#### **INTERCESSIONS FOR SUNDAY, December 21, 2025**

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi. We pray for Vernon, our Rector; Helen, our Deacon; Pat, our Honorary Assistant; Anna, our Bishop; Shane, our Primate; Chris, our Nat'l Indigenous Archbishop; and John, our Metropolitan. We pray for Christ Church Cathedral School, Victoria.

We offer healing prayers for Roland & family, Heather-Anne A., Vera H., Bexs & all their family, Randy M., Ryan & family, Ed C., Eileen & Eleanor O., Al, Zarra, Soren, Shirley M., Sharon M., Steve C., Colleen J., Manly P., Jane F., Gary, Patrick, Cameron F., Leanne T, Joann, Chris A., Margaret O., Debbie G., Christine, Kerilee M., Kevin, Glenda S. & family, Tammy W., Cami, Joanne S. and Steve G.

# PARISH ACTIVITIES Monday, December 22nd – Sunday, December 28th, 2025 and –



**ALSO:** Rev. Vernon will be taking a well-deserved break after Christmas, returning for the Sunday Service, January 4<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Brian E. will cover pastoral emergencies: 250-618-6832.

Monday-Friday	8:30 am	Morning Prayer (except Stats) (Zoom*)
Tuesday	6:00 PM 7:00 pm	Advent Study (zoom) Contemplative Prayer (Church Proper)
Wednesday	4:00 pm 8:00 pm	Family Christmas Service Candlelight Service
Thursday	10:00 am	Christmas Day Service
Sunday Rev. Will Hubbard	8:00 am 8:45 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	BCP Holy Communion Post Service Fellowship (St. Matthew) Holy Eucharist Service (in person & livestream) Post Service Fellowship (Hall)

<sup>\*</sup> Please contact the office to arrange for a Zoom link invitation

### **READINGS FOR SUNDAY, December 28th**

First Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalm: 148

Epistle: Hebrews 2:10-18 Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHRISTMAS meal on December 24:** We are hosting a free meal for the community at **1:00 pm** on Christmas Eve. If you'd like to be part of this hospitality for our community, please contact Dolph.

## WEDNESDAY, **DECEMBER 24**<sup>TH</sup> **4:00 PM Family Christmas Service**

Join us on Christmas Eve for a joyful and imaginative Family Service, complete with a festive Pageant for the young—and the young at heart. Expect surprise appearances from an angel or two, Mary and Joseph, wandering shepherds, perhaps even a sheep, and those mysterious travellers from the East bearing unusual gifts. Together we will celebrate the birth of a baby who is Christ—the Light who comes to dwell among us with love, hope, and joy.

## 8:00 PM Candlelight Service

Step in from the cold and into the warmth of God's light this Christmas Night.

Together we tell again the old story of God's delight—a child born in Bethlehem, light bursting into the world, love made flesh for us all. With voices lifted in glorious, joy-filled carols, we celebrate the holy night when heaven rejoiced and hope took its place among us. Come share the radiance, the music, and the wonder.

## THURSDAY, **DECEMBER 25**<sup>TH</sup> **10:00 AM Christmas Day Service**

On Christmas morning, we gather in the fresh light of a new day to celebrate the wondrous story—that God's love has come among us in the birth of the Christ Child. In the glow of Christmas morning, with grateful hearts and joyful carols, we rejoice in the hope that dawns anew: God-with-us, Emmanuel, born in humility yet shining with glory. Come welcome the Christ of Christmas Day—the light that no darkness can overcome.

Please look in your mail slot, for a **CHRISTMAS LETTER.** Thank you!

ALSO: **2026 Offering Envelopes** are ready! Please pick up your 2026 offering envelopes in the narthex.

Christmas flowers - the Altar Guild is looking for donations towards the cost of poinsettias which decorate the church over the Christmas season. You can place your donation in the collection plate, drop if off at the office or put it in the box in the Narthex. Thank you for helping to make our sanctuary look beautiful for the birth of Jesus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY upcoming to: Charles H & Greg B (Dec 22), Gayle C (Dec 24), Jacob S (Dec 27), Audrey T (Dec 28), Kathy M (Dec 29) and Christine H (Dec 30) Birthday Prayer: We give thanks for those whose birthdays we celebrate today. May they ever grow in your faith, hope & love. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen