

St. Luke's News

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As we enter the new year, we remember that the first part of the New Year is still in the season of Christmas, ending with the Feast of The Epiphany on January 6th. We will mark this Festival on Sunday January 5th. Let us bring this new year in with a sonnet by Malcolm Guite. (used with his permission)

The magi

*It might have been just someone else's story;
Some chosen people get a special king,
We leave them to their own peculiar glory,
We don't belong, it doesn't mean a thing.
But when these three arrive they bring us with them,
Gentiles like us, their wisdom might be ours;
A steady step that finds an inner rhythm,
A pilgrim's eye that sees beyond the stars.
They did not know his name but still they sought him,
They came from elsewhere but still they found;
In palaces, found those who sold and bought him,
But in the filthy stable, hallowed ground.
Their courage gives our questing hearts a voice
To seek, to find, to worship, to rejoice.*

Please have any submissions for the January Newsletter in by January 27st.
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Incumbent Priest/Pastor:

The Ven. Noel Wygiera

Incumbent's Warden:

Eric Nyrose

People's Warden:

Deb Mann 403-350-4798

Pianists:

Dorothy Comfort

Judy Miller

Organist:

Jo Wygiera

Service Schedule

Sunday

08:00 Said Eucharist (BCP)

10:00 Sung Eucharist (BAS)

7:00 pm Compline (BCP)

5th Sunday. 10:00 am

Morning Prayer

Thursday

2:00 pm Said Eucharist (BAS)

WEBSITE
OLDCHURCHRD.COM

Visit it often to check for news and upcoming events. If anyone has an item they feel might be appropriate for inclusion on the website please send it to website@oldchurchrd.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Heads of Parish Groups to get their Annual Reports in ASAP - office@oldchurchrd.com

January 5th: Celebration of Epiphany Following the 10 am service the Altar Guild will be taking down the church decorations and any help from parishioners would be appreciated.

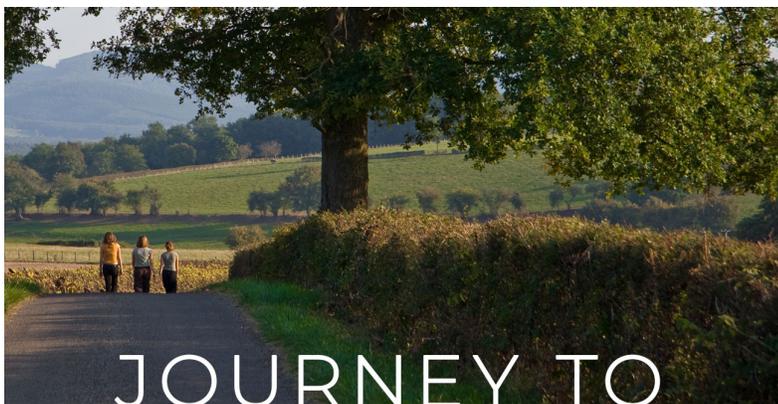
January 9th: Parish Tea following the 2:00 pm Eucharist – all are welcome

January 11th: 09:00 Men’s Group Breakfast and meeting (**Note change in date**)

January 18th: Ladies’ Group Breakfast

April 4th, 2020: Brunch Theatre with Cow Patti Theatre Company in Lacombe.

Lunenburg – “American widow Iris Oulette and her good friend Natalie travel up to the coastal village of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, to a house she’s inherited from her recently deceased husband. The only problem is that she didn’t know anything about her Canadian abode! As next-door-neighbour, handy man Charlie brings the gals up to speed, be prepared to laugh and gasp at the twists and turns in this newest Maritime comedy by Norm Foster. A fall down funny, romantic adventure that will envelope you with warmth.” Tickets, \$68.00 including GST, are available from Bob Dixon, Christine Hermes or from the office.



JOURNEY TO
TAIZÉ

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY FROM CALGARY TO FRANCE
FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-35

*“THE BEST 2 WEEKS
OF YOUR LIFE”*

1 WEEK AT TAIZÉ

June 28 – July 5

5 NIGHTS IN PARIS

July 5 – 9

*flexible returns available if you
want to travel longer

JUNE 26 – JULY 10, 2020

EARLY BIRD | \$2,400

Register before January 24

REGULAR | \$3,000

Register before February 28

JourneyToTaize.eventbrite.ca

Taizé Trip:

The trip referred to above is sponsored by the Diocese of Calgary and the leader will be the Rev. Clara King. There is a note under ‘News’ on our website with a video clip which can also be accessed at this site. (<https://youtu.be/3nNZOL84K6E>)

This is a trip open to all young people, not just Anglicans, so if you know of anyone who might be interested by all means pass this information on.

Heat the Church--updated:

To date this year there have been 87 days ‘paid for’. While this may not seem a lot in the context of 365 days, but every little bit helps. A new chart will be put up to keep track of donations. The cost for utilities for the church and hall still averages \$25.00 a day over the whole year. The chart and envelopes at the back of the church will allow you to make an extra contribution above your regular giving to make a payment specifically toward those costs. If paying by cash please put your name and address on the envelope. If you are paying by a cheque, that has your name and address on it, put it in the envelope and leave the envelope blank and unsealed so it can be reused. Cheques should be made out to St. Luke’s church with the notation ‘Heat the church’. Place the envelopes in the plate in front of the notice and then put a check mark in the appropriate number of boxes, each representing one day of the year.

Financial Statement:

	Actual Nov 2019	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
Income	13,049.15	159,642.03	170,945.50	11,303.47
Expenses	26,203.60	160,749.48	170,945.50	10,196.02
Net	13,154.45	1,107.45	0	1,107.45

You will notice regular giving is still under what was budgeted. The expenses are higher this month because as was noted last month the diocese had not taken the expenses they pay on our behalf so this month there is a double amount. We are fortunate that our total expenses this year have so far been under budget.

Choir: Yes—We are still looking for members!!

You may have noticed that there have been some Sundays recently with no choir. This has been because we have not been able to ‘field’ enough members. There have also been comments from the congregation that they miss the choir on those occasions. **It would be really appreciated if we had some new members.** It is understood that people may not be able to attend every Sunday, so that does not need to be a concern. It is a great help to our accompanists when there is a choir supporting them. An ability to read music is not required. There are occasional anthems but these are usually two parts and the parts can be easily taught. Come and help the choir make a joyful noise unto the Lord. The choir practices at 09:00 on Sunday morning.

Servers:

Anyone wishing to be a Server this coming year please contact Michael Thain at servers@oldchurchrd.com or the office at office@oldchurchrd.com.

Around the Parish:

Advent Outreach:

Over the Advent Season St. Luke's 'adopted' a Spanish speaking family of four (mom, dad, a son who is 5, and a daughter who is 10). Thank you to all those who so generously contributed items. We also thank Vandy for organizing this parish outreach. If you have any questions about this or suggestions for further outreach projects Vandy can be contacted at outreach@oldchurchrd.com.

Flower Calendar 2020:

The 2020 Flower Calendar is now up at the back of the church. To contribute flowers for the Altar, choose one of the available Sundays and sign your name beside that date. Barb from the church office will contact you during the week before your date for a dedication, if you choose. A suggested donation of \$50 covers the cost of the flowers. Please make this as a donation to St. Luke's, marked "Flowers". After the service the flowers are distributed to members of the parish. Over the course of the year, everyone on the Parish List will hopefully receive flowers.

Gift Sunday:

You will recall that the first Sunday of Advent was designated as Gift Sunday and parishioners who were able were asked to make a donation, in addition to their regular giving, to be used towards the operating expenses of the parish. To date, a total of \$4575 has been given. There will probably be a Gift Sunday next Advent so that those who find they can give a bit more will have the opportunity. It is realized that these are difficult times for a lot of people, but everyone is asked to look at what they can afford in their regular weekly/monthly giving.

Around the Church:

On each end of the pew front in front of the choir is a small memorial plaque that states "In Memoriam Henry Sumner Stent". There is no date given. A review of the **Red Deer News** for the early 1900's, shows that he came to Red Deer from England with his family in the fall of 1892. As well as his wife, he had two sons and a daughter. They settled on the north side of the river on land near the site of the old convent. They named the property "Woodlands". They very quickly became very involved with the parish of St. Luke. What Mr. Stent did at that time is not clear, but he obviously left to work in BC as a note in the paper of August 7, 1906 states that he was giving up his position with the Mother Lode Mine in Greenwood BC to return to his family and that they were going to build a large house on their property. On July 24th, 1907 it was reported that he was taking over full ownership of the steam laundry. On December 23, 1908, it was reported in the paper that his eldest son, Herbert, had left the Edmonton College and had secured a position in the office of G. T. Griffin and Co's packing plant. On January 20, 1909, the paper reports "Henry S. Stent Dead". He had worked at the laundry on the previous Saturday and then had gone to hospital on the Sunday and required a "serious operation", from which he did not recover and died on the following

Tuesday. The article further states, in the type of prose common at that time that he had succeeded in building up the laundry until “death removed him from his strenuous battle”. It further states “Mr. Stent was an active member of St. Luke’s episcopal church and a member of vestry. He was quiet and unassuming in nature, and had a kind word for everybody...”. By April of 1909 Mrs. Stent had sold the laundry and in July there was a report that Herbert Stent had left for San Francisco “where he will reside in the future”. There were numerous notes over a couple of years about the Stent’s daughter Gertrude Eleanor attending a convent school in Calgary. In the editions of the paper of September 14th and 21st, 1910, there are notes about their other son, Claude, leaving to become a divinity student at “Trinity University” in Toronto. In 1912, after summer holidays in Red Deer, he returned to his studies in Toronto and that year was accompanied by his sister where she was going to go in to residence at St. Margaret’s College “to finish her studies”. In 1914 Gertrude had returned to Red Deer and the paper reported her engagement to the Rev. L. A. Knight, the Anglican priest in Coronation and Castor. (By 1916, he was the priest in Drumheller) Finally, in February of 1918 it was reported that Mrs. Stent was leaving Red Deer to go and live with her son Claude, who was to be ordained on May 10th and would then be going to Port Perry, Ontario, where he had “been appointed to the living”. Whether the choir pews were given in his memory by his family or by members of the congregation is unknown but he was obviously highly esteemed in the parish.

As an additional note, when the choir pews were moved a number of years ago from their traditional position on either side of the sanctuary, there would have been two pew fronts. It would be interesting to know where the other one is. If anyone knows where it went, I would appreciate knowing as it would be interesting to see if it also has memorial plaques. (mthain@telusplanet.net).

