

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

*There is one body
and one Spirit,
just as you were called
to one hope*

Ephesians 4:4



the Parish of St. Dunstan

on the traditional lands of the Sto:lo People

Presider & Preacher: Rev. Clarence Li

January 18, 2026

Second Sunday after the Epiphany



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

The Lord is My Light, *Taize*

Gathering Prayer & Thanksgiving over the water

Here in this Place, *CP 465*

Collect of the Day

Proclaiming the Word

The Book of Isaiah (49:1-7)

Psalms 40:1-12

Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (1:1-9)

Gracious Light, *CP 14*

The Gospel according to John (1:29-42)

Sermon and the Affirmation of Faith

The Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution,

The Peace & the Offering

Worship the Lord, *F. Kaan & R. Klusmeier*

Holy Communion

We Come Now to Your Table, *Caribbean*

Bread of Life, *S. Spencer & R. Gunn*

Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises, *CP 82*

Sending the Community

The Blessing

Lord, the Light of Your Love, *CP 460*

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 December

	Month	Year to date
Income	47,067	297,721
Expenses	19,616	301,553
Excess/(Short)	27,451	(\$ 3,832)

Today's Scripture

Isaiah 49

Despite the trials of Exile in Babylon, the prophet says the mission of the servant is mission by Israel to all nations.

1 Corinthians 1

Paul had spent eighteen months in Corinth. Now staying in Ephesus, he sends a letter of greeting to the new Corinthian Christians.

John 1

The Baptist recognizes Jesus as 'the Lamb of God.' The call of Andrew and Peter follows.

Next Sunday...

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

The Reverend Clarence Li will be presiding and preaching.

Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

...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...

Calling for Knitters: Volunteers are needed to knit/crochet Prayer Shawls. Free knitting or crocheting patterns can be found on the parish website under the "News" section. For details, contact Noreen Jones on Sunday.

Update from *Alongside Hope* on Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza

Al-Ahli Arab Hospital, a partner of *Alongside Hope*, the Anglican Church's relief & development agency, shares this recent update:

Dear Friends and Partners, This Christmas, after two long years marked by war, loss, and uncertainty, the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital community chose to pause and quietly affirm hope. For the first time since the war began, our staff came together to decorate a Christmas tree within the hospital grounds.

This simple act carried deep meaning. It was not a celebration of ease, but a gentle declaration of resilience, faith, and life. Amid exhaustion and grief, our doctors, nurses, and staff wished to create a small space of light for patients, families, and one another – reminding us that hope endures even in the darkest times.

At Al-Ahli, Christmas has always meant standing with the suffering and bearing witness to compassion. We are deeply grateful for your partnership, prayers, and steadfast support, which continue to sustain our mission of healing and service. We wish you a blessed Christmas filled with peace, renewed hope, and the promise of better days ahead.

Call for Children's Ministry Volunteer

Can you help with taking the children out during the worship service to read bible stories, play in the hall, do crafts, or whatever moves you! 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.

Messy Church A casual service for children & their families with games, Bible stories, artworks, Holy Communion & dinner together. Next Messy Church will be on **February 21 from 4:30 -6:00 pm.**

St. Dunstan's is now a SCENT FREE SPACE - Please kindly refrain from using perfumes & products with strong scents while you are in church to support others who have adverse allergic reactions to strong scents.

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 Today, January 18
from 12 noon - 1:30 pm

Register online or sign up at the front table

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

Topic for January 18 session: *Introduction: What in the world is an Anglican? History, myths and debunking*



Anglican
101

WHAT IN THE WORLD
IS AN ANGLICAN?

Upcoming Events

Medwatch

Langley Hospice Society

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 6:00 pm
20660 48 Avenue, Langley

Heard about Medwatch or the Green Sleeve? Come to this information session. Detailed information is available on our website.



Spirituality & Chronic Pain Expanding the Horizon

Saturday, February 7, 2026 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
St. Dunstan's Parish, Aldergrove

So many of us go through life experiencing pain that limits and interferes with life as we imagine it should be. Coping with chronic pain can be exhausting and isolating.

We continue our conversation and support in the many faces of pain - physical, mental, emotional, and of course, spiritual. We will also continue to talk about how we sustain relationships in the presence and limitations of pain.

You don't need to have attended the earlier session, come as you are right now.

Facilitated by Helen Tervo & Clarence Li



Contemplative Practice & Fellowship

Saturday, February 14, 2026 9:30 - 10:30 am
St. Dunstan's Parish, Aldergrove

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.



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.



Alongside Hope

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

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.

Looking ahead: events from



THE CENTRE AT

St Dunstan

February 17 **Shrove Tuesday - Feasting into Fasting** Community Pancake Supper

February 21 **Holy Play - Creating your own Prayer Cards**

February 22 **Lenten 6-part Book Study: *Read the Bible like a Mystic***

Also check the Inter-parish Winter Program Guide online
for more events offered by other Centres across the Diocese

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 Genesis 8:6-22, Hebrews 4:14-5:6, John 2:23-3:15

Tuesday Genesis 9:1-17, Hebrews 5:7-14, John 3:16-21

Wednesday Genesis 9:18-29, Hebrews 6:1-12, John 3:22-36

Thursday Genesis 11:1-9, Hebrews 6:13-20, John 4:1-15

Friday Genesis 11:27-12:8, Hebrews 7:1-17, John 4:16-26

Saturday Genesis 12:9-13;1, Hebrews 7:18-28, John 4:27-42

Prayer Litany 9 or 10 on pages 117 and 118.

Prayer of the Day Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; 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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