

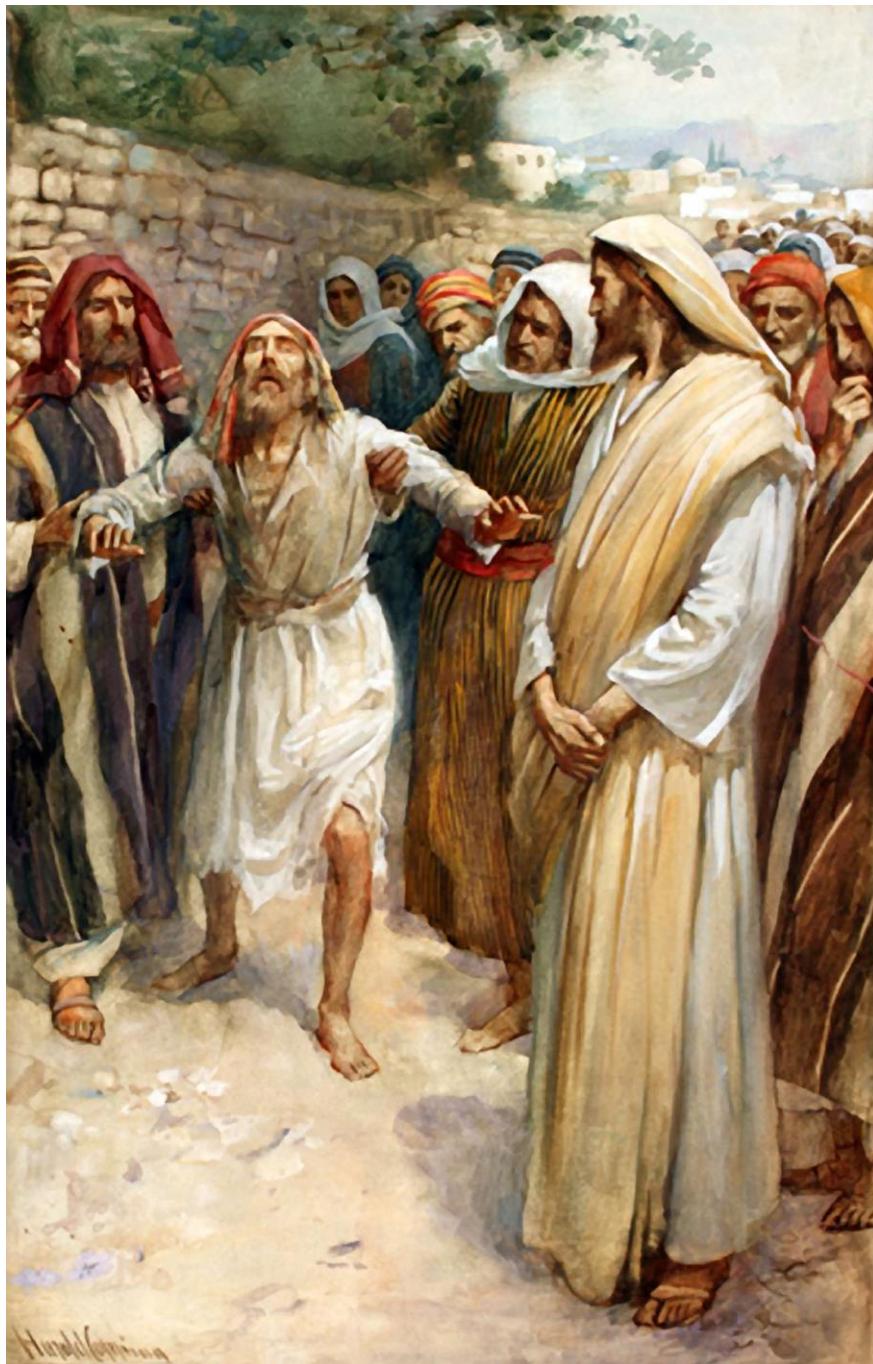
THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

October 28, 2018

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 territories of the Lekwungen people.



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, at the station nearest to where you are seated. Gluten free wafers are available at all stations: 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

Preacher: Grant Croswell

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

Presider: The Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt

Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Sermon: Grant Croswell

Readers: Chris Eve, Lorraine Gates

Intercessor: Karen Coverett

Verger: David Pupak

Audio: Pat Payne

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine, The Sutton Organ Scholar, The MacRae Choral Scholars

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

INTROIT

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Text: Sarum Primer, 1558. Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 310)

MIT FREUDEN ZART

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship 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.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND FORGIVENESS

Dear friends in Christ,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart,
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

John Merbecke (c.1510–c.1585), adapted

Glo - ry be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will to-wards all.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glo - ri - fy you,

we give thanks to you for your great glo - ry, O Lord God, heav-en - ly King,

God the Fa-ther al-migh - ty. O Lord the on - ly be-got ten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the

sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. You take a - way the sin of the world,

re-ceive our prayer. You are seat-ed at the right hand of God the Fa - ther,

have mer-cy up - on us. For you on - ly are ho - ly; you on - ly are the Lord;

you on - ly, O Christ with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

are most high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

O Jesus Christ, teacher and healer,
you heard the cry of the blind beggar
when others would have silenced him.
Teach us to be attentive
to the voices others ignore,
and, by the power of the Spirit,
respond in your name to heal the afflicted
and welcome the abandoned;
for your sake and the sake of the gospel.

All: Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

34:1-8, 19-22

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me out of all my terror.
Look upon him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.
The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, and he will deliver them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!
Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.
He will keep safe all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.
Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be punished who trust in him.

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 7:23-28

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 446)

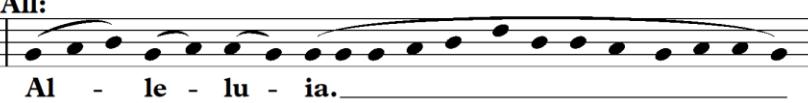
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THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

The Alleluia is introduced first by the Deacon or Cantor, then sung by all:

Cantor: 

All: 

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The verse is then sung by the cantor, and the Alleluia is sung once more, full:

All: 

Al - le - lu - ia.

Before the Gospel

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

Following the Sermon there will be a pause for Silence.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare the faith of Christ as we say,

All: Hear, O Israel;
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE

Please stand.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN (CP 374)

HYFRYDOL

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness
you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BAS #1

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God,
for you created all things.
You formed us in your own image.
When we turned away from you in sin,
You did not cease to care for us
but opened a path of salvation for all people.
You made a covenant with Israel,
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah

gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.
 Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom;
 through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.
 Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
 who have served you in every age,
 we give thanks and raise our voices
 to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS

All:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise.

In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
 to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us,
 to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
 he opened the eyes of the blind
 and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom
 to the poor and to those in need.
 In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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.'

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice
destroys the power of sin and death;
by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

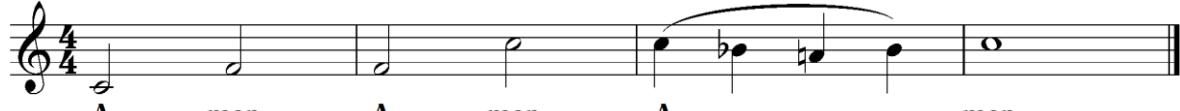


All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory,
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,
That all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people,
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.



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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

"I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

All: Give us this bread for ever.

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

All: May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, Grant us peace.

All are invited to receive communion at the side chapel, at the altar rail, or at the back of the church. 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 to a communion station 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 God, thou art my God: early will I seek thee. My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee: in a barren and dry land where no water is. Thus have I looked for thee in holiness: that I might behold thy power and glory. For thy loving-kindness is better than life itself: my lips shall praise thee. As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner: and lift up my hands in thy Name. Because thou hast been my helper: therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. Hallelujah.

Text: Psalm 63:1-5, 8. Music: Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,

All: in this meal you have drawn us to your heart,
and nourished us at your table with food and drink,
the body and blood of Christ.
Now send us forth to be your people in the world,
and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSATIONAL HYMN (CP 318)

EIN' FESTE BURG

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 NOVEMBER 4 – ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS

Revelation 21:1-6a A vision of new creation identifies God as both source and purpose of history.

Psalm 24:1-6 Assurance is offered that the faithful will have a place in God's presence.

Colossians 1:9-14 Saints are prayed for and encouraged to live lives worthy of their calling.

John 11:32-44 The story of the raising of Lazarus states most dramatically that Christ is the point where death ends and life begins.

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Main

In remembrance of Ian, husband, father, grandfather, on his birthday, from Anne Hay.

Office Hours 9am–12 Noon Monday to Friday

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge
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Monday 29

2:00 pm	Book Study	Chapel
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Tuesday 30

9:00 am	Investment Committee Meeting	Denson Lounge
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Wednesday 31

7:45 am	Holy Communion followed by Breakfast	Chapel/Denson Lounge
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9:30 am	Sermon Circle	Denson Lounge
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1:30 pm	Art and Soul Group	Crypt
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Thursday, November 1

12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Chapel
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Friday 2

10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
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7:30 pm	Concert: The Victoria Baroque Players – "Bach in Recital"	Church
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Saturday 3

7:00-10:00 pm	An Evening of Jazz, Wine and Friendship	Hall
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Sunday 4 – All Saints/All Souls

8:00 am	Holy Communion	Chapel
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10:00 am	Parish Eucharist	Church
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11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge
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7:30 pm	Evensong	
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EVENTS

Sunday Reflections - On weeks without other events we offer the opportunity to ask 'what just happened?' at our Sunday service - an open forum to discuss the sermon, liturgy, music, and indeed anything that might have cropped up during our worship services, or about Anglican practice and tradition generally. This takes place at **11:45am, following the 10am service** and usually lasts for 45 minutes or so. All are welcome; come, and bring your questions!

Come and revive your **Art & Soul** at the art and spirituality group held in the basement space at St. John the Divine every Wednesday afternoon at 1:30pm. Art experience is not necessary! We ask for a *voluntary* donation of \$4.00 per session to provide supplies for those in need. Any questions - please contact Gillian Barlow or Susan McCabe.



The **Divine Pie Makers** are working.
We have **pies for sale** today.
Large \$12 and small \$6
Apple, bumbleberry, and apple crisp.
This will be our last sale before the Christmas Bazaar.

Fundraising Concert: The Greater Victoria Police Chorus - today, 2:00 pm at St. Peter, Lakehill, 3939 St. Peter's Rd. By donation at the door (suggested donation \$20). Proceeds towards the Two Saints & Friends Refugee Sponsorship.

Wonderful Wednesdays at St. George's Church is an educational forum open to everyone. This fall, we're offering a three-part series called *Hope and Faith to the End: God, Medicine, and Meaning in Aging and Dying*. Join us **October 31st and November 7th**, as speakers discuss palliative care, physician-assisted dying, and how our faith fits. All sessions begin at 9:30am with tea and treats; the presentation begins at 10:00am sharp. Admission by donation. For a full description of each session, please visit www.stgeorgecadborobay.ca



Friday, November 2nd, 7:30pm at St. John's:

Bach in Recital

Soile Stratkauskas, flute; Christopher Bagan, harpsichord

Soile Stratkauskas is joined by one of Toronto's most sought-after harpsichordists for an intimate recital of sonatas by Bach, Vivaldi and Telemann.

Tickets: \$28 / \$25 senior / \$5 student & child, available at Royal McPherson Box Office (www.rmts.bc.ca), Ivy's Bookshop, Munro's Books, Long & McQuade (Victoria), at the door, and at the coffee hour next Sunday.

More info: 250 590 9770, victoria-baroque@shaw.ca, victoria-baroque.com



An Evening of Jazz, Wine and Friendship - Saturday, November 3

A special get-together for the communities of Christ Church Cathedral and St. John the Divine. Featuring the Barry Gough Quartet: Memories of You, and jazz pianist David Stratkauskas.

Join us 7-10 pm at the Baumann Centre, 925 Balmoral Road. Tickets are \$20 (includes admission, light food and one beverage). Cash bar. Tickets available from Wardens or the offices in each parish.

Fringe alumnae **Andrew Bailey (son of Tom & Nancy Bailey of this parish), Tara Travis, and Jayson McDonald** have teamed up to create *Phantom Signal*. Playing one night only on **Fri., Nov. 9th** at The Metro, this radio play on stage presents tales too terrifying to take seriously. Tickets are available by phone at 1-855-842-7575 or in person at 101-804 Broughton Street.

The St. John the Divine Social Justice and Action Group

presents

The “Faith in Justice” Study Series

With guest speakers and facilitators on issues of social justice and action and the challenges they present to faith communities.

Wednesday, November 14, 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Church

Joel Durkovic: “Moving Toward and Through Conflict: Some of the Nitty Gritty”

Joel Durkovic is a Registered Marriage and Family Therapist and Director of Arbour Counselling Centre in Victoria. He has been a professional counsellor for over 20 years working with couples and families to engage and process through conflict toward wholeness. Joel has lived and worked in Guatemala, the United States, and for the last 15 years, in Victoria. He is a member of St. John’s Parish.

All are welcome. To help us with planning these sessions please let Carol-Ann know if you plan to attend.

Icon Writing Workshop with Peter Pearson, Nov. 14-17, 2018

Each workshop participant will receive easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions, and all materials necessary to complete an icon. Every session begins and ends with prayer and includes plenty of time for hands-on icon writing. The icon this year is based on the Russian Icon of the Angel with the Golden Hair. A teacher of iconography for 25 years, Peter Pearson has studied with numerous masters. Over 45 years, he has created hundreds of icons for private collectors, churches and institutions around the world. Workshop hours: Wed – Fri 7pm – 9:30pm, Sat. 9:30am – 4:30pm.

Dates: Nov. 14 – 17. Cost: \$425.00. The workshop will be held in the Crypt (Church basement).

Deadline for registering is Thursday, November 1st.



THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND LUNCHEON

Saturday, December 8th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

The bazaar is coming and the tables, especially the "Treasures" and Jewelry tables, need to be filled. We are looking for gift-giving items of quality, things you might like to receive. The Jewelry table is looking for costume jewelry. Contribute to the bazaar gift offerings.

Contact Wendy London or Brenda Morton (brenda-elizabeth@shaw.ca) to let them know what you plan to contribute.

Bazaar items can be brought on Sunday after church. Wendy and Brenda will be at the coffee hour to receive them.

The Food Bank at St. John the Divine
and Pacific Opera Victoria

A MUSICAL FEAST *with* KEN LAVIGNE

All proceeds to benefit the
Food Bank at St. John the Divine



An intimate concert in an intimate setting Raising funds for neighbours in need

Wednesday November 21 | Baumann Centre, 925 Balmoral Rd.
6:30pm Doors open / 7:00pm Concert

\$100/Person
Complementary Appetizers / Cash Bar

Patron Ticket: \$150/Person
(Includes champagne reception with the Artists at 6pm)

Tickets: 250.383.7169 ext. 226
carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

Payment by cash | cheque | Visa

Charitable tax receipts will be issued for the portion deemed eligible by the Canada Revenue Agency



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Announcements

The Finance Committee provides this **third quarter operating statement for January-September 2018** to keep parishioners informed of St. John the Divine's financial status relative to the budget approved by Vestry. Detailed financial statements are also posted each month on the bulletin board at the front of the church.

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine Operating Statement January to September 2018			
<i>Amounts in dollars</i>	Year to date	Pct. of Budget	
	Actual	Budget	
Givings	277,189	280,312	99%
Rental Income	73,227	62,994	116%
Other Fundraising	4,086	2,700	151%
Memorials &	18,200	-	
Bequests			
Revenues	372,702	346,006	108%
Clergy	126,020	135,194	93%
Worship & Music	70,641	75,015	94%
Diocesan	97,415	97,415	100%
Assessment			
Family Ministry	27,381	27,678	99%
Bldg., Maint.,	88,022	123,455	71%
Utilities			
Administration	67,585	67,209	101%
Other Expense	10,145	-	
Expenses	487,209	525,966	93%
Subtotal Net	(114,507)	(179,960)	
Investment Income	53,386	206	
Year-to-date Net	(61,121)	(179,754)	
Notes:	- No major maintenance expenses so far.		
-	Vestry-approved cottage demolition will be expensive.		
-	Does not include food bank or refugee fundraising.		
-	Does not include restricted giving (blue envelopes).		
-	Interest income is budgeted; investment income is not.		
-	Other expenses will be recategorized.		

Since it was formed last year, the Finance Committee has worked with the bookkeeper to accurately record and report our revenues and expenses. Various church committees and staff members have improved efficiencies and reduced expenditures whenever possible. Still, it currently takes more money to operate St. John the Divine than the revenues we generate. Our current deficit is less than it was in 2017 and also below our approved budget; this is good news. However, we are still "in the red."

As beneficiaries of previous generations, St. John the Divine is blessed with income from investments which helps to offset our deficit. We are concerned that investment income will not sustain our needs over an extended period of time given the increasing expenses to maintain our church and the volatility of the financial markets. By providing periodic financial statements, the Finance Committee hopes that parishioners can be well informed to make decisions about the future health of the finances of our parish.

In the coming months, the Finance Committee and the parish will need to make important decisions about how to fulfil our obligations for the lighting project and how to move forward, maintain our building, and continue the important activities of our church.

A Prayer Group prays through the week; to request confidential prayers for yourself or others contact Pat Manning at: patriciacmanning@gmail.com 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: carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca.

The October Special Monthly Envelope is Out of the Rain.

The Out of the Rain Youth Night Shelter is a community project, providing shelter to homeless youth during the coldest months of the year. A coalition of community agencies, faith-based organizations, businesses, and individual volunteers work together to provide space, professional support, and food for the shelter. The shelter rotates among host sites in the community. Out of the Rain volunteers support staff as helpers or cook hot meals. St. John's host the youth one night a week with an evening meal and breakfast, and we provide space for two other nights per week. In addition we usually donate approximately \$5,000 per year.

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

"Sometimes critics decry spirituality as individualism, but they miss the point. Spirituality is personal, yes. To experience God's spirit, to be lost in wonder, is something profound that we can all know directly and inwardly. That is not a problem. The real problem is that, in the last two centuries, religion has actually allowed itself to become privatized. In the same way that our political and economic concerns contracted from "we" to "me," so has our sense of God and faith. In many quarters, religion abandoned a prophetic and creative vision for humanity's common life in favor of an individual quest to get one's sorry ass to heaven. And, in the process, community became isolated behind the walls of buildings where worship experiences corresponded to members' tastes and preferences and confirmed their political views."

—Diana Butler Bass (*Grounded: Finding God in the World-A Spiritual Revolution*)

The Curse And Blessing Of Blindness

Blindness
Is not only curse
But blessing
In disguise too
If one misses
Seeing
Beautiful faces
Wonders of nature
Sky touching
Mountains
Flowing rivers
Blooming flowers
Colorful birds
Innocent children
One does not
Have to see
Hungry children
Sick old people
Gruesome murders
Heart-breaking accidents
Disfigured faces
Hate and jealousy
Black hearts
Impure minds.

Dr. Rajendra Tela, Nirantar

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

STEWARDS

People's Warden: Graeme Brown

Rector's Warden: Chris Eve

Assistant Warden: Joan Huzar

Envelope Secretary: Jim Harlick

Treasurer: Kate McCabe

PARISH COUNCIL

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