

Church of the Advent

Anglican Christian Witness on Victoria's Westshore

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

The Right Rev Dr. Logan McMenamie, Bishop

The Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover, Rector

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

10:00 a.m.(Contemporary)

Office Hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00-Noon
Celtic Eucharist and Gospel Discussion Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO THE 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 and Straits Salish peoples. We commit ourselves to continue with our First Nations neighbours on the journey of healing, truth and reconciliation.

The Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover preaches and presides today.

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

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

Administrator:

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

Liturgical Assistant is Sheila Dearsley

Sidespeople are Evelyn & Ed Robinson

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Leader: As we meet together, we begin by remembering the people of the Coast and Straits Salish 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: Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people.

Gathering Hymn: CP 397 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Welcome

The Greeting:

The Almighty is our source of light and life.

We have no fear, for God is our salvation.

The Holy One is our fortress and shelter.

We have all the strength we need, for God is with us.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

Let us worship the Lord indeed.

Praise Hymn: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. **Refrain**

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. **Refrain**

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Collect of the Day: God of all people, **you sent your Son into our shadowed world. May his dawning light give hope to the broken, the persecuted, the alien and the excluded, so that we might feel the kingdom drawing near and turn to follow him; through Jesus Christ, the morning star. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION

Childrens Ministry time:

Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Jhoy Brandle

Gospel Hymn: Two Fishermen

Vss 1 & 2 before the Gospel Vs 3 following the Gospel

Two fishermen, who lived along the Sea of Galilee,
Stood by the shore to cast their nets into an ageless sea.
Now Jesus watched them from afar
then called them each by name;
It changed their lives, these simple men;
they'd never be the same.

Refrain:

**Leave all things you have and come and follow me,
And come and follow me.**

And as he walked along the shore
'twas James and John he'd find,
And these two sons of Zebedee
would leave their boats behind.
Their work and all they held so dear they left beside their nets.
Their names they'd heard as Jesus called;
they came without regret. **Refrain:**

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Barbara Thomson

And you, good Christians, one and all
who'd follow Jesus' way,
Come leave behind what keeps you bound
to trappings of our day,
And listen as he calls your name to come and follow near,
For still he speaks in varied ways to those his call will hear. **Refrain:**

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Sermon
Apostles Creed

The Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover
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Prayers of the People
Confession and Absolution
The Peace

Kathy Middleton
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Congregation

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn **CP 73 One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All**

Prayer over the Gifts: Loving God,
before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer 1 p. 193

Sanctus: Mass of Simplicity by Julie Hoy

The Lord's Prayer Gordon Light

Fraction: #6 p. 213

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: **Donna Brandle & Rose Chandler**

During communion, the Parish choirsings: **There was the Word** by R. Makeever

Prayer after Communion:

Gracious God, **our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

Doxology p. 214

SENDING FORTH

Blessing

Announcements

The Wardens

Commissioning Hymn: **CP 577 God of Grace and God of Glory**

COMMISSIONING

One: Jesus, the light of the world, calls us to follow. Go and tell the news of God's love. Cast the nets of grace wide, that all may see the glory of God. Go forth and shine with God's light!

May God—Source, Word, and Spirit— bless you with the radiance of love.

All: We Go in Peace to love and serve all of God's creation. Amen. Alleluia.

TODAY WE PRAY

For Lake Rukwa - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Mathayo Kasagara.

For Fred our Primate, John our Metropolitan, Logan our Bishop and Sandra our Rector.

For S. John the Divine, Victoria - Alastair McCollum, Kevin Arndt, Gillian Hoyer & Patrick Sibley.

*For the Diocese of New Westminster - Bishop Melissa Skelton.
In the Selkirk Region for St. Michael & All Angels (Royal Oak).*

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

Seymour, Val, Maureen, Brad and Tytti, Brenda, Michelle, Mollie, Elmer.

COMING EVENTS:

WHAT SEW EVER: Tuesday mornings 10:00 a.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Wednesday nights 7:30 p.m. starting back Jan. 25th

YES WE CAN: Depression Support Group. The group meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

BOOK CLUB: Meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Chapel 1:30

COMMUNITY LUNCH:

Our Ladies Guild lunch returns on Wed. Jan. 25. 12 noon to 1 p.m. \$8 each. Come enjoy delicious soup; assorted sandwiches, & a yummy dessert. Bring a friend or two.

FROM THE LADIES GUILD: **Did you know** that when you come to the Ladies Guild Community Lunch, you help to support people in need both locally and internationally? Several times each year, the proceeds from the lunches are sent on to a number of organizations. In November 2017, Guild members voted to disburse funds as follows: \$250 to Capital Mental Health; \$250 to Sisterhood of St. John the Divine; \$300 to Doctors Without Borders; \$200 to Stephen Lewis organization for African Grandmothers; \$200 to Westshore Communities Christmas Hampers and \$200 to the Westshore Refugee Sponsorship Group. In January, the Guild voted to send \$300 to the Savory School Breakfast Club in Langford. So please come out to the Ladies Guild Lunch on January 25th for great food, good fellowship and an opportunity to support others in need. Bring your friends and neighbours; all are welcome!

Interested in becoming a member of the Guild? All women in the parish are most welcome. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month (except for the summer) at 1:30 pm. Speak to Pat Graham or Lydia French if you have any questions.

AND REMEMBER there will **NOT** be a Community lunch in February. There will however be...**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE LUNCH** Feb. 28 – 12 noon to 1 p.m. Adults \$6.00.

ADVENTURE OUTING:

We will be going to the Starlight Pops “Disco Fever” – Sunday, January 29, 2:30 p.m. at St. Aidan’s United Church. All seats \$20. You won’t want to miss this wonderful concert. We will be carpooling from our church parking lot. See Bonnie Stuart for tickets or there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

OUR AGM: Our Annual General meeting will take place February 19th after the 9:30 service. Reports will be out soon.

"FREEDOM IS A-CALLIN'" - Victoria & Duncan are combining their Freedom Gospel Choirs, under the direction of Ann Antonides, for our first concert of 2017. Our inspiring & uplifting music is a combination of gospel, African freedom songs & Spirituals & this year, coincides with Black History Month. It will be held Saturday, January 28 at the First Church of the Nazarene, 4277 Quadra Street. Advance tickets \$15; \$20 at

the door; Children 12 & under are Free. Please note that the concert begins a little earlier than usual at 6:30 pm. Tickets may be obtained from choir members or at the Christian Book & Music store. For further info call 250-634-4576.

NEW CHURCH OF THE ADVENT NAMETAGS AVAILABLE!

These nametags are made of a light brass, laser engraved with a magnetic backing so that it will not damage your Sunday finery. The cost is \$8.50 plus \$2.00 for the magnetic back. If I order them in batches of 12 or more then it is \$7.00 plus \$2.00 for the magnetic back for a total of \$9.00 + tax which will be \$10.00. If you are interested, or would like more information, please see Mike Armstrong after church or email me at spike39@shaw.ca and put Nametag in the subject line.



AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST:



A special Thank You from the Our Place Family for the generous outpouring of gifts we received over the Holidays. May your caring and generosity bring you and your family blessings in 2017.