



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Invitation from the Liturgical Arts Team:

Week One: The tears of creation

Congregation members will each be asked to write down on a small piece of paper an environmental issue that breaks their heart. These will be placed in a bowl of “tears” representing living water that heals but also acknowledges and mourns for creation.

the Parish of St. Dunstan

*Embracing all through love, service, diversity & spiritual growth
on the traditional lands of the Sto:lo People*

Presider and Preacher: Rev. Clarence Li

September 6, 2026

First Sunday in the Season of Creation



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

We are Standing on Holy Ground, *G. Davis*

Gathering Sentences

All Creatures of Our God & King, **CP 355 v. 1-3**

Collect for the Day

Proclaiming the Word

Book of Ezekiel (47:9-12)

Psalms 65:5-13, *chant responsively*

Everything that Breathes Praises God

Water Flowing From the Mountains, *J. Hannah*

Gospel according to John (7:37-39)

Children's Moment, The Sermon,

Affirmation of Faith, the Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution

The Peace and the Offering

Called by Earth and Sky, *Pat Mayberry*

Holy Communion

Confetimini Domino, **CP 432**

Here Lord We Take, **CP 65**

In God Alone, **CP 563**

Sending the Community

The Blessing

Go Make a Differenc, *S. Angrisano & T. Tomaszek*

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.

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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 **officeest-dunstans.ca**

Financial Update as of July

	Month	Year to date
Income	30,649	161,429
Expenses	18,543	181,509
Excess/(Short)	12,106	(20,080)

Today's Scripture

Ezekiel 47:9-12

Every place the river touches is healed, filled with multiplying life, and made abundantly fruitful. The passage assures us that God's life-giving presence, once released, cannot be stopped and will ultimately renew all creation.

John 7:37-39

At harvest time, ie. the Feast of Tabernacles, a libation of water was offered. John applies this to Christ the living water.

Next Week...

Second Sunday of the Season of Creation

Presider: The Rev. Clarence Li & Preacher: Emilie Smith
Readings: Genesis 50:15-21; Babylonian Talmud; Matthew 18:21-35

...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.



Season of Creation 2026

Theme: Immersion in Living Water

The **Season of Creation** is an annual global Christian celebration held from September 1 to October 4 dedicated to prayer, reflection, and environmental action to care for our planet. **This year's theme, "Living Water"** reflects on Ezekiel 47:9, 12 as a powerful Biblical vision of hope and ecological healing:

"Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt fresh; so where the river flows everything will live [...] Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing."

Set amid exile and loss, the image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals divine healing that renews land, water, biodiversity, and human responsibility towards the whole creation. The symbol depicts water flowing from the Temple of God – at first a tiny stream that grows deeper and deeper, and as it does so, it brings life to dead areas and restores fertility to damaged or barren ecosystems. Through living water comes healing; but in order to receive new life, we too must step into the water and also become part of God's river of life, taking part in the healing of creation.

Worship Team & Liturgical Arts. invite you to **watch & experience** how the **River of Living Water** grows during this season of Creation. *Watch for the invitation to participate each water on the bulletin cover.*

Weekly News or Events...

Hot off the Press - Fall Inter-parish Program Guide of the **Centre for Spiritual Renewal**. Pick up your copy or a 2-pager condensed summary of events taking place at St. Dunstan's at the Welcome Table.

"Anglican Headwaters", a 4-week course exploring **Baptism, Confirmation, Reaffirmation, & Reception** in the Anglican Church begins **today** at 11:45 am in St. Alban's Room. Come and join the first session to learn more about the grace embedded in these sacramental acts. The course will culminate with the offering of baptism, confirmation, reaffirmation & reception on September 27 when Archbishop John Stephens visit St. Dunstan's that Sunday.

Staff Vacation: Sherry will be away the week of August 31 – September 7.

Update on GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER The return of this ever-popular FUNd Raiser will be on Saturday, September 26. Now that you have saved the date it is now time to sign up to be either a host or a guest. Sign up sheets are available on the table in the Gathering Space and the final day for sign up will be Sept 20. SUGGESTED MINIMUM DONATION would be \$50.00 per person. You can also sign up online and make your donation there. Lower barrier option available so that no one is excluded.

2027 Canadian Church Calendar: To order, please sign up at the Welcome Table leave payment at the office by Sunday, September 6.

Connect Cards can be found at the back of chairs in the Sanctuary. Visitors may use this card to connect with St. Dunstan's. Parishioners may use this card to update your contact information. Please return filled-out cards on the Offertory Plate.

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.*

Centre for Spiritual Renewal Events

Register online at st-dunstans.ca

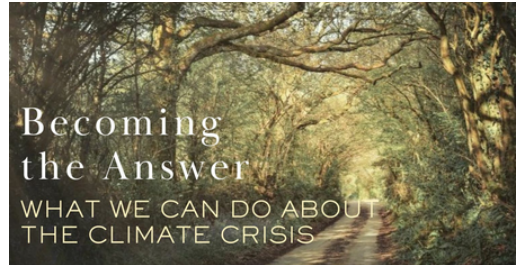
Becoming the Answer

What we can do about the Climate Crisis

Saturday, September 12, 2026

2:00 - 4:00 pm

St. Dunstan's - St. Alban's Room



An afternoon of poetry, reflection, conversation, and sharing with the Rev. Emilie Smith on "Becoming the Answer" to the global climate crisis. What changes are needed to shift from "being the problem" to "becoming the answer" that goes beyond "knowing the facts"? Expect a stimulating, engaging, thoughtful, provocative time. Emilie will be speaking about her four month pilgrimage to last years' UN climate conference, COP30 in Belem, Brazil, and her participation at the first international conference for the transition away from fossil fuels in Santa Marta, Colombia in April. Cost: \$10 or pay with your heart at the door.

Spirituality & Chronic Pain

Sundays beginning October 4, 2026

11:45 am - 12:45 pm

St. Alban's Room

Facilitated by Revs. Helen Tervo & Jeanne Forte



A Continuing Conversation - Chronic pain disrupts every aspect of a person's life. We often focus on the physical, in hopes that a cure may be found. In the meantime, we become limited in the things that give us joy. Our time together is an opportunity to explore the cost of chronic pain, to sit with our grief over losses, and to be with each other. We're not looking for cures, only the miracle to carry on. This group welcomes pain bearers, care givers and hope searchers.



Mixed Media Art Journaling

Wednesdays, Sept. 23 - Oct. 28, 2026

6:00 - 8:00 pm

St. Dunstan's

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. For those that are new, no art experience is needed & supplies will be included. For those that have taken part previously, please bring your books & supplies!



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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.

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.

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 Job 32:1-10, 19-33:1, Acts 13:44-52, John 10:19-30

Tuesday Job 29:1-20, 21-27, Acts 14:1-18, John 10:31-42

Wednesday Job 29:1, 30:1-2, 16-31, Acts 14:19-28, John 11:1-16

Thursday Job 29:1, 31:1-23, Acts 15:1-11, John 11:17-29

Friday Job 29:1, 31:24-40, Acts 15:12-21, John 11:30-44

Saturday Job 38:1-17, Acts 15:22-35, John 11:45-54

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

Prayer of the Day Lord of all Life, you promised that wherever the river flows,
(Season of Creation) everything shall live. Stir in us a calling to care for the waters — to protect the watershed, defend the rights of water, and honor the dignity of the thirsty. May your Word be a spring within us, gushing forth for the healing of the nations. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer



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