



the Parish of St. Dunstan

On the traditional lands of the Sto:lo Nation

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St. Hugh



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Welcome!

This is a diverse & safe congregation for people wherever they are on their journey with Christ. We are an inclusive church which means we celebrate women in leadership, children at the Eucharist & welcome LGBTQ+ people to participate fully in the community.

W O R S H I P

This is the Fall of Feasts. For the next few months we will focus on our priorities as Christians & learn how to celebrate them.

For Children

The **Nursery** is staffed & open for children ages 0 to 4.

There is Sunday School this morning for children ages 5 to 12.

Activity bags are available in the entry near the colouring table.

All our volunteers & staff have a criminal record check.

Taking Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive bread & wine as a sign of our commitment to Christ & Christ's commitment to us.

There are **gluten-free wafers** for those who need it & **juice** for those who prefer.

Prayers for healing with the anointing of oil is offered beneath the cross during Communion. Please **light a candle** as a sign of your prayers.

Today's Scripture

Introductions to the Lessons by Bill Bennett

Malachi 4: Malachi speaks of the day of judgement, a prelude to the inauguration of God's kingdom in Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 3: Paul rebukes those in the church who, because of Christ's supposedly imminent return, have become idle.

Luke 21: Jesus predicts the destruction of the temple & the persecution many followers of the faith will suffer.

Sermon Notes

Today's Christian Priority: Spiritual Friendship

We have come to the last two Sundays of our Fall of Feasts. Since September we have had something really important to celebrate & pay attention to from gathering together at Start-Up Sunday, to Holy Cross, to Orange Shirt Sunday & reconciliation, to St. Michael's & envisioning God, to St. Francis & the care of creation, to Thanksgiving & gratitude, to St. Luke & healing, to the Feast of Dedication & the dedication of the Centre for Spiritual Renewal, to All Saints' & fellowship, to All Souls' & visiting one another. This week we look at a strange story in the life of a strange person who lived a long time ago & wonder how we can commit to one another to being spiritual friends on this journey through life.

St. Hugh is an obscure saint from the early Middle Ages who helped shape the spiritual life of his communities. & through his ministry he had a companion along the way to encourage him, help him & minister with him: **his Swan**.

How do we become spiritual friends with one another? We look at the difficulties of life & stand together.

The liturgy is taken from the Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada. Hymns numbers are indicated after the hymn title & found in the blue Common Praise hymn book. The readings are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary. The entire service is projected on the wall.

Gathering the Community

the Greeting, Announcements & the Collect for Purity

Where Two or Three are Gathered

Come All You People

Here in This Place, 465

the Prayer of the Day

Proclaiming the Word

The Prophet Malachi (4:1-2a)

Psalm 98

Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians (3:6-13)

As a Fire is Meant for Burning

the Gospel according to Luke (21:5-19) & the Sermon

the Nicene Creed, the Prayers of the People, the Confession & Absolution

the Peace & the Offering

We Come to Your Feast

Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive bread & wine (or juice) at Communion.

One Bread, One Body, 73

Bread of Life

Christ Has No Body Now But Yours

Sending the Community

the Blessing

Draw the Circle Wide, 418

Coffee & refreshments are served in the hall following the service.

Please visit the Welcome Table in the hall or the Information Table in the entry if you have any questions.

OUTREACH

Monday

Fraser River Counselling at St. Dunstan's

Low cost counselling is provided by supervised counselling students from Trinity Western University. For more information, please connect with an intake worker at 604-513-2113.

Tuesday

Aldergrove Food Bank Soup Kitchen

The Parish of St. Dunstan's has committed to cooking & serving soup on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. Please connect with Ann Embra at 604-534-9292 or ann_embra@telus.net to learn how you can get involved.

ESL

Classes are at 7pm. All are welcome. For more information please connect the church office.

Thursday

Community Meal

Each Thursday at 4:30pm.

Want to help create this amazing meal? Please sign up on the poster at the entrance to the Worship Space. For more information on what volunteering involves, please connect with Laura Wallace at 604-856-6463, 604-807-3524 or laura_w@telus.net

Stewardship

*Have you considered signing up for **pre-authorised debit (PAD)**? It is easy & a good way to support the church even when you cannot be present for a service. Please connect with David or one of the other parish leaders for more information.*



PWRDF

The Primate's World Relief
and Development Fund

For more information, please visit PWRDF.ORG. There you can read all about the good work it does, current areas of need & how you can participate.

COMMUNITY CARE

- Reconciliation** *The priest is available to hear confession by appointment.*
- Listening Prayer** *Prayer for those in crisis or need. For more information please connect with Katherine Murray at katherine.murray22@gmail.com.*
- Spiritual Direction** *Trained Spiritual Directors are available. To arrange please email StDunstansCentre@gmail.com*
- Ride Sharing** *If you need a ride, or can offer one, please let someone at the Information Booth know.*
- Visiting** *If you need a visit, please call the office to arrange. If you would like to become a pastoral visitor, please connect with the priest.*
- Prayer Chain** *If you wish someone to be remembered in our Prayer Chain Ministry, please email the office.*
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Men's Coffee

Wednesdays at 9am

Men's Breakfast

the 2nd Sunday of the month in the hall

Women's Coffee & Crafts

Fridays at 10am

Women's Breakfast

the 2nd Sunday of the month at McDonald's

Advent Challenge

This Advent we will collect money for the Diocesan care+share program. All monies collected will go to the Urban Aboriginal Ministry of the Diocese of New Westminster. St. Dunstan's has been a recipient of funds from care+share in the past for our Thursday Meal program.

Let's give back! For more information, visit VANCOUVER.ANGLICAN.CA.

Please identify all gifts to care+share on the offering envelope.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Children

Messy Church every 3rd Friday of each month (September to May) at 4:30pm. Messy Church includes stories, crafts, dinner & Holy Communion. It is planned with the whole family in mind. All are welcome. Please connect with Carol Tindall at 604-866-6125 for more information & how to volunteer.

St. Dunstan's & St. Andrew's Youth

This week we meet at M.P. & Jessie's home in Abbotsford. Please call for directions!

We will have opportunities to lead games & crafts as well as spend time together for a Bible Study.



ST DUNSTAN'S CENTRE FOR
**SPIRITUAL
RENEWAL**

The Centre for Spiritual Renewal is the name we give to our Adult Christian Formation programs at St. Dunstan's. Please pick up the most recent program guide & check our website regularly for more information on coming events.

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Fridays at 11:30am
20 minutes of silence & connection with God.

Study Group

Wednesday at 7pm
A drop-in series of studies meant to inspire your faith. This group is a great way to meet members and ask important questions.


November the Women around Jesus

This week we welcome parishioner **Merrill Young** who will lead us in a study of the sisters, Mary & Martha.

Lectio & Labyrinth

Fridays, from Noon to 1pm
A chance to practice our journeying & listening together. Indoor labyrinth practices are available.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events marked with  are through the Centre for Spiritual Renewal.

Sung Evening Prayer



Tonight, November 17th from 7:30 to 8:30pm
With Cathy Hardy & Friends

Advent Quiet Day



Saturday, November 30th from 9am to 12pm
With the Reverend Helen Tervo & Lorie Martin
More information can be found in the Centre for Spiritual Renewal program

Christmas Craft Sale

Saturday, December 7th from 1 to 4pm

Spiritual Practice Series



Sunday, December 8th from 7 to 8:30pm
Time with Mary with David Taylor & Lorie Martin
More information can be found in the Centre for Spiritual Renewal program

Langley Chorus Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 14th from 3 to 5pm
tickets available at the door

St. Dunstan's Choir Christmas Sing a Long

Sunday, December 15th from 7 to 8pm

Messy Church

Friday, December 20th from 4:30 to 6:30pm

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th
6pm Family Service with pop-up pageant.
10:30pm Candlelight Service

WEEKLY PRAYER

The following is a resource to help you connect with Sunday's theme ☞ continue your prayers through the week. This can be done on your own or in the family group. This liturgy is based on Home Prayers found in the Book of Alternative Services (p. 687). **If you do not have a prayer book, please take ☞ keep one for your use.**

The Christian Priority of **Spiritual Friendship** is worth paying attention to in our individualistic culture. The Christian life is not a solitary journey, but one that takes place in community. God has established us in a communion of saints, both living ☞ dead, who teach, encourage, admonish ☞ pray for us. ☞ we do the same in our turn – helping others as they walk this wilderness journey called life.

1. The Preparation

A candle is lit as someone prays,

*Draw us together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ ☞ together witnessing to God's love. **Amen.***

2. The Reading ☞ Reflection

Read the passage from Scripture then reflect using the wonder questions as your guide. This guide uses the New Revised Standard Version.

This week we will explore some of the stories that have been collected of Followers of Christ. While these stories have been passed down to us to help instruct us in how to follow Jesus, they are most effective in inspiring us to live good, true ☞ beautiful lives. The “saints” we will meditate on this week are part of the calendar of saints in the Anglican Church. You can read about these saints in the book For All the Saints. This book can be found online at anglica.ca under resources.

ST. HUGH: FRIEND OF THE SWAN – FOR ALL THE SAINTS, PAGE 348

Hugh was a lover of animals. Often he was found in the gardens of his monastery in Lincoln with the wildlife that visited him. One of these, a wild swan with stark white feathers ☞ a long neck, would eat from his hand ☞ follow him wherever he went. The swan seemed to regard itself as Hugh's guardian, because it would attack any who came near to him, ☞ watched over him while he slept.

I wonder where your favourite place to hang out is.

I wonder who your favourite person to be with is.

I wonder who your protector ☞ guardian is.

Monday

ST. MARGARET: FRIEND OF THE POOR

Margaret was an Anglo-Saxon princess of Scotland. She is chiefly remembered for her efforts on behalf of Scotland's poor. She not only gave out large sums of money but also ensured that institutions already in place did indeed provide relief for the homeless, the hungry, & the orphaned. Hence, to her title of Queen is added the still greater title for a Christian — "Helper of the Poor." From For all the Saints, page 346.

I wonder how Margaret tried to follow Jesus.

I wonder how being close to those in need make us like Jesus.

I wonder what nick-name or title people might have of you.

ST. HILDA:

Hilda was a seventh-century Englishwoman who became the abbess of Whitby. So great was Hilda's prudence that not only ordinary people but also kings and princes sometimes sought & received her advice when they were in difficulties. She compelled those under her direction to devote so much time to the study of the holy Scriptures & so much time to the doing of good works. We give thanks for Hilda of Whitby, who died in the year 680 & used her own gifts of holiness & wisdom to nurture holy gifts in others, that they might serve the people of Christ & make seventh-century England a household of God. From For all the Saints, page 350.

I wonder who encourages you in your spiritual life.

I wonder who you encourage in their spiritual life.

I wonder how you balance the study of Scripture with doing good works.

I wonder how you encourage people you know to live a balanced life.

ST. EDMUND: FRIEND OF THOSE WHO SUFFER FOR CONSCIENCE' SAKE

Edmund was an Anglo-Saxon king who was martyred in the year 870. He was raised in the Christian faith & at the age of twenty-three succeeded his father on the throne. His kingdom lay on England's coast & was especially vulnerable to sea-faring marauders. Five years after Edmund began his reign they mounted a huge raid upon his kingdom & shattered the East Anglian army in a single battle. Edmund himself was captured & brought before the leader, who offered to spare the king's life if he renounced the Christian faith. Edmund rejected the offer and confessed Christ before his captor. Tradition says that he was tied to a tree, scourged, riddled him with arrows & finally beheaded. Once his murderers had departed, his people recovered the body of their king & eventually interred it From For all the Saints, page 534.

I wonder how you respond to bullies.

I wonder if you have ever bullied someone for who they are or what they believe.

I wonder what it is like to be a person of faith in a hostile environment.

I wonder if you know of anyone who has suffered for their convictions.

ST. CLEMENT: A FRIEND OF PEACEMAKERS

Clement wrote a pastoral letter to the church at Corinth around 96CE after a group of clergy had convinced the rest of their community to depose its ruling council of presbyters. Clement wrote on behalf of the Roman church, where he resided, & castigated the rebels for their pride, then rebuked the entire community for letting partisan strife go so far. From *For all the Saints*, page 356.

*I wonder why there are divisions in God's Great Family.
I wonder how we can pursue peace as the Followers of Jesus.*

3. Prayers & the Lord's Prayer

Choose a litany from the Book of Alternative Services (beginning on page 110).
The liturgy concludes with the Lord's Prayer.

the Fall of Feasts continues...

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH – THE PRIORITY OF CHRIST

The Reign of Christ. We will celebrate the end of the Christian year by looking once again to Jesus & his cross. The Reverend Helen Tervo will preach & preside. The Reverend David will play the piano.

Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST – ADVENT 1

The First Sunday of Advent begins a new year in the Christian calendar. Our theme for the year is **gratitude**. Our theme for Advent is **simplicity**.

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH – ADVENT 2

The Second Sunday of Advent. Our theme for Advent is **simplicity**.

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH – ADVENT 3

The Third Sunday of Advent. Our theme for Advent is **simplicity**.

Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10, Luke 1:46b-55, James 3:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11



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