

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

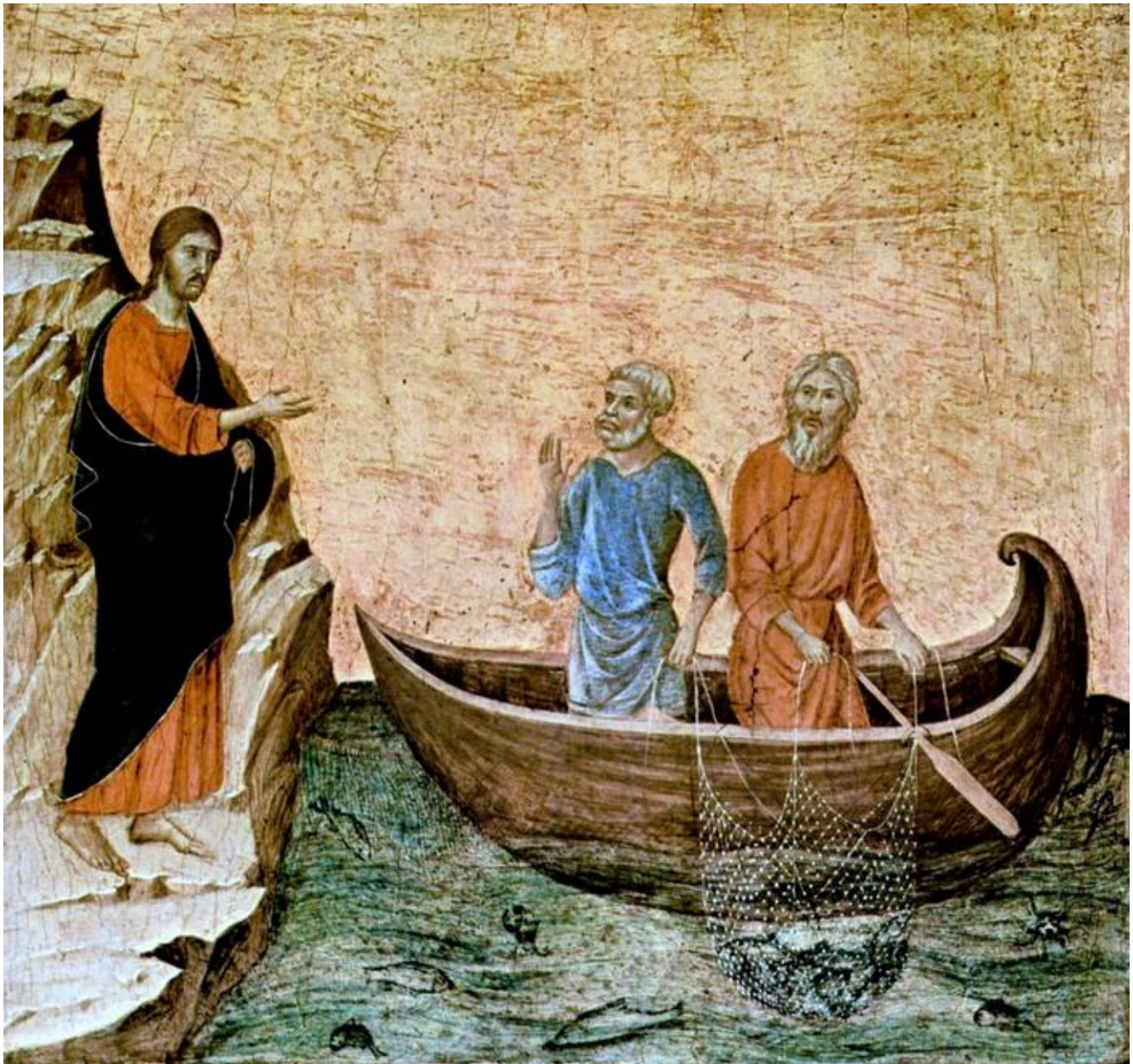
The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 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.



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.

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8:00 am Holy Communion

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

Presider: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

Presider: The Reverend Grant Croswell

Readers: Joel Durkovic, Kit Pearson

Gospel: Karen Coverett

Sermon: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

Intercessor: Jamie Lawson

Audio: Doug Adderley

Verger: Chuck Neilson

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine,

The Sutton Organ Scholar, The MacRae Choral Scholars

The Mass Setting: T. L. di Victoria: *Missa Quarti Toni*

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 10)

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

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 *(sung by the choir)*

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra
pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris,
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.
Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu,
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace
to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks
for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, only-begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sin of the world:
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
by grace alone you call us
and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit,
and make us worthy of your call;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 9:1-4

PSALM (*sung by the choir*)

27:1, 5-13

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.
For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.
Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord.
Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.
You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, Lord, will I seek.
Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 432)

ST. OSWALD

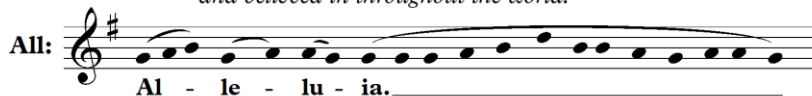
THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

Before the Gospel



Deacon or choir: Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations; and believed in throughout the world.



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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please sit, stand or kneel as is your custom.

THE PEACE

Please stand.

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN (CP 455)

REPTON

THE 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.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer 3, Book of Alternative Services

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has four measures, alternating between 'Priest:' and 'All:'. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The second staff has two measures, alternating between 'Priest:' and 'All:'. The lyrics are: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
you are the source of light and life for all your creation,
you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS (*sung by the choir*)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.


*Blessed is he who comes
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.

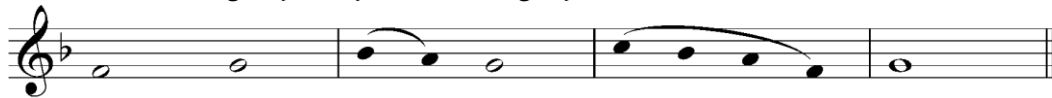
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.

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

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
grant us 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.

MOTET DURING COMMUNION

Beati quorum via integra est:
qui ambulant in lege Domini

*Blessed are they whose road is straight,
who walk in the law of the Lord.*

Text: Psalm 119 v.1. Music: Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924).

Following the Communion there will be a pause for Silence.

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

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.

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 FEBRUARY 2 – THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

Malachi 3:1-4 The prophet challenges the belief of the people of Israel that their status as 'God's chosen people' meant that they were exempt from the demands of living with compassion and righteousness.

Psalm 84

Hebrews 2:10-18 Seeking to comfort and challenge a suffering, persecuted church, the writer assures them that Jesus understands their suffering and has shared in such. They are reminded that Jesus entered fully into humanity in order that humanity might enter into the divine.

Luke 2:22-40 On bringing Jesus to the temple, as the law demanded, Mary and Joseph encounter two people who make Spirit filled declarations of Jesus' calling and mission. Their proclamations are both profound and difficult to hear, including the warning that Mary's love for Jesus will also bring pain.

FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God to celebrate our sister, Doris Bergbusch, who turns 90 years of age on January 27th, from Pauline Majcher and John Bergbusch.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

Monday 27

1:00 pm Garden Eucharist Memorial Garden

1:30 pm The Divine Knitters Denson Lounge

2:00 pm Book Study – “Speaking Christian” Walking Together Chapel

4:00 pm Living Presence Meditation Walking Together Chapel

Tuesday 28

12:10 pm Meditative Eucharist Chapel

3:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting Denson Lounge

Wednesday 29

7:45 am Holy Communion followed by Breakfast Chapel/Denson Lounge

9:30 am Sermon Circle Denson Lounge

12 Noon Art & Soul Drop In Church Basement

7:00 pm Reel Thought – “Five Broken Cameras” Denson Lounge

Thursday 30

9:30 am Linen Workshop Denson Lounge

5:30 pm Holy Communion Denson Lounge

Friday 31

10:00 am Food Bank Church Basement

Saturday, February 1

2:00 pm Memorial Service for Ted Hughes Church

Sunday 2

8:00 am Holy Communion Chapel

10:00 am Parish Eucharist Church

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

7:30 pm Evensong Church

EVENTS

A **memorial service for Ted Hughes** will be held this Saturday, February 1st at 2:00 pm. As we expect a large crowd please consider having someone drop you off, carpool, take the bus or a taxi. The city will wave cars being ticketed on the streets nearest the church.

Reel Thought and the Social Justice Action Group present

"Five Broken Cameras"

with commentary by Dr. Martin Bunton, Department of History, UVic

Wednesday, January 29th, at 7:00 pm, in the Denson Lounge.

This award-winning documentary, jointly directed by Palestinian farmer Emad Burnat and Israeli film maker Guy Davidi, is an inspiring, and at the same time profoundly disconcerting, study of the daily challenges of Palestinians living in the West Bank and their relations with both the encroaching Israeli settlements and the Israeli Army. It portrays the attempts of Burnat and his neighbours in the community of Bil'it to combat non-violently their treatment as strangers in their own land. The film, made roughly ten years ago, has continuing relevance, not least because of the recent decision of the Trump administration not to oppose Israeli settlement in the territory.

Dr. Bunton is an expert in Middle Eastern history and is author of the concise, eminently readable, and balanced study, *The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford University Press, 2013).

Linen Workshop

On Thursday, January 30th at 9:30 am we will be holding a workshop to repair church hangings and sew some new linens. If you can help with this project please speak to Gerry Melville. We will be doing both hand and machine sewing.

Are you interested in becoming an occasional lesson reader for one of our worship services?

If so, you should know that the diocese requires you to be trained. Training sessions for this year are scheduled for February 2nd and February 16th.

For more information contact Al Lehmann at 250-478-7862.

A Reminder!!

Vestry Annual Reports are to be submitted **no later than Wed., Feb. 12th**.

Please email them to Carol-Ann at the office: admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

Food Bank Fundraiser!! February 23 is the date!! 2:00 pm is the time!! Get your tickets from the Church office and come out to hear the Greater Victoria Police Choir Concert. The tickets are a bargain price of \$20 each and you will be supporting the St. John's Food Bank. Bring all your friends. The choir is phenomenal!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have not yet returned your **2020 pledge card**, please do so soon as we need this information to prepare as accurate a budget as we can.

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.

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

Organ console project

The Casavant organ console is failing and has reached the end of its useful life. Well-made in 1961, today's technology has made the mechanical and wind controls obsolete. A new replacement would cost upwards of \$250,000, replacing the controls around \$125,000. The Wardens were presented in October with an opportunity to buy a Casavant console, fitted with solid state controls, from a church in Vancouver.

The cost to purchase this and renew our console is \$55,000 + GST.

Based on our belief that music and our organ play an important and integral part in worship services of St. John's, and music in Victoria, the decision was made to go ahead with the purchase of the console. It was a quick decision because of the uniqueness of the opportunity and fear that the opportunity might be lost if not acted on upon swiftly.

Subsequently that decision was approved both by the Finance Committee and Parish Council. The cost will factored into the Capital Budget that will be brought to Vestry on March 1. We will be considering all fundraising opportunities.

PWRDF MOMENT: AUSTRALIAN WILD FIRES!

PWRDF has been in contact with our counterparts on the Australian Board of Mission and Anglican Overseas Aid, both agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia and fellow members of the Anglican Alliance. PWRDF announced a \$5,000 solidarity grant to be given to the Anglican Board of Mission's bushfire appeal, which has been set up to accept overseas donations.

Those wishing to give to the Australian bushfire appeal, click on <https://pwrdf.org/give-today/> then choose 'Emergency Response'. Or, mail your cheque to PWRDF, 80 Hayden Street, 3rd floor, Toronto, M4Y 3G2 (indicating Australia appeal on the cheque) or call toll-free at 1-866-308-7973. Indicate your parish and diocese, and please do not leave credit card information on a voice mail. PWRDF will provide tax receipts later. Because this is an emergency appeal, it is best to give directly to PWRDF in this way, since if you give through your parish your donation may not arrive in time.

Murray Luft & Pat Payne, St. John's PWRDF Reps.

FOOD DONATION! We of the Food Bank wanted everyone at St. John's to know of the generosity of the owner of Wellburn's Food Market.

As many of you will know Wellburn's have closed their doors. Recently the church got a phone call saying that we could come and shop for free. They gave us a half hour to shop for anything from the shelves that we wanted for the Food Bank. We managed to fill two vans with items, picking up a good supply of canned meats, cereals, spaghetti sauce, frozen meals and much more. Such a bonus for our Food Bank clients! **THANK YOU, WELLBURN'S!**

New for 2020 – the January Blue Envelope is for Street Hope Victoria

The Street Hope motor home operates two evenings a week a couple of blocks from our church. Volunteers welcome people of all ages for homemade soup, sandwiches, hot chocolate, juice, cookies and fruit.

Hungry people find food, support and conversation as well as other essentials such as warm clothing and toiletries.

If you are interested in making soup or volunteering for a shift in the motor home, email victoria@streethope.org For more information, visit the Street Hope Victoria website at victoria.streethope.org or talk to Chris Eve.

The new 2020 flower calendar is now in place. Please consider giving flowers sometime during the year. When giving flowers, please be sure to **mark your cheque with the date of the dedication.**

Blue Envelopes - SPECIAL OFFERING FOR OUTREACH MINISTRY

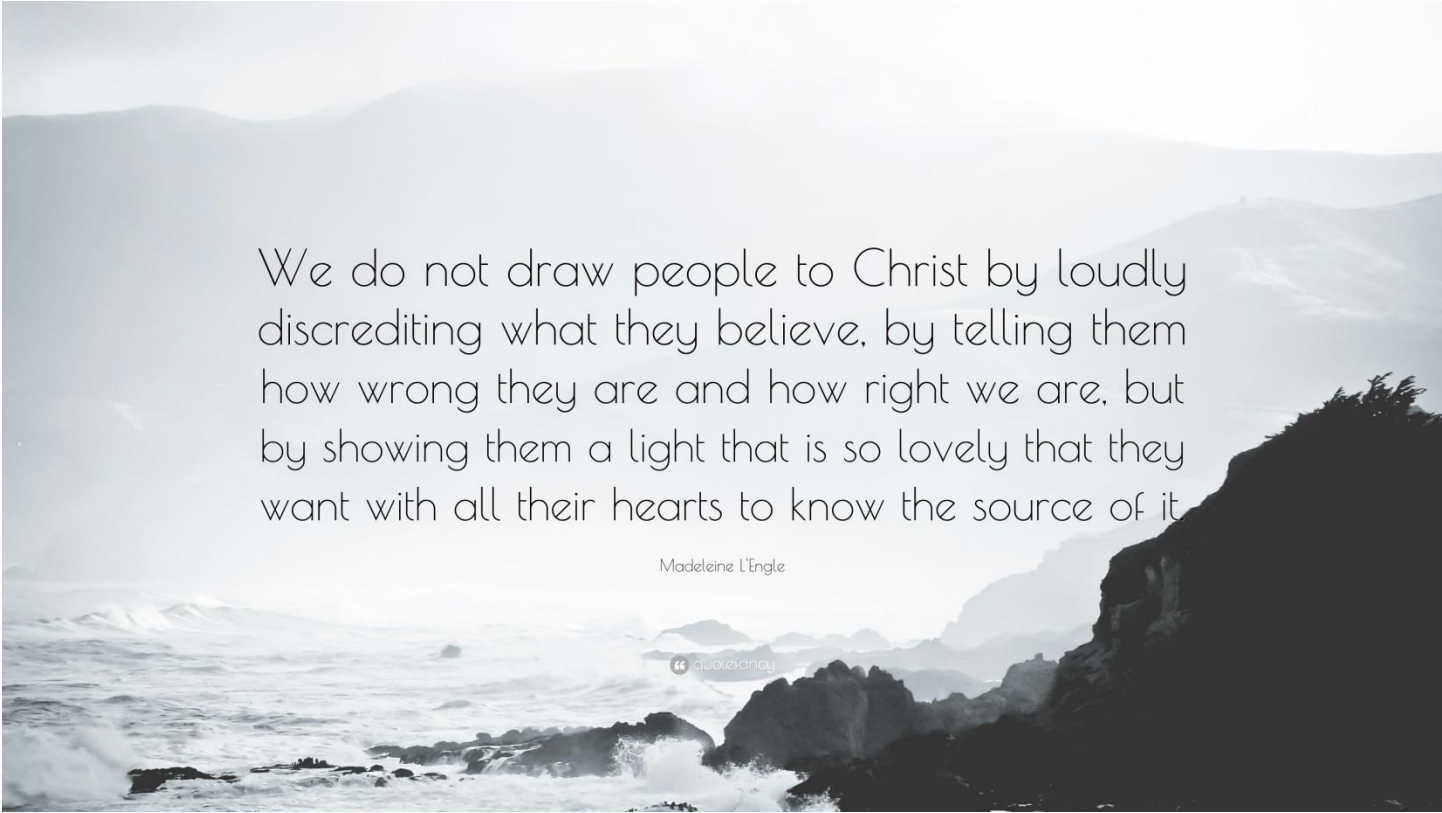
Each year the Parish Council chooses 12 outreach ministries so that envelope subscribers may direct their gifts to specific ministries. The money collected and distributed is not part of the budget. Regular white envelopes support the operation of the church. The "Outreach Ministries" are above and beyond this, addressing issues we care about as a church. As with the regular white envelopes, a tax receipt is issued at year end. Each month the special outreach ministry is advertised in the Bulletin and in church. Please note the list of participants on the bulletin board just inside the church near the garden door.

LET JUSTICE ROLL #8

The new "Let Justice Roll" Newsletter is now available to interested St. John's parishioners. The main theme of Issue #8 is "Peace, Non-Violence and Disarmament". We include a contribution by local peace activist Bill Geimer and an interview with the world's best-known whistle blower and anti-nuclear crusader, Daniel Ellsberg. Also, Eric Sama is profiled in this issue as one of our parish "justice champions"; Anne Moon reflects on Remembrance Day; Sara Chu reminds us that "The Times They Are A-Changin'"; and John McLaren offers a timely tribute to Peggy Wilmot. And ... there's a whole lot more, including articles on the Gospel according to Bruce Cockburn; Race Reparations in the US Episcopal Church; and thought-provoking reflections by Richard Rohr, Jim Wallis and Frankie Schaeffer. Pick up your print copy (free) at either entrance to the Sanctuary, outside of the Church office, or in the Church Hall at Sunday coffee hour.

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey.



We do not draw people to Christ by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.

Madeline L'Engle

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