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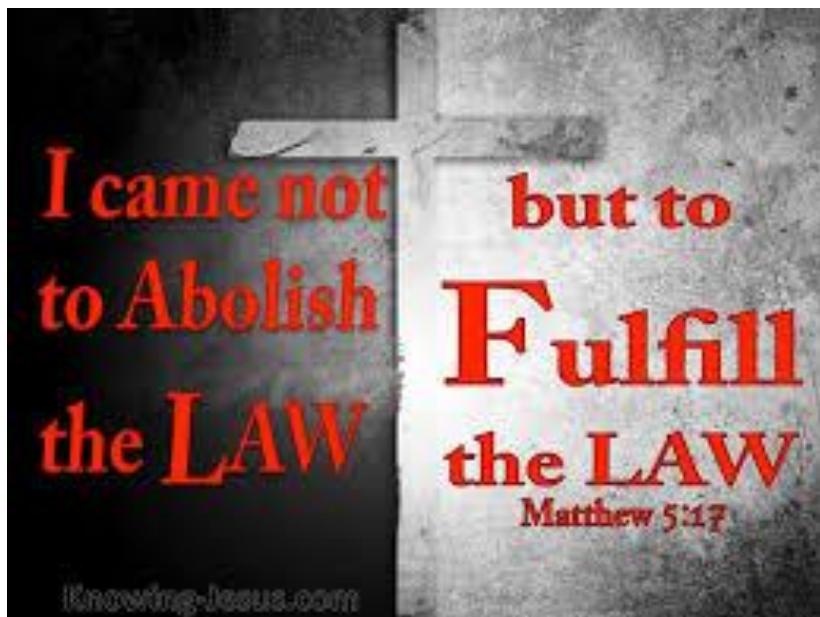
The Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover, Rector

The Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher, Associate Priest

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

February 16, 2020

6th 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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Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 119:1-8 Pg. 485

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

Administrator

Sheila Bull

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Suzanne Bullen

Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover

Eric Spurling

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

Liturgical Assistant is Donna Brandle

Sidesperson is Ed Robinson

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: Blessed is our God, Lord of heaven and earth, who has revealed these things to the simple.

Opening Hymn: CP 350 Stand Up and Bless the Lord

Greeting:

As we gather let us feel God's love in our midst – love that forgives and renews us,

love that enables us to reach out in love to others.

Come, let us worship God together!

Let us give thanks for God's amazing love poured out on each one of us.

Hymn of Praise: MV 154 Deep in Our Hearts

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;

Deep in our hearts there is a common song;

Deep in our hearts there is a common story, telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;

Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;

Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message, justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;

Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;

Deep in our hearts there is a common current, flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;

Deep in our hearts there is a common song;

Deep in our hearts there is a common story, telling Creation that we are one.

Collect of the day: Almighty and ever living God, **whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life, look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole all peoples and nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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: *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

Carolyn Hamar

Psalm: *Psalm 119:1-8*

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Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 3:1-9*

Gemma Hamblin

Gospel Hymn: **CP 611 Our Father we Have Wandered**

(Verse 1 prior and verse 2 following the Gospel.)

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:21-37*

Lydia French

Gospel Hymn Cont'd:

Sermon:

Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover

Apostles Creed:

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayers of the People:

Sue Hamblin

Confession & Absolution:

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The Peace:

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Offertory Hymn: G 938 We Come to Your Feast

We place upon your table a gleaming cloth of white:
the weaving of our stories, the fabric of our lives;
the dreams of those before us, the ancient hopeful cries,
the promise of our future: our needing and our nurture
lie here before our eyes.

Refrain:

***We come to your feast, we come to your feast:
the young and the old, the frightened, the bold,
the greatest and the least.***

***We come to your feast, we come to your feast
with the fruit of our lands and the work of our hands,
we come to your feast.***

We place upon your table a humble loaf of bread:
the gift of field and hillside, the grain by which we're fed;
we come to taste the presence of him on whom we feed,
to strengthen and connect us, to challenge and correct us,
to love in word and deed. ***(Refrain)***

We place upon your table a simple cup of wine:
the fruit of human labor, the gift of sun and vine;
we come taste the presence of him we claim as Lord,
his dying and his living, his leading and his giving,
his love in cup outpoured. ***(Refrain)***

We gather 'round your table, we pause within our quest,
we stand beside our neighbors, we name the stranger "guest."
The feast is spread before us; you bid us come and dine:
in blessing we'll uncover, in sharing we'll discover
your substance and your sign. ***(Refrain)***

Prayer over the Gifts: Eternal God, **you are the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, receive all we offer you this day; turn our sickness into health and our sorrow into joy. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

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 #3:

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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: **Rose Chandler, Lydia French, & Linda Cue**

Choir Anthem: **TBD**

Prayer after Communion: God of tender care, **in this eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. May we show your love in our lives and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Doxology:

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SENDING FORTH

Blessing:

Shared Ministry:

Commissioning Hymn: G 718 I Have Been Anointed

I have been anointed with the song of the Lord!
A song of love and compassion, a song to set me free!
God is my rock of salvation! A beacon for my soul!
Hallelujah! Amen! Hallelujah! Amen!
Praise to the rock and the wellspring, creator of my soul! Oh,

I have been anointed with the song of the Lord!
A song of love and compassion, a song to set me free!
God is my rock of salvation! A beacon for my soul!
Hallelujah! Amen! Hallelujah! Amen!
Praise to the rock and the wellspring, creator of my soul!

My heart knew darkness, my soul was filled with despair,
Lifeless and silent, no music anywhere,
And then my Lord and companion, he filled my waiting soul:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! For God has made me whole!

I have been anointed with the song of the Lord!
A song of love and compassion, a song to set me free!
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Hallelujah! Amen! Hallelujah! Amen!
Praise to the rock and the wellspring, creator of my soul!

Commissioning:

You have life choices before you, as you leave this church.
We will choose the life that is joyful and fulfilling;
we will choose the life that goes beyond the well-known borders;
we will choose the life that seeks the way of reconciliation;
we will choose the life that contributes to community;
we will choose the life that shares with generosity;
we will choose the life that is lived as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

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



TODAY WE PRAY

Pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

Logan our Bishop, Sandra our Rector, & Paul our Associate Priest.

For S. Mark, Qualicum Beach & the Territory of the People Anglican.

In the Selkirk Region for Church of the Advent

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

Monday, Feb. 17: Stat Holiday. Parish office is closed.

Tuesday, Feb. 18– What-Sew-Ever, 10 am; Parish Council, 7 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 19 – Choir, 7:30 pm

Friday, Feb. 21 – Parish office is closed. Rev. Sandra's day off.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Ex 24:12-18; Ps 2; 2 Pet 1:16-21; Mt 17:1-9



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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 – Plan to join us for **one service at 9:30 am on February 23rd** as well as our **Annual General Meeting** for the year 2019 following the service. After the AGM we will congregate in the Main Hall for a "Bunwich Lunch." We kindly ask parishioners to contribute by bringing sandwich items. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex where you can indicate what you will be bringing and the number in your household attending. Reports are ready for pick-up in the Narthex. Please read through and bring **your copy with you to the AGM!**

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – Monday, February 17th is the last day to register for our Lenten Bible Study series. If you are still curious and would like more information, please contact Bill Geimer at tarheel@shaw.ca or call 250-642-0185. The group will meet at on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm, starting March 3rd and concluding on March 31st. The purpose of the workshop is to explore ideas on how the bible came to be, and the spiritual paths that may be opened to us by looking at it differently. This is an interactive workshop based on Martin Borg's *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time* and Karen Armstrong's *The Bible: A Biography*. We hope you will join us.

ENVELOPE #123 – Please check your envelope number and let the office know if you have #123. You will want to receive your tax receipt!

JAZZ VESPERS – Join us this evening at 7 pm for an exciting Jazz Vespers event. We are pleased to welcome back the wonderful Maureen Washington. 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.

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.

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.**

SOME IMPORTANT DATES: “Canada Kindness Week” is from February 16th to the 23rd. “Pink Shirt Day” (AKA Anti Bullying Day) is February 26th. **We encourage you to wear a pink shirt on Sunday February 23rd to support “Kindness Week.”**

MUSIC & PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZE: The next service is at 6:00 pm, Friday, February 21, at the Lutheran Church of the Cross, 3787 Cedar Hill Road. Music practice begins at 5:30. All are welcome!

Activity Corner

Matthew 5:21-25

R X M T R D A N G E R B R Y O
F V I E B C D A D K V R E J Y
P X S U X P R A X J Q O C D I
K A G W P N J E L A X T O P K
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OFFERING	FIRST	FOOL	JUDGEMENT	GIFT
BROTHER	HELL	DANGER	RECONCILED	FIRE

DIRECTORY

<i>Church Office*</i>	<i>Mon. – Thurs. 9 a.m. till Noon</i>	<i>250-474-3031</i>
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****For pastoral emergencies outside of office hours, please call 506-461-4825.***

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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!