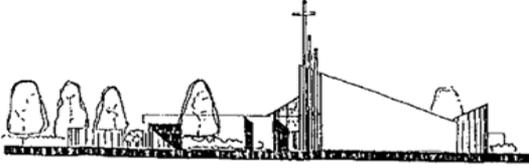


# THE CHURCH OF THE ADVENT



## CONNECTIONS

Keeping

YOU

connected with our

**ADVENT PARISH FAMILY**

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

Church Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Discipleship is the process of orienting our lives to the Divine. Prayer, study and action are all different, but equally important ways to connect with God's grace dwelling in and among us. This little book is full of opportunities to grow in that grace and become more immersed in the Faith Community here at Church of the Advent.

If you see something here that calls to you, simply let the contact person know or contact the church office.

The Rev James Holland

### **Altar Guild**

Members prepare both sanctuaries for worship services. Main duties include care for communion vessels, bread and wine, cleaning silver and brass, and arranging flowers. Members work in groups on a rotating schedule. New members, with or without previous experience are most welcome. Contact Kathy Middleton or Mike Armstrong.

### **Baptism**

Holy Baptism takes place at the 10:00 a.m. service at specific times throughout the year. Because this is the Rite of Initiation into the community of faith, all candidates and their families will receive preparation classes for this important event. Please speak to our Rector.

### **Breakfast after the 8:30 a.m. Service**

Most Sundays of the year (except summer) a light breakfast is served following our early morning service.

### **Centering Prayer**

A group of folks gather each Saturday morning for a half hour of quiet prayer in the chapel. Our prayer is not intercessory, but

reflective. Music and scripture shape our weekly prayer. Contact Neil Mikkonen.

## **Choir**

Our adult choir provides special music and leadership for our 10:00 a.m. service. Practice is every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Contact Mary Rogers our Music Director for more information.

## **Church School**

It is essential that we take seriously the challenge of animating the Gospel in the next generation of seekers and learners. We have a small but lively church school which meets during the 10:00 a.m. service. All those entrusted with the care of children must attend The Sanctuary Programme of the Diocese of British Columbia. They must also submit a Police Information Check. We are committed to safeguarding all Gods' children.

## **Coffee Hour**

Every Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. service, coffee, tea and juice are served in the church hall. Members work in pairs on a rotating schedule. Contact Evelyn or Ed Robinson.

## **Email contact – You've got mail**

The office sends out an email usually once a week describing forthcoming events, sharing items of interest and providing encouragement and a sense of online – community. We need your contact information! Please contact the office.

## **Food Bank**

The Goldstream Food Bank provides food and advocacy to families on income assistance or in distress because of financial hardship. Items can be left for pick up in the box provided in the Narthex.

Money is also welcome either through the offering plate or in the small white box in the Narthex. Our parish link is Mike Armstrong.

### **Funerals, Death and Dying**

Please notify the church office whenever someone you know is **seriously or gravely ill**. In the case of death, our Rector will meet with you to assist with funeral arrangement and to provide counseling and support. Please contact us through the office at the time of death. And if possible, before you converse with a funeral service provider.

### **Homegroups**

Groups of up to 10 people meet at the host's residence to enjoy refreshment and share in the discussion of spiritual topics. Groups use book studies, DVD features and sometimes invited guests to expand their reflection on Christian faith. Use your God-given gifts to host, lead or become a leader-in-training for a homegroup.

### **Ladies Guild**

The Ladies Guild meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month and hosts a monthly community luncheon. The Guild hosts an annual pancake lunch and the Guild also caters to funeral teas. Please contact Pat Graham or Lydia French.

### **Lay Ministry at Worship Services**

Opportunities exist for persons to read scripture publicly, lead in prayers, and distribute the elements at Holy Communion. Contact the Rector or the Church office.

### **Library**

A well-stocked library is located beside the office. Books, DVDs and other material are available free of charge for loan.

## **Memorial Garden**

Our Memorial garden holds the cremated remains of parishioners. For more information, please contact the office. There is a minimal cost for placement of remains. No markers are used – committal is to the garden proper. It is a lovely environment to rest, pray and remember.

## **Mens' Breakfast**

Held once monthly from September to May, coffee is available at 8:00 a.m. followed by a full breakfast. The focus is fellowship and admission is by donation. Profits go to meet current needs in the church or to community outreach.

## **Nursery**

We have a fully equipped and tidy Nursery. You are most welcome to use the Nursery during your time here. There is a live audio link to the church. The nursery is not staffed at this time.

## **Offerings**

One of the ways we say “thank you” to God for the gift of new life in Christ is by giving a portion of our income back to God. On request, you will receive a one-year supply of special envelopes and a confidential summary of contributions for your records. Church of the Advent also offers a Pre-authorized debit programme (PAD) as a convenient option.

## **Pastoral Care**

If you have need of Pastoral care, please speak to your Rector or call the church office.

## **Prayer Line**

The members in this group pray daily as request and follow-up on the requests received by phone, email, or in person. Please contact the Church Office to submit a request.

## **Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)**

This is a national Anglican fund with staff in Toronto who coordinate the Anglican participation through partnerships in development and emergency relief worldwide. It is generously supported and it is considered a "jewel" in the Canadian Anglican Crown.

## **Recycling Programme**

The following items are collected by our church: Canadian Tire Money, in support of our maintenance fund, Campbell Soup Labels, bottle recycling, shoeboxes, tabs from canned beverages, batteries, and printer ink cartridges. Please wash all containers before bringing them in.

## **Refugee Programme**

At many times our church has provided financial and physical support to refugees coming to Canada from dangerous environments. For more information or to contribute, please contact the church office.

## **Sidespersons at the 10:00 a.m. service**

Sidespersons prepare the church for weekly 10:00 a.m. services, hand out bulletins, usher, count and record the number of worshippers and collect the offering. Afterwards, they ensure that everything is put away and that the building is secure. Newcomers are encouraged to consider this important ministry of service and friendship.

## **Website**

Our website is found at [www.colwoodanglican.ca](http://www.colwoodanglican.ca) Visit the site on a regular basis for information on events, note and other resources relevant to living the Christian life. If you want anything posted to the website please contact our Rector or the office.

## **Weddings**

The first step in planning a wedding is to call the Rector who will discuss times and dates with the couple.

## DIRECTORY

Church Office	Mon. – Thurs. 9 a.m. till Noon	250-474-3031
Priest in Charge	Rev Jim Holland	250-474-3031
Parish Administrator	Kathy Middleton	250-474-6914
Director of Music	Mary Rogers	250-472-6671
Wardens	Joan Hoffman	250 474-5446
	Jim Hamar	250 478-5057
Treasurer	The Office (office hours)	250-474-3031
Altar Guild/Lay Ministry	Kathy Middleton	250-474-6914
Facility Use	The Office (office hours)	250-474-3031
Financial Gifts Secretary	Barb Gossman	250-478-4717
Ladies Guild	Pat Graham (President)	250 391-4473
Maintenance Coordinator	Al Stanley	250-474-3031
Prayer Line	The Office (office hours)	250-474-3031

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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

*The Church of the Advent is a NO SMOKING environment.  
Thanks for your cooperation.  
We also ask congregants to limit the use of fragrances.  
**THANK YOU!***