



BART'S BUZZ

FOR THE WEEK OF

DECEMBER 21-28, 2025

ST. BARTHOLOMEW ANGLICAN CHURCH – WINNIPEG

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that we live and work in Treaty 1, 2 and 3 Territory, which is the ancestral traditional land of the Indigenous peoples, and is common home to everyone in virtue of God, our Creator's, gracious gift.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"To embrace, encourage and empower people in their faith journey; to discern and participate in God's Work in the world."

Sunday, December 21, 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Blue Christmas and Children's Christmas Pageant

Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am

Hymns: CP # 139 The First Nowell; CP # 118 O Come, All Ye Faithful V1-4; CP # 123 Once in Royal David's City; CP # 89 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel; CP # 143 Angels, From the Realms of Glory

Readings: – Isaiah 7:10-16 40:1-11; Psalm 80:1-7,16-18; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

Vestment Colour: Violet or Blue

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 – Christmas Eve **Family Christmas Eve Service**

Holy Eucharist at 7 pm

Hymns: CP # 126 Away in a Manger; CP # 138 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing; CP # 118 O Come, All Ye Faithful (v1-4); CP # 136 While Shepherds Watched; CP # 123 Once in Royal David's City; CP # 122 In the Bleak Midwinter; CP # 119 Silent Night; CP # 154 Joy the World

Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-4, (15-20)

Vestment Colour: White

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Local, National, and International Leadership we pray for

- Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, The Most Rev. Shane Parker
- National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Bishop Larry Kochendorfer
 - General Secretary (Lutheran World Federation) The Rev. Dr. Anne Burghardt
 - National Indigenous Archbishop, The Rt. Rev. Chris Harper
 - Bishop— Rt. Rev. Naboth Manzongo
 - Outgoing Executive Archdeacon, The Ven. Simon Blaikie
 - Incoming Executive Archdeacon, The Rev. Dr. Iain Luke
 - Bishop of the Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod, Bishop Jason Zinko
 - Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of the Northern Lights, The Most. Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson
 - President of the Elder's Conference (Northern Province) in the Moravian Church in Canada, The Rev. David E. Bennett and District President (Canadian District) of the Moravian Church in Canada, Mr. David Jones

In the Anglican Communion Worldwide, we pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi. In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop; and the staff of Indigenous Ministries; the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples; Dawn Maracle, Indigenous Justice Animator. In the Council of the North, we pray for the Diocese of Athabasca. In the ELCIC, we pray for Carmen Ramirez, Assistant to the National Bishop, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; Peter Wall, Assistant to the National Bishop for Worship. In the Moravian Church in Canada, we pray for The Rev. Sue Keonig, Director, and team of Northern Province Racial Justice and Healing. In the World Council of Churches, we pray for Ecumenical Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, and the Mainland of China. In the Diocese of Rupert's Land, we pray for our congregations and communities, especially the clergy and people of: saint benedict's table — The Rev. Andrew Colman, Incumbent; The Rev. Paul Peters Derry,

Honorary Assistant; Emmanuel Mission - The Rev. Abraham Monybuny Chuol, Incumbent; The Rev. Reuben Garang, Honorary Assistant

Prayer Requests

We pray for those for whom prayers have been requested: Sally; Avet; Sandy and Debbie, Jean, Kathy, Lorna, Elizabeth, Rosemary, Ted, Michelle, Iris, Lorraine, Susan, Janice R., Carol, Gary and Georgina, Denise, Janice B.

Please communicate all prayer requests either by the form available at the back of the church or by email to Rev. Deacon Helen Hunter at helenhunter3339@gmail.com or Val Ross at valerie8ross@gmail.com or to the office at stbartswpg@gmail.com.

Phone calls to the parish office at (204)257-8594 on Tuesday or Friday are another way of communicating.

The flowers on the altar are given by Pat and Dennis Adams in loving memory of Dennis's siblings-Larry and Carol and Pat's siblings - Cheryl, Coral and Jim

Message from Rev. Wilson

O Oriens: O Dayspring - By Jacob A. Davis

"O Oriens: O Morning Star, splendour of light eternal and sun of righteousness: Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.
cf. Malachi 4:2."

"December 21st arrives draped in shadow. In the Northern Hemisphere, it is often the winter solstice—the shortest day of the year, the long night when darkness seems, at last, to have won. It is no accident, then, that the Church places O Oriens—the fifth O Antiphon, in which we find Christ referred to as the “Dayspring,” on the darkest day of the year” - Jacob A.

Davis <https://anglicancompass.com/o-oriens-o-dayspring/>

As we reflect on this season our Lord Jesus Christ and Saviour is near and from our Gospel reading this Sunday in Matthew 1:18-25, it reveals His extraordinary birth, fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy (7:14). Joseph's dream shows God's plan to save humanity through Jesus, the Messiah. Indeed, "Emmanuel, God with us" and this is for us to have a special time of reflection about God's presence, that is:

- Emmanuel reminds us God is with us in our joys, struggles, and uncertainties.
- Unexpected ways: Jesus' birth via a virgin conception shows God's power and humility.
- Faith and obedience: Joseph's trust in God's plan inspires us to surrender to God's will.

So as "Advent enters its final thematic phase anticipating the Nativity of Christ," we are invited to welcome Jesus, Emmanuel, into our lives and share His light in the world. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Advent blessings,

PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

PLEASE NOTE – ALL SUNDAY SERVICES IN DECEMBER

WILL BE AT 10:30 AM

Sunday, December 21 – Fourth Sunday of Advent - 10:30 am– Blue Christmas and Children’s Christmas Pageant – Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 24 – at 7 pm – Christmas Eve Family Service – Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 28 at 10:30 – First Sunday after Christmas – Holy Eucharist

OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS

The office will be closed on Friday, December 26 – Boxing Day. Otherwise, the hours will be Tuesday and Friday as usual.

2025 DONATION REMINDER

Please remember to have all of your 2025 donations into the office before December 31 in order for it to be included on your 2025 tax receipt. All donations received after that date will be used in 2026.

OUR CHRISTMAS TREE

An opportunity to remember someone who has touched our lives or give a special “thank you” for our blessings. By making a donation, you may “purchase” one of the lights on our Christmas Tree. All proceeds will be used for a local outreach program in our schools. A card, with your name or the name of the person to be remembered, will be placed on the tree at the Blue Christmas Service and then up to and including Christmas Eve. Please see Carol Bailey or Bonnie Hildebrand, if you have any questions. Envelopes, with a request form, are also available at the Information Centre. Completed forms can be placed on the Collection Plate or given to Carol Bailey. Blue Christmas will be part of the service this Sunday, December 21.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

This year's family consists of mom, dad, boys who are 8 and 6 years old and a baby girl. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. If you wish to purchase a gift for one of the children, please contact Linda Robbins at 204-227-7764. Cash donations can be made to purchase gifts and fresh produce. Thanks for supporting this outreach program.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

We are once again collecting funds to purchase poinsettias to decorate the altar area this Christmas. We are estimating that poinsettias will cost about \$15-\$20 each. Forms are available in the Narthex. If you wish to have your poinsettia dedicated to someone, please be sure to

complete that portion of the form. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Robbins. Thanks for helping beautify the church for Christmas.

2026 CHURCH CALENDARS

The 2026 Church Calendars are now available. Please talk to Rev. Deacon Helen or call the office on Tuesday and Friday from 9-2 pm. The cost is \$7. Exact change is appreciated.

PRIVATE EVENTS

Private Event in the Upper Hall – Saturday, December 20 from 3pm to 8pm

Private Event in the Upper Hall – Sunday, December 28 from 3pm to 8pm

The Girl Guides meet in the Upper Hall on Monday and the Scouts meet on Wednesday.

Please check the Event Schedule on our website - [Events | St Bartholomew Anglican Church](#)

ST. BART'S MUSIC LIBRARY

We are looking to expand our music library. If anyone has CD's that we could borrow to download please let the office know. If anyone has any other ideas to help with our Worship Music let Rev. Wilson know

WORSHIP SERVICE RECORDING

We have started recording our weekly worship services. They can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/@st.bartschurch> or on our website - [Weekly Service Recording | St Bartholomew Anglican Church](#)

St. Bart's Website - <http://www.stbartsmb.ca>

ALONGSIDE HOPE - PREVIOUSLY - PRIMATES WORLD DEVELOPMENT FUND

Just a reminder to St. Bart's Parishioners about the good work the Alongside Hope/PWRDF is doing in our world. Please check out their website – <https://pwrdf.org/> - to see all the valuable work they are doing.

ALONGSIDE HOPE NOW ACCEPTS E-TRANSFERS! It's a quick, easy and secure way to send your gift. Here's how:

- Set up Alongside Hope in your online banking as a payee, using the email address etransfer@alongsidehope.org.

- Choose Alongside Hope from your list of payees and fill in the amount you'd like to give.
- In the memo field, add your mailing address, phone number and email address. This is very important, so that we can properly record your gift and send you a tax receipt.

That's it! Your funds will be auto-deposited and you will receive an email confirmation. Feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions at 1-866-308-7973 or [**info@alongsidehope.org**](mailto:info@alongsidehope.org)

WECHETOWIN ADVENT CHALLENGE

Advent is a time of devout and joyful expectation and an opportunity to celebrate love, caring, sharing, and being together.

Please encourage your parish family to continue collecting items for children and women in times of transition. Rupert's Land Wechetowin will be distributing these items on behalf of the Diocese. The blessing bag – item list is attached (**Advent Challenge RLW 2026**) in case there are any questions about what we are looking for.

St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

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