



# the Parish of St. Dunstan

*on the traditional lands of the Sto:lo People*

Presider & Preacher: Rev. Clarence Li

January 4, 2026

*The Epiphany of the Lord*



# 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

**Awake, Arise: O Sing a New Song**, CP 311

Gathering Prayer

Collect for Purity

**We Three Kings**

Prayer at the Crib & Collect of the Day

### Proclaiming the Word

The Book of Isaiah (60:1-6)

**Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14**

The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (3:1-12)

**Will You Come**, Brian Wren

The Gospel according to Matthew (2:1-12)

Children's Moment & Blessing of the Chalk

Sermon and An Affirmation of Faith

The Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution,

The Peace & the Offering

**All Poor Folk and Humble**, CP 151

### Holy Communion

**Eat This Bread**, CP 63 *Refrain only*

**I Am the Bread**, T. Kacemarek & P. Tate

**Let There Be Light**, CP 572

### Sending the Community

The Blessing

2 **I Am the Light**, Jim Strathdee

### 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 November

	Month	Year to date
Income	<b>26,894</b>	<b>250,654</b>
Expenses	<b>25,467</b>	<b>281,937</b>
Excess/(Short)	<b>1.427</b>	<b>(\$31,283)</b>

## Today's Scripture

From *Introductions to the Lessons* by Bill Bennett.

### **Isaiah 60**

The return of the Jews from Exile is a sign to all nations to acknowledge the actions of a God who saves and restores.

### **Ephesians 3**

Paul explains to the Ephesian Christians that his ministry is principally to the peoples of all cultures. It is also a faith that comes out of his Jewish heritage.

### **Matthew 2**

The visit of the Wise Men to the infant Jesus is a story with universal imagery. The created universe and the world of intellectual wisdom and knowledge pay homage to the Christ child.

## Next Sunday...

### **Baptism of the Lord**

**The Reverend Clarence Li** will be presiding and preaching.

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

## ...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 [lesleyjwieler@gmail.com](mailto:lesleyjwieler@gmail.com).

### **Reconciliation**

The minister is available to hear confession by appointment.

# Weekly News or Events...

**2<sup>nd</sup> call for Children's Ministry Volunteer** - Special plea by Theresa Tancock  
A few weeks ago, it was suggested to the congregation that members volunteer to support our children during our Worship Service. Since then, we have only had one person step up for this (many thanks, Lesley!).

In a few weeks, we will be posting a sign up sheet for members to take the children out during the service to read bible stories, play in the hall, do crafts, or whatever moves you! We will have books and some easy kits available for use so it will be easy to step in and help. In the New Year, Clarence will be moving the Children's Time to just after the Gospel reading and the children will then go out at that time. We are hoping to have at least 2 weeks of volunteers per month - you may choose to do this in pairs or on your own.

In order to support our children, all volunteers will be required to have a Criminal Record Check done. This will be done through the office and will be a seamless process.

We are asking for anyone who may wish to support our children in this program to please contact the office and leave your name. The Criminal Record Check process will begin once we have our volunteer pool set up. Our hope is to have a program ready for the new year so please let us know as soon as possible, as the Criminal Record Check process will take a couple of weeks.

**ArtCraft Circle - Friday, January 9, 2026** 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 **January 17 from 4:30 -6:00 pm**.

**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.

# 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.*

## Anglican 101

A 5-part introduction to the Anglican way of following Christ

Begins on Sunday, January 18  
from 12 noon - 1:30 pm



## Anglican 101

WHAT IN THE WORLD  
IS AN ANGLICAN?

Whether you are new or have been attending St. Dunstan's for a while, have you ever wondered?

What in the world is an Anglican? Am I one?

The time of wondering quietly is over. Come to Anglican 101, a 5-part introduction to the Anglican way of following Jesus. Facilitated by Rev. Jeanne Forte & Rev. Clarence Li, these 90-minute noonday sessions on Sunday starting January 18, 2026 includes:

- engaging presentation exploring Anglicanism
- opportunities to ask and share your questions, wonderings and musings
- a running glossary that explains "secret/ not so secret" words/rituals used in the Anglican church
- refreshment provided to feed the body

# Centre for Spiritual Renewal Events

## Twelfth Night Celebration An evening of merrymaking

Today 4:30 - 6:30 pm

St. Dunstan's Parish, Aldergrove



Welcome to this light-hearted evening in medieval style, to mark the end of the 12 Days of Christmas and the night before the Epiphany. Featuring mulled drinks, shared food (pot luck style) readings, storytelling, candlelit labyrinth, dancing around the Christmas Tree (a Norwegian tradition), and last-chance caroling like you mean it, to be infused with the joy of the Word Made Flesh among and within us.

Free family-friendly event. Donations to the Centre welcome



## 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 though Jesus. If you would like to help with this ministry, please connect with the minister.*



**Alongside Hope**

Anglicans and partners working for change  
in Canada and around the world

For more information, please visit [ALONGSIDEHOPE.ORG](http://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.

## **Epiphany Services**

Jan 4 4:30-6:30pm Twelfth Night Celebration: Potluck, Storytelling, Poetry readings, Dance and Songs

Jan 11 10 am The Baptism of the Lord Eucharist

# 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** Deuteronomy 8:1-3, Colossians 1:1-14, John 6:30-33, 48-51

**Tuesday** Exodus 17:1-7, Colossians 1:15-23, John 7:37-52

**Wednesday** Isaiah 45:14-19, Colossians 1:24-2:7, John 8:12-19

**Thursday** Jeremiah 23:1-8, Colossians 2:8-23, John 10:7-17

**Friday** Isaiah 55:3-9, Colossians 3:1-17, John 14:6-14

**Saturday** Genesis 49:1-2, 8-12, Colossians 3:18-4:6, John 15:1-16

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

**Prayer of the Day** Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer



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