



# the Parish of St. Dunstan

*On the traditional lands of the Sto:lo Nation*

November 3, 2019

*All Saints*



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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

**Daniel 7:** Using strange images common to the time, Daniel compares the rise of terrible kings to the rise of God's holy ones who are the true inheritors of the earth.

**Ephesians 1:** The Ephesian Christians are warmly encouraged in their faith. For Paul this is a faith based on the life, death & resurrection of Christ.

**Luke 6:** Luke's great sermon of Jesus includes a form of the Beatitudes & the Golden Rule.

## Sermon Notes

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### Today's Christian Priority: Fellowship

Today we celebrate the great Christian Feast of All Saint's (transferred from the 1<sup>st</sup>). All Saint's is the day after All Hallow's Eve (Halloween). All good feasts follow a great evening the night before. (Christmas follows Christmas Eve, Easter follows the Great Vigil of Holy Saturday.) The reason for this is that the Church calendar follows the old lunar calendar of the Hebrew peoples where each day begins at sunset rather than sunrise.

In the Feast of All Saints we are reminded of the incredible community of the Followers of Jesus. God has placed us in community. We are not pilgrims on a solitary journey. We are more like migrants walking together for a new land. We eat together, we pray together, we weep together, we rejoice together. We are in this together. And not just here at St. Dunstan's, but with every follower in every place in the world. & not just in this time, but in every age before & after us. We are the fellowship of God, the Community of faith that...

\_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 1:15)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 1:18)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 1:20)

*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*

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*the Greeting, Announcements & the Collect for Purity*

**Be Still and Know**

**Holy Ground**

**For all the Saints, 276 (vs 1,2,4)**

*the Prayer of the Day*

## *Proclaiming the Word*

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*The Prophet Daniel (7:1-3, 15-18)*

**Psalm 149**

*Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (1:11-23)*

**Blessed are the Persecuted, 493**

*the Gospel according to Luke (6:20-31) & the Sermon*

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

*the Peace & the Offering*

**O, When the Saints**

## *Holy Communion*

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

**We Come Now to Your Table**

**Jesus, You Fill Our Hearts**

**God Says**

## *Sending the Community*

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*the Blessing*

**The Angels in Heaven**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

### 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](http://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](mailto:katherine.murray22@gmail.com).*
- Spiritual Direction**     *Trained Spiritual Directors are available. To arrange please email [StDunstansCentre@gmail.com](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month in the hall*

## **Women's Coffee & Crafts**

*Fridays at 10am*

## **Women's Breakfast**

*the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at McDonald's*

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## **The Book of Life**

*Please write the names of those who have died you would like to remember on All Soul's Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.*

*We will read these names out during the service with a special time to light candles in their memory.*

# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

## Children

**Messy Church** every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Fridays at 7pm at David & Andrew's home. Ages 12 to 18. Call 778-987-0530 for directions & more information

(On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month we meet at St. Dunstan's to help lead messy church at 4:30pm.)



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.

**October** the Foundational Stories of our Hope  
**November** the Women around Jesus  
**December** How to Pray

## 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.

## **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner**      *Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>*

*Information will be sent out this week about your secret destinations for this fun evening of food and fellowship.*

## **Centering Prayer Intro**



*Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 3pm*

*More information can be found in the Centre for Spiritual Renewal program*

## **Interfaith Labyrinth Walk**



*Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 3pm*

*More information can be found in the Centre for Spiritual Renewal program*

## **Spiritual Practice Series**



*Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:30pm*

*Lingering in the Eucharist with Rev. Helen Tervo*

*More information can be found in the Centre for Spiritual Renewal program*

## **Messy Church**

*Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:30pm*

## **Sung Evening Prayer**



*Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 8:30pm*

*With Cathy Hardy & Friends*

## **Women in Leadership**



*Saturday, November 23<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 4pm*

*Facilitated by Eden Jersak & Lorie Martin*

*More information can be found in the Centre for Spiritual Renewal program*



# 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 **Fellowship** goes all the way back to the early church. In Acts we read that the Followers of Jesus “devoted themselves to the Apostles’ teaching ☯ fellowship, to the breaking of bread ☯ the prayers” (2:42). Fellowship is translated into English from the Greek word, Koinonia. Koinonia can also be translated as Communion. Followers of Jesus have communion with God ☯ with one another. This means that we participate in God’s life ☯ in the lives of one another knowing that what we do, we do not in isolation from our neighbour.

## 1. The Preparation

A candle is lit as someone prays,

O God, guard ☯ direct your Church in the way of unity, service, ☯ praise. **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.

Using the lens of Christian Communion or Fellowship we will read from the Gospel according to Matthew this week. Wherever Jesus went, he gathered a community with him. Sometimes this community of followers understood what Jesus was doing, but more often than not, they misunderstood. Whether the crowds got it or not, Jesus ministered to them with compassion. His self-giving, however, took a toll on him. He was rejected by his hometown, his mentor was assassinated ☯ his own closest friends remained isolated in their fear. Still Jesus pressed on to build the fellowship of his followers.

## COMMUNITY IS TOUGH – MATTHEW 13:53-58

Notes on the reading:

- The synagogue (v. 54) is the Jewish place of prayer ☯ study. Jesus is a rabbi with amazing skills to make the Scripture come alive. This leaves some of his childhood friends jealous.
- The phrase Took offence (v. 57) is the Greek word Scandalized. Jesus’ hometown is scandalized by Jesus.
- Jesus is unable to do many works of power in his hometown because of their disbelief. This means that when we are overcome by our own sense of being offended, we often cannot see the beauty around us. It is impossible to see the sunrise when we are focussed on our own jealousies or resentments.

*I wonder what the most difficult thing about being in a church community is.  
I wonder how we can move from being offended to being open to God.*

Monday

## THERE ARE THREATS TO COMMUNITY – MATTHEW 14:1-12

Notes on the reading:

- Jesus' ministry of healing makes King Herod worried that Jesus is John the Baptist come back to life.
- John the Baptist spoke against Herod's affair with Herodias. Herodias was married to Herod's brother. Herod killed John the Baptist to silence him.
- John's followers claim John's body & bury it then go & tell Jesus that his mentor has died.

*I wonder if you have ever experienced a conflict in the church.*

*I wonder why church conflicts are so difficult to heal.*

## COMMUNITY IS FED BY JESUS – MATTHEW 14:13-21

Notes on the reading:

- After Jesus hears that John the Baptist had been killed he takes some time off.
- Because of Jesus' fame, people find him & he ministers healing to them.
- As Jesus & the crowd are in a deserted place there is no way to buy food for everyone, so Jesus feeds the crowd with 5 loaves of bread & 2 fish.
- Everyone gets fed by Jesus.

*I wonder what your favourite food is.*

*I wonder what your favourite spiritual food is.*

*I wonder how our community is fed by Jesus.*

## COMMUNITY IS CARED FOR BY JESUS – MATTHEW 14:22-33

Notes on the reading:

- After the crowds leave, Jesus still wants to spend time alone. He sends his followers away on a boat.
- The early church used the image of a boat to describe what the Christian community is like. They take this image from the ancient story of Noah's Ark.
- Water, in the imagination of the early church, stood for the chaos of the world.
- Jesus knows that he is sending his followers into a dangerous world of Herods & Hometowns that reject & kill, so he gives them the message of God for all time & places: Have courage, I AM, do not be afraid (v. 27).
- I AM is the ancient Hebrew name for God (Exodus 3:14).
- Jesus invites his followers to have the same faith that Jesus has. But if his followers cannot walk on the water due to doubts & fears, they can always find rest in the boat.

*I wonder what you are most afraid of.*

*I wonder who you talk to about your fears.*

*I wonder if it is encouraging for you to hear Jesus' words: I AM, do not be afraid.*

*I wonder how the church offers you comfort & safety in your doubts & fears.*

## THE COMMUNITY NEEDS HEALING – MATTHEW 14:34-36

Notes on the reading:

- Everywhere Jesus goes he discovers people who are in need.
- Jesus is recognized as a healer, someone people trust to help them.
- All people have to do in order to receive healing is to reach out to Jesus. The Greek word for Cured means to be brought to safety, to be saved. This refers back to the followers of Jesus in the boat. Jesus' ministry is to bring us into safety.

*I wonder if you ever feel unsafe.*

*I wonder how Jesus creates a safe place for community at St. Dunstan's.*

### 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 10TH – THE PRIORITY OF COMMUNITY CARE: VISITING

**The Feast of All Souls** (transferred from November 2<sup>nd</sup>) & **Remembrance Sunday**. We will read the names of those who have died in the past year.

Readings: Job 19:23-27a, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17, Luke 20:27-38

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH – THE PRIORITY OF COMMUNITY CARE: SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP

**St. Hugh**. Who is St. Hugh? I don't have a clue.

Readings: Malachi 4:1-2a, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19

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 I

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

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



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