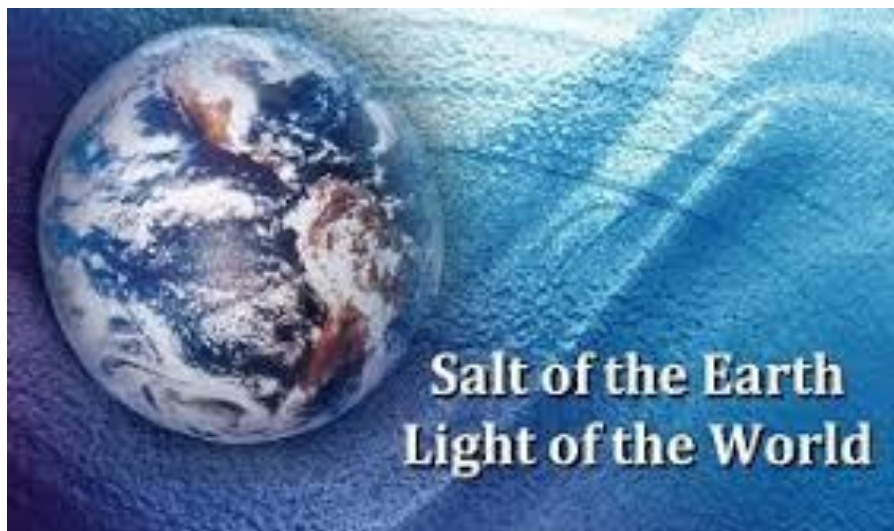
The Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover, Rector

The Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher, Associate Priest

***“Together in Christ
we seek to love God and
to love and serve all others”***

February 9, 2020

5th Sunday After Epiphany



Sunday Services are at 8:30 a.m. (Traditional Rite)

10:00 a.m. (Contemporary)

Office Hours are Mon to Thurs, 9:00-Noon; **Closed Friday.**

Celtic Eucharist and Gospel Discussion Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

If you are a newcomer, please identify yourself to the Sidespersons or priest so we can welcome you and tell you about our church.

We recognize that we worship on the traditional lands of Coast Salish peoples. We commit ourselves to continue with our First Nations neighbours on the journey of healing, truth and reconciliation.

Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover preaches and presides today.

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer, p. 67
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Isaiah 58:1-9a

Psalms 112:1-9 Pg. 478

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Matthew 5:13-20

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Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover

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

Liturgical Assistant is Sheila Dearsley

Sidespeople are Joan Hoffman & Lydia French

Director of Music is Nell Howard

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: As we meet together, we begin by remembering the Lekwungen speaking people, on whose traditional land we now gather in gratitude. We acknowledge their story and their stewardship of the land and water, the plants and animals, through the many generations.

As we meet together, we remember those who have called this place their home in recent years—the community of faith known as Church of the Advent, whose joyful spirit embraces us. Now let us greet one another with words and signs of welcome.

Sentence of the Day: I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

Opening Hymn: CP 3 Morning Has Broken

Greeting:

Called to be light,
we would carry God's hope into the shadows of the world.
Called to be salt,
we would enhance the lives of those around us, with joy.
Called to live in God's reality,
we would welcome everyone as siblings in faith.

Hymn of Praise: G 807 We Are Called (Come Live in the Light)

Come! live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain:

We are called to act with justice.
We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and blindness will be no more! ***(Refrain)***

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters
and brothers united in love! ***(Refrain)***

Collect of the day: God of Israel, giver of love's law: liberate us from all that numbs compassion, so that we may find in your commands light undimmed and flavour undiminished; through Jesus Christ, fulfiller of the law. Amen.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat @ the Chancel:



Hymn: This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

First Reading: *Isaiah 58:1-9a*

Linda Van Sickle

Psalms: *Psalms 112:1-9*

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Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 2:1-12*

William Hounsell-Drover

Gospel Hymn: G 744 As a Fire is Meant for Burning

(Verses 1 & 2 prior and verse 3 following the Gospel.)

As a fire is meant for burning
with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission,
giving glory to God's name.

As we witness to the Gospel,
we would build a bridge of care,
Joining hands across the nations,
finding neighbours everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers;
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions,
we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit,
we would live to God's delight.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:13-20*

Peter Hounsell-Drover

Gospel Hymn Cont'd:

As a green bud in the springtime
is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness
'mid earth's peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens
when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance
of God's new and glorious dawn.

Sermon:

Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover

Apostles Creed:

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayers of the People:

Neil Mikkonen

Confession & Absolution:

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The Peace:

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Offertory Hymn: CP 404 The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

Prayer over the Gifts: God of compassion and forgiveness, **receive our offering this day, and make us one with him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #1:

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Sanctus: MV 206

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes, who comes in God's name.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer:

Breaking of the Bread #2:

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Invitation to Communion: *Friends, this is the joyful feast of unity. Christ has gathered his people around the earth to commune at this table. And so, come: you from the East and you from the West, from the North and from the South. Come. Come with your doubts, come with your hopes, come with your inadequacies and with your strengths. Come, for this is a table where all are invited, and all are welcome.*

Communion Distributors: Linda Cue, William & Peter Hounsell-Drover

*Choir Anthem: **Servant King***

By Graham Kendrick

Prayer after Communion: Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Doxology:

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SENDING FORTH

Blessing:

Shared Ministry:

Commissioning Hymn: CP 502 You are Salt for the Earth

Commissioning:

Our Enlivening God calls us to be salt —

to add flavor to the world.

Our Enlivening God calls us to be light —

to add illumination and beauty to the world.

Our Enlivening God calls us to be courageous —

to respond to the needs of the world, so that God's presence may be revealed to all the world.

Amen!

And Amen

~Coffee, tea, and juice are served in the Main Hall after the service~



TODAY WE PRAY

Pray for the Anglican Church of Canada.

*Logan our Bishop, Sandra our Rector, & Paul our Associate Priest.
For Parish of Salt Spring Island & the Diocese of Yukon.
In the Selkirk Region for Holy Trinity, Sooke.*

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

*Joan, Maureen, Elmer & Alice, Lucy, Barb, Scott, Sarah, Kim, Peter,
Mike, & Barbara.*

SHARED MINISTRY

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Feb. 11– Scrap & Chat, 9:30 am; What-Sew-Ever, 10 am

Wednesday, Feb. 12 – Ladies Guild Mtg, 1:30 pm; Choir, 7:30 pm

Friday, Feb. 14 – Parish office is closed. Rev. Sandra's day off.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Dt 30:15-20; Ps 119:1-8; 1 Cor 3:1-9; Mt 5:21-37



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Feb. 11: What-Sew-Ever plus Scrap & Chat

Feb. 12: Ladies Guild Meeting, 1:30 pm

Feb. 16: Jazz Vespers with Maureen Washington, 7 pm

Feb. 18: What-Sew-Ever; Parish Council, 7 pm

Feb. 23: One service at 9:30 am; **AGM**; "Bunwich Lunch"

Feb. 25: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch, 12 – 1 pm

Feb. 29: Messy Church, 3:30-5:30 pm

Mar. 1: Newcomers Lunch after 10 am service in Room C

Mar. 3: Priory, 10:30 am; Lenten Bible Study; What-Sew-Ever, 10 am

Mar. 5: Book Club, 10 am in the Main Hall

Mar. 8: Greater Victoria Police Chorus Concert, 2 pm

Mar. 10: What-Sew-Ever plus Scrap & Chat; Lenten Bible Study

Mar. 14: Dessert & Silent Auction, 7 pm

Mar. 15: Jazz Vespers with Kathryn Le Gros, 7 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MESSY CHURCH – Our next Messy Church event will take place here at Church of the Advent on Saturday, February 29th from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. This is a fun evening out for families to enjoy games, crafts, worship time and a free dinner!

We are currently looking for 4 volunteers to help. Please let Joan Hoffman know if you are able. Thanks!

AGM – On February 23rd we will have **one service at 9:30 am**. After the service we will continue with the Annual General Meeting for the year 2019. Thank you to everyone who submitted their reports. After the AGM we will congregate in the Main Hall for our next "Bunwich Lunch." We kindly ask parishioners to contribute by bringing sandwich items.

POLICE CHORUS CONCERT – The Greater Victoria Police Chorus is back again, in concert, on March 8th at 2 pm! Tickets are now available for purchase in the office from Monday to Thursday, 9 am until noon. You may also contact Jose for tickets at 250-744-3025 or 250-857-3025. They are \$15 if purchased in advance and \$20 at the door.

DESSERT & SILENT AUCTION - Mark your calendars for our Dessert & Silent Auction, scheduled to take place on Saturday March 14th at 7pm in the Main Hall. This provides a fun evening out for you and your friends to come and bid on decadent treats and an assortment of other unique treasures! Tickets are \$5 each which also includes your first glass of wine! They can be purchased in the parish office or through Joan Hoffman.

Regarding Donations: *If you have any items at home that you would like considered for the silent auction, please call Joan at 250-474-5446. Also, we are planning to create beautiful **theme baskets** to auction off. We welcome any donated items to contribute to the baskets, or you can create an entire theme basket on your own. Empty baskets will be available in the Narthex if you need them. Some basket theme ideas are: Wine, Spa, Coffee/Tea, Garden, Movie Night, Sports, and Candy.*

NEWCOMERS LUNCH – We are pleased to invite you to our annual Newcomers Lunch, hosted by Bob and Donna Brandle, on Sunday, March 1st, after coffee time in the Main Hall. We will assemble in Room C at 11:45 am. Lunch will be provided and there is no need for you to bring anything. After lunch you will be provided with a short history of the parish, and tour around some significant elements of the facility. The lunch and tour will conclude by 1:30 pm.

Please note that even if you have attended the church for several years but have not yet had the opportunity to attend a Newcomers Lunch, we invite you to join in anyway. It is fun, informative and gives us an opportunity to get to know you better!

For more information please contact Bob Brandle at 250-478-0264 or email bobbbrandle@shaw.ca.

SHROVE TUESDAY – February 25th from 12 to 1 pm is our annual pancake lunch. Admission is \$6 per person. If you have any baked goods to donate to our baking table, please feel free to bring them in that day! Also, please note that the monthly luncheon that would have been scheduled for the 26th is cancelled.

JAZZ VESPERS - We are very excited to announce that the amazingly talented Jazz songstress, Maureen Washington, returns to Church of the Advent on Sunday, February 16th for our Jazz Vespers service. If you have not had the opportunity to hear Maureen in concert before, this is an opportunity you won't want to miss. To read her bio, visit: www.colwoodanglican.ca.

JOIN OUR NEW BOOK CLUB! Do you find yourself shying away from most book clubs because you don't always care for the chosen literature, and would end up having to force yourself to finish it on time (or perhaps look online for the Coles notes version)? Well, this book club is entirely different. You get to read whatever you want, gather with the group, and share your thoughts on the book while enjoying coffee/tea and social time. You can even exchange books with other group members. This is intended to be light, fun and enjoyable for everyone. Even if you are not a big reader, this may be a great opportunity to dip your toe in and

explore books that inspire you! Why not come out and give it a try? **We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 10 am in the Main Hall.**

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY - What part, if any, does the Bible play in your spiritual life? Are you getting something of value from it? Do you think you could get more? Is any of it confusing or troubling? You are invited to a **5-week interactive workshop**, led by new member Bill Geimer and based on Martin Borg's *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time* and Karen Armstrong's *The Bible: A Biography*. A purpose of the workshop is to explore a bit of how the bible came to be, and the spiritual paths that may be opened to us by looking at it differently. The workshop will begin on **March 3rd** and run for 5 weeks. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex where you can also indicate your preference for a daytime or evening session. Please direct any questions to Bill at tarheel@shaw.ca or call 250-642-0185.

CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS - As influenza season is upon us, and as the most recent strain (Novel Coronavirus, 2019-nCoV) is spread globally, we'd like to encourage all parishioners to pay special attention to attending to their personal health and sanitary habits. If you are feeling even slightly unwell, please do not attend worship or church events. Please wash your hands frequently and make use of the hand sanitizer at entrances to church buildings as you enter or depart. It is the policy of the diocese that "intinction" (dipping the bread in the wine during communion) is NOT an acceptable practice as the risk of spreading viruses is greater from fingertips in the common cup than it is from sipping (when proper use of purificators and wiping is utilized). Remember, Anglican sacramental theology asserts that receiving just the bread is still considered full communion. During The Peace, please respect others' choice to bow or nod rather than shake hands. If the whole community is conscientious, we can protect our children, elderly, and those with compromised immune systems from becoming ill this flu season.

DIRECTORY

<i>Church Office*</i>	<i>Mon. – Thurs. 9 a.m. till Noon</i>	<i>250-474-3031</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

We ask congregants to limit the use of fragrances.

THANK YOU!