



the Parish of St. Dunstan

on the traditional lands of the Sto:lo People

Presider: Rev. Clarence Li

Preacher: Rev. Helen Tervo

December 7, 2025

The Second Sunday of Advent



Welcome!

This is a diverse and 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 and welcome 2SLGBTQ+ people to participate fully in the life of the community.

This morning in worship...

Gathering the Community

Trisagion, *CP 688*

Gathering Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, *CP 89 v 1 & 3*

Collect for the Day

Proclaiming the Word

The Book of Isaiah (11:1-10)

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

The Letter of Paul to the Romans (15:4-13)

Lift Your Voice, *David Taylor*

The Gospel according to Matthew (3:1-12)

Sermon and An Affirmation of Faith

The Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution,

The Peace & the Offering

Waiting in Silence, *Carey Landry*

Holy Communion

Peace Shines, *C. MacLean & J. Tissandier*

All Who Are Thirsty, *B. Brown & G. Robertson*

In You There is a Refuge, *K. Wehlander/L. Good*

Sending the Community

The Blessing

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus, *CP 88*

For Children

The children's table is open. If you are interested in helping grow this ministry, please talk to Rev. Li. All our volunteers and staff require a criminal record check.



Taking Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive bread and wine (or juice) at communion. There are gluten-free wafers for those who need them. Prayers for healing with anointing are offered beneath the cross.

Coffee Hour

Please join together for coffee and refreshment following the service.

Ways to Donate

We offer a variety of ways to give financially to the parish including **offering envelopes**, **Pre-authorized Debit (PAD)**, **CanadaHelps** via the website, and **email transfers** to **office@st-dunstans.ca**

Financial Update as of October

	Month	Year to date
Income	42,578	223,759
Expenses	25,771	256,469
Excess/(Short)	16,806	(\$32,710)

Today's Scripture

From *Introductions to the Lessons* by Bill Bennett.

Isaiah 11

The first author of Isaiah celebrates and foretells the coming of a leader from the house of David. Peace among all creatures is a parable of peace being established in the political and spiritual realm.

Romans 15

Paul urges the Roman Christians to be hospitable, quoting relevant passages from the Old Testament.

Matthew 3

Matthew describes the ministry of John the Baptist in the wilderness.

Next Sunday...

The Third Sunday of Advent

The Reverend Clarence Li is presiding & **Reverend Paul Guiton** is preaching

Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

...Community Care at the Parish

Community Care Team

Offers prayer, phone calls, visits, food support, and transportation assistance. Hand-knitted Prayer Shawls are also available for anyone wanting some comfort, warmth, and a reminder of care and support. Please call the Office or speak to the Rector if you would like to receive support.

Listening Prayer

Prayer for those in crisis or need. For more information please connect with Lesley Wieler at lesleywieler@gmail.com.

Reconciliation

The minister is available to hear confession by appointment.

Weekly News or Events...

Christmas Sit-down Community Meal on December 18

Meals on Wheels has offered volunteers to prepare, serve and clean up for this year's Christmas Community Meal. Help spread the word and come join friends from our community on Dec 18. Hats off to Langley Meals on Wheels!

Word of the Day & Breath Prayer throughout Advent

Beginning December 1, e-newsletter subscribers will receive a Word of the Day and a Breath Prayer throughout Advent. To sign up to receive the e-newsletter, please visit st-dunstans.ca.

ArtCraft Circle - Friday, December 12 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Messy Church A casual service for children & their families with games, Bible stories, artworks, Holy Communion & dinner together. Next Messy Church will be on **December 13 from 4:30 -6:00 pm**. Jan & John are looking for volunteer cooks to prepare dinners for 2026. Please sign up at the front table if you can help.

Parish Council Meeting Summary - November Summary has now been posted in the Hall and circulated via e-newsletter.

St. Dunstan's is now a SCENT FREE SPACE - Given feedback from parishioners who are highly allergic to perfumes and strong scents, Council approved to mark the premises as a Scent Free Space. New signages are now posted at entryways and washrooms. Scented hand soap has now been replaced with a scent-free alternative.

Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Services - Mark your Calendar

Dec 14	10 am	Third Sunday of Advent Eucharist
	4 pm	Choir Christmas Carol Sing
Dec 21	10 am	Fourth Sunday of Advent Eucharist
	4:30-7 pm	The Longest Night: Sacred Space, Words for Hope & Healing
Dec 24	6 pm	Christmas Eve Family Service
	10 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Eucharist
Dec 28	10 am	Christmas Festival of Readings and Carols
Jan 4	10 am	Epiphany Eucharist
	4:30-6:30pm	Twelfth Night Celebration: Potluck, Storytelling, Poetry readings, Dance and Songs

This Week for Spiritual Refreshment...

Compline Wednesdays from 9:30-10pm online
A 15 minute service of Evening Prayer

Centering Prayer Fridays at 11:30am, in person and online
20 minutes of silence and connection with God.

Lectio Fridays, from Noon to 12:30pm, in person and online
A meditative prayer practice involving reading, reflecting, responding and resting with Scripture.

Contemplative Eucharist Fridays, at 12:30pm in person
Celebrating the Lord's Supper in an intimate & reflective setting with simple chants & space to pray in silence.

Self-guided Labyrinth Walk *The grass-path labyrinth is open to walk, anytime, for a time of meditation or prayer.*

Christmas Carol Sing

with St. Dunstan's Choir

Sunday, December 14, 4 pm

Donations to Aldergrove Food Bank
gratefully accepted



Centre for Spiritual Renewal Events

Contemplative Practice & Fellowship

Saturday, December 13, 2025 9:30 - 10:30 am

In person at the Parish of St. Dunstan

Facilitated by Joe Baker and Elaine Chatwin



A monthly, in-person, contemplative gathering at the Parish of St. Dunstan's. This community meets the second Saturday morning of each month from 9:30am to noon. Suitable for experienced practitioners and those curious to explore the contemplative side of spiritual practices. The morning will be lightly guided with a focus on practice time in community. Our hope is to establish an ongoing community of spiritual companions.



Mixed Media Art Journaling

How to Pray Without Words

Saturday, January 10, 2026 1:00 - 4:00 pm

St. Dunstan's Parish, Aldergrove

Facilitated by Doris Froese



When words feel too heavy—or not quite enough—turn to mixed-media art journaling and quiet contemplation. This creative practice offers space to honour your emotions and to listen for the Divine within. Each session includes a short meditation, a simple art technique demonstration, and unhurried time to create through layering and hands-on exploration. No art experience is needed. Bring any favourite supplies if you wish; everything you need will be provided.

This is a series that will start on Saturday, January 10 at 1 - 4pm, and continue on 4 Wednesdays, January 14/21/28/February 4, at 6 - 8pm.

Outreach at the Parish...

Monday Fraser River Counselling at St. Dunstan's

Low-cost counseling from Trinity Western University. To connect with an intake worker call 604-513-2113.

Tuesday Aldergrove Food Bank Soup Kitchen

We cook and serve soup on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Please call Ann Embra at 604-534-9292 to help.

Thursday Community Meal 5pm.

Many thanks to our amazing volunteers for ensuring our Community Meal continued through the summer months. This meal is at the heart of our ministry at the Parish of St. Dunstan. It is our primary way to ensure that the hungry are fed and so to exemplify the love of God through Jesus. If you would like to help with this ministry, please connect with the minister.



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

DID YOU KNOW?

You may contribute to the Clergy Discretionary Fund to support local folks in need of emergency benevolent support. Consider making a donation to the fund this Advent season.

New domain-based email addresses for staff and programs

Update your address book to ensure you receive St. Dunstan's emails.

office@st-dunstans.ca for Sherry Wright, Administrator

rector@st-dunstans.ca for Rev. Clarence Li, Rector & Director for Centre for Spiritual Renewal

spiritualrenewal@st-dunstans.ca for Ginny Sawatsky, Centre for Spiritual Renewal Program Coordinator

messychurch@st-dunstans.ca for Jan & John van der Leek, Messy Church Coordinators

Weekly Devotions

Follow the Daily Office Lectionary in the Book of Alternative Services for your devotions beginning on page 47 or 66. If you do not have a Book of Alternative Services, ask the minister and they will gift you one.

Opening Prayer *Pray responsory 4 on page 103.*

Readings

Monday Amos 7:1-9, Revelations 1:1-8, Matthew 22:23-33

Tuesday Amos 7:10-17, Revelations 1:9-16, Matthew 22:34-46

Wednesday Amos 8:1-14, Revelations 1:17-2:7, Matthew 23:1-12

Thursday Amos 9:1-10, Revelations 2:8-17, Matthew 23:13-26

Friday Haggai 1:1-15, Revelations 2:18-29, Matthew 23:27-39

Saturday Haggai 2:1-9, Revelations 3:1-6, Matthew 24:1-14

Prayer *Litany 9 or 10 on pages 117 and 118.*

Prayer of the Day Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer



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