

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The Last Sunday after Epiphany

February 23, 2020

As people of God, we celebrate Christ in the heart of Victoria through joyful worship, building inclusive community, and putting faith into action.

St. John's acknowledges these ancestral lands of the Lekwungen speaking people.

We are an inclusive and affirming parish; the sacraments of the church (baptism, communion and marriage) are available to all people on equal terms. Christ welcomes you, and so do we.



Titian: Transfiguration c.1560. Public Domain

Welcome to the Parish Church of St. John the Divine, Victoria. We are a community of faith in the Anglican Tradition, seeking to live lives of faith, hope and love as part of this community of Downtown Victoria. We are on a journey of learning to be a welcoming, inviting, inclusive and serving community which is open to all.

Our worship reflects our rootedness in the Anglican tradition, whilst drawing on liturgies that reflect the long history and heritage of our Christian faith. Please join in as you feel able, and enjoy the words, music and opportunity for prayer and to be a part of our community.

If our service seems unfamiliar, please follow the cues from our leaflet, the ministers leading the service and those around you. Most of our Sunday morning worship services have the Eucharist, or Holy Communion, at the heart of our worship – please feel free to join us, whatever your tradition, in the sharing of bread and wine. Gluten free wafers are available: Please indicate if you need one.

Within the Anglican Church of Canada (under the advice of the Primate and the Chief Medical Officer for Canada) we would ask that bread is not dipped into the wine, as this has the potential to spread infection in a way that the sharing of the cup does not. If you would prefer not to share the cup then receiving only bread is considered 'full communion' (also known as 'Communion in One Kind').

If there is anything that you wish to talk about, please do take the opportunity to talk to the worship leaders, ministers and other members of the congregation following the service. If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Healing Prayer group in the south Quadra entrance who would be happy to pray with you as the Holy Communion is shared.

After our service we usually share coffee and an opportunity to get to know one another, in the Church Hall – through the door on the front left hand side. We have many visitors and newcomers here so please make yourself known to folks as you feel comfortable.

You are very welcome here. We don't always get it right; please let us know when we do, and when we don't. Please stay and be a part of our family, for however long you would like.

8:00 am Holy Communion

The order of service is found on page 67 in the Book of Common Prayer

Presider: The Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

The congregation is invited to join in the hymns, responses and prayers marked in bold print.

Presiders: The Reverend Bill Tarter

The Venerable Alastair McCollum

Readers: Karen Coverett, Iris Elsdon

Gospel: Joan Huzar

Sermon: The Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt

Intercessor: Lorraine Gates

Audio: Pat Payne

Verger: James Pauly

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine,

The Sutton Organ Scholar, The MacRae Choral Scholars

The Mass Setting: Collegium Regale,

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

A Nursery for children aged 0 to 3 is available from 10 am until the start of the Eucharist.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The children are invited to gather at the back of the church and join in the procession.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 347)

LEONI

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Almighty God

**All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER

After the prayer the children continue their worship in the Parish House.

Loving God,

**All: you've called us to be your family and to celebrate our life together in worship.
We pray for all the members of our family, here and absent,
and especially for our young people now as they continue their worship.
Bless them, and each of us, in fun and learning, in friendship, and love. Amen.**

GLORIA

Choir: Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened
to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

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Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against
the Lord and against his anointed?
“Let us break their yoke,” they say; “let us cast off their bonds from us.”
He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the Lord has them in derision.
Then he speaks to them in his wrath, and his rage fills them with terror.
“I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.”
Let me announce the decree of the Lord; he said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I
begotten you.
Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth
for your possession.
You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”
And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow before him;
Lest he be angry and you perish; for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Happy are they all who take refuge in him!

THE EPISTLE

2 Peter 1:16-21

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 166)

O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

Before the Gospel

Cantor: *Al - le - lu - ia.* All: *Al - le - lu - ia.*

Choir: This is my Son the Beloved : with whom I am well pleased.

All: *Al - le - lu - ia.*

God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Good News of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Following the Sermon there will be a pause for silence.

HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Our candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors: I present Cedar and Clara to receive the sacrament of baptism.

The Presider asks the following questions of the candidate and their sponsors answer.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Sponsors: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Sponsors: I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Sponsors: I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Sponsors: I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Sponsors: I do.

Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Sponsors: I do.

The Presider addresses the congregation:

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

All: We will.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Let us now pray for *Cedar Henry Melville Isaacs & Clara Grace Melville Isaacs* who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, almighty God and Father, for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks for you have called *Cedar & Clara* to new life through the waters of baptism.

Now sanctify this water that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Anoint them with your Holy Spirit and bring them to new birth in the family of your Church, that they may become an inheritor of your glorious kingdom.

We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All: Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All: I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

All: I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All: I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour
as yourself?

All: I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every
human being?

All: I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and
renew the life of the Earth?

All: I will, with God's help.

THE BAPTISM

The minister sprinkles the candidate with water from the font.

*Cedar/Clara, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

All: Amen.

I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin,
and have raised them to the new life of grace.
Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.
Give them an inquiring and discerning heart,
the courage to will and to persevere,
a spirit to know and to love you,
and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

All: Amen.

THE WELCOME AND THE PEACE

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Cedar & Clara, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**All: We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN (CP 320)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Holy God,
receive all we offer you this day,
and bring us to that radiant glory
which we see in the transfigured face
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer 3, Book of Alternative Services

Priest: The Lord be with you. *All:* And al-so with you. *Priest:* Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *All:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth,
because in the mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of salvation
in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Now with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven,
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

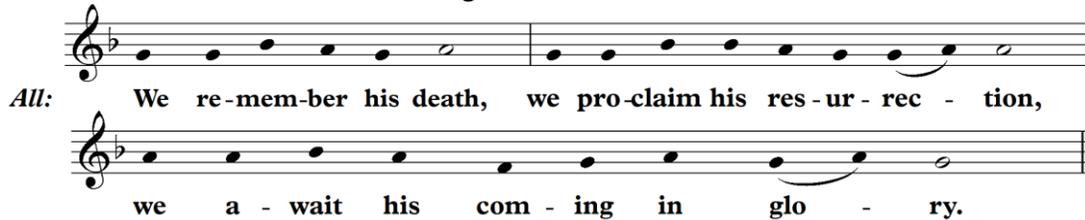
*Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.*

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,



All: We re-mem-ber his death, we pro-claim his res-ur-rec-tion,
we a-wait his com-ing in glo-ry.

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light

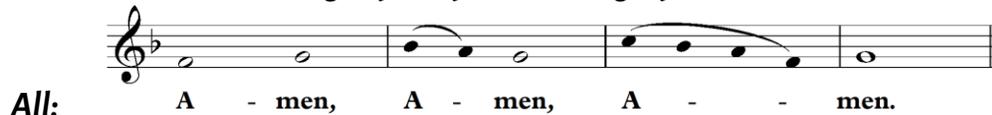
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation,

the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.



All: A - men, A - men, A - - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ambrosian Chant

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

All: **God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI

Choir: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

All are invited to receive communion. Please follow the Greeters' instructions. Receiving bread or wine is considered full communion. It is the practice of the ACC not to dip the bread into the wine. Any not receiving communion are invited to receive a blessing, and to indicate that by holding their arms crossed on their chest.

If you are unable to come forward for communion please make this known to the Greeters and we will bring communion to you.

Gluten free wafers for communion are available. Please request them from the person who is distributing the bread.

MINISTRY OF HEALING

We invite those wishing prayer for themselves or on behalf of someone else to come to the front of the line to receive the bread and wine. Immediately after receiving, go to the prayer station in the south Quadra entrance. Briefly state your need. The prayer team will lay hands on your shoulders and will pray quietly for you.

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION

O nata lux de lumine,
Jesu redemptor saeculi,
Dignare clemens supplicum
Laudes precesque sumere.

Qui carne quondam contegi
Dignatus es pro perditis,
Nos membra confer effici
Tui beati corporis.

*O Light born of Light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
with loving-kindness deign to receive
suppliant praise and prayer.*

*Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
for the sake of the lost,
grant us to be members
of thy blessed body.*

Text: Office hymn for the Feast of the Transfiguration.

Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585).

Following the Communion there will be a pause for Silence.

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
We ask this in his name.

All: Amen.

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

You are invited to be seated for the Voluntary or to leave at this point.

Coffee and tea will be served in the Parish Hall.

READINGS FOR MARCH 1ST – THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 God has formed the first human from the dust of the ground and has breathed life into him. God has placed him in his own domain, a land of delight, the Garden of Eden. To eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is to attempt to gain total knowledge of creation, something God does not intend humans to do.

Psalms 32 Since disease was commonly regarded as punishment for sin, healing is evidence that the sin is forgiven. This psalm offers thanksgiving for healing.

Romans 5:12-19 Paul has said that Christians, reconciled to God, will be saved, sharing in the risen life of Christ. Now he contrasts Christ and Adam. Adam was the first human; with Christ there is a new humanity.

Matthew 4:1-11 Every Israelite was expected to live by the great commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." Jesus shows himself to be the ideal Israelite, as he refuses to use his power in self-gratifying ways.

FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in memory of my family, with love from Sylvia Balogh.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Office Hours 9am – 12 Noon Monday to Friday

Today

11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge
2:00 pm	Fundraising Concert for The Food Bank at St. John's The Greater Victoria Police Chorus	Church

Monday 24

1:00 pm	Garden Eucharist	Memorial Garden
1:30 pm	The Divine Knitters	Denson Lounge
2:00 pm	Book Study	Walking Together Chapel
4:00 pm	Living Presence Meditation	Walking Together Chapel

Tuesday 25

12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Walking Together Chapel
6:00 pm	Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras) Pancake Supper Doors open at 5:30 pm.	Hall

Ash Wednesday 26

7:45 am	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes followed by Breakfast	Walking Together Chapel Denson Lounge
10:00 am	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes	Church
12 Noon	Art & Soul Drop In	Church Basement
7:30 pm	Parish Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes	Church

Thursday 27

3:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Denson Lounge
5:30 pm	Holy Communion	Denson Lounge

Friday 28

10:00 am	Food Bank	Church Basement
6:30 pm	kidspace	Church

Sunday, March 1

8:00 am	Holy Communion	Chapel
10:00 am	Parish Eucharist	Church
12 Noon	Annual Vestry Meeting	Hall
7:30 pm	Evensong	Church

The Food Bank
2020 Benefit Concert
presents

The Greater Victoria Police Chorus

Today at 2:00 pm in the Church

Doors open at 1:30 pm

Tickets available at the door - \$20

All proceeds go to The Food Bank at St. John's

You are invited to the 2nd Annual
St. John the Divine and Christ Church Cathedral
Shrove Tuesday

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

February 25th

**Doors open @ 5:30 pm; Dinner @ 6:00 pm
in the Baumann Centre (925 Balmoral Rd)**

Admission by Donation

**Entertainment by Coastline Fiddlers.
Come dressed up if you wish.**

Sign up sheet at the garden door.



NOTICE OF 2020 VESTRY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the parishioners of this parish will be held **the 1st day of March, 2020, at 12 Noon, in the Parish Hall**, for the purpose of receiving the 2019 Reports of the Officers and Organizations and approving the 2020 Budget. Bring a brown bag lunch. Vegetarian stew will be available.

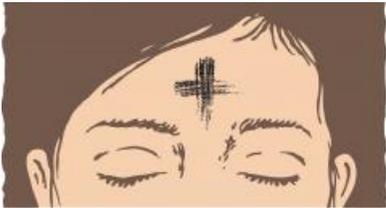
ST. JOHN'S COURT SOCIETY

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the Society to take place beginning at **12 Noon, Sunday, March 1st, 2020, in St. John's Parish Hall**. All members of St. John's parish are members of the Society.

Lent, Holy Week, Easter at St. John the Divine

This is the most holy season of the Church year. We will mark it throughout Lent, then as we move into Palm Sunday and Holy Week our schedules will change! Here's what's happening at St. John's through Lent alongside all the usual services and events in the week throughout Lent.

Ash Wednesday - 26 February



7:45 am - Holy Communion (Eucharist) with imposition of ashes: a short (40 mins) said service with a brief reflection and the opportunity to receive the sign of the cross on our forehead in special prepared ash. Followed by a simple breakfast together.

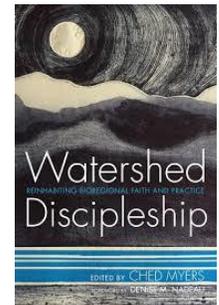
10:00 am - Holy Communion (Eucharist) with imposition of ashes: a said service similar in shape to our Sunday Parish Eucharist with a short sermon and, again, the opportunity to receive the sign of the cross on our forehead as a mark of the beginning of Lent.

7:30 pm - Parish (Sung) Eucharist with imposition of ashes: our main observance of the day, with choir and hymns, sermon and the sharing of the sign of the cross in ash on our forehead.

Throughout Lent

Watershed Discipleship

This thought-provoking and substantial book will be the basis of our study over Lent. Edited by Ched Myers, it is a collection of writings encouraging us to 'do theology and live faithfully where we are' – particularly considering the importance of the Watershed in the flourishing of human beings. We won't be reading the whole book through, but looking at some of key stories within the book from different authors.



Wednesdays beginning March 4th, until Holy Week

12:15 pm - Lunch With A Point: We will be reading **Watershed Discipleship** over the course of Lent and be discussing some of the chapters within the book. A lively and thought provoking time over lunch.

7:00 pm - Reel Thought: A movie each Wednesday evening, followed by discussion on the themes and ideas which emerge.



Lent, Holy Week, Easter *at St. John the Divine*

Thursdays from March 5th

5:30 pm - Evening Eucharist: A 30 minute service followed by a shared supper

6:30 pm – Discussion Group: An opportunity for those unable to attend Wednesday lunch to discuss **Watershed Discipleship** (all are invited to attend the Eucharist and eat together, as well as joining the discussion, or just to come to any part of the evening)

Fridays from 28 February – 3 April

12 noon – 2:00 pm – Open Church. We would love the Church to be open for silent prayer, and the opportunity to open up our beautiful building – but to do this we need volunteer stewards, at least two per session, please contact Carol-Ann in the office if you feel able to offer.

Also, for our shared lunches/suppers on Wednesdays and Thursdays through Lent it would be great if there were people able to offer soup or chili or something similar for each week – probably for about 20 people each session, or to share with another responsibility for providing for one session. When we have a co-ordinator/co-ordinators for this we will let everyone know, until then please let Carol-Ann know if you might be able to help.

Living the questions

During Lent, we – with our Cathedral, St. Mary Oak Bay, St. Matthias Fairfield, St. George Cadboro Bay, and others, will have the opportunity for a refresher course, or an update, on the theological groundings of Progressive Christianity, particularly as expressed in our Anglican tradition. The Dean is describing this as ‘Confirmation Reboot.’

This five week course is based on the excellent book ‘Living the Questions’ and will be taking place on consecutive Saturdays **starting on Saturday, March 7th**, and will have speakers from all of our Parishes and more! Each week will deal with two themes during the course of a morning (9am until noon) and will end with lunch together. There will also be the option of taking part in a Watershed Discipleship seminar with one of the authors within the book!

The cost is \$60 for the full course, including a copy of the book and lunches for the five weeks – for those who are using this as their preparation for confirmation or to be received into the Anglican Church from another tradition, this also includes bringing a sponsor/companion to accompany you through the journey. This is a great opportunity to hear some up- to- date theological and spiritual thinking, to discuss what is at the heart of our shared journey and spend some quality time with fellow wanderers on this wonderful faith path!

Email Rev. Ross Bliss at the cathedral for further details and to book -
vicar@christchurchcathedral.bc.ca

St. Mary's Churchmouse Books

GIANT Spring Book Sale

Saturday, March 7th 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Thousands & thousands of great pre-owned books

Silent auction of our best volumes

Live music

Food

Tea and Coffee

Community

Kairos Blanket Exercise

A participatory workshop that will introduce you to our shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada.

When: Saturday, March 7th

Time: 1:00-3:00 pm

Where: St. Patrick's Church, Lourdes Hall
2060 Haultain Street, Oak Bay

Please **RSVP** to victoriareadp@gmail.com or 250-477-6952

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Prayer Group prays through the week; to request confidential prayers for yourself or others contact Pat Manning or leave the request at the church office.

Requests for intercessory prayer may be made by filling out a Prayer Request Card (at the back of the church on the west wall) or by emailing the information on the card to: admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca. Prayer is the bedrock of our relationship with God through Christ. Prayers are read at Sunday and weekday services.

The Special Monthly Envelope for February is The Food Bank at St. John's & Alliance Club

The Food Bank at St. John's provides staple food items to those in need in our community.

The Alliance Club is a drop-in centre for youth on the street. Volunteers from St. John's and the larger community purchase supplies and cook several large casseroles monthly for the Alliance Club.

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey.

“Christians are usually sincere and well-intentioned people until you get to any real issues of ego, control, power, money, pleasure, and security. Then they tend to be pretty much like everybody else. We often given a bogus version of the Gospel, some fast-food religion, without any deep transformation of the self; and the result has been the spiritual disaster of "Christian" countries that tend to be as consumer-oriented, proud, warlike, racist, class conscious, and addictive as everybody else-and often more so, I'm afraid.”

— *Richard Rohr, Breathing Underwater: Spirituality and the 12 Steps*

Transfiguration

For that one moment, 'in and out of time',
On that one mountain where all moments meet,
The daily veil that covers the sublime
In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet.
There were no angels full of eyes and wings
Just living glory full of truth and grace.
The Love that dances at the heart of things
Shone out upon us from a human face
And to that light the light in us leaped up,
We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,
A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope
Trembled and tingled through the tender skin.
Nor can this blackened sky, this darkened scar
Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are.

--*Malcolm Guite*

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