



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Invitation from the Liturgical Arts Team:
Week Two: The Drops of Hope

Everyone will receive a small blue ribbon of hope to place around the bowl of tears, representing our trust in God's ability to heal and restore and a reminder to keep our hope alive.

the Parish of St. Dunstan

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

Presider: Rev. Clarence Li; Preacher: Rev. Emilie Smith

September 13, 2026

Second 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

Listen God is Calling, *Tanzania*

Gathering Sentences

All Things Bright and Beautiful, CP 416 v. 1-3

Collect for the Day, Children's Moment

Proclaiming the Word

Book of Genesis (50:15-21)

Psalms 103:8-13, *chant responsively*

Babylonian Talmud, Taanit 23a

Like a Hidden Stream, *Burce Harding*

Gospel according to Matthew (18:21-35)

The Sermon,

Affirmation of Faith, the Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution

The Peace and the Offering

For the Fruit of all Creation, CP 259

Holy Communion

Take O Take, *John Bell & Graham Maule*

I Am the Bread, The Bread of Life, CP 56

My Soul is Thirsting for You O God, *S. Angrisano*

Sending the Community

The Blessing

Wind Upon the Waters, CP 408 v. 1, 2, 5

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 August

	Month	Year to date
Income	16,691	178,120
Expenses	18,192	199,701
Excess/(Short)	(1,501)	(21,581)

Today's Scripture

Genesis 50:15-21

Jacob's family grieve at his death.

Matthew 18:21-35

The issue of forgiveness in the congregation is explored through a parable of Jesus.

Next Week...

Third Sunday of the Season of Creation

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Clarence Li

Readings: Jonah 3:10-4:11; Prayers of the Social Awakening; Matthew 20:1-16

Evening in Sung Prayers, *Joining Creation in Wonder*

St. Dunstan's Parish 7:30 - 8:30 pm

An hour of ecumenical sung prayer, stillness, scripture & sacred space with prayer stations, supported by Cathy Hardy and her music team from Soul Care.

...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 continues **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

Messy Church resumes this **Saturday, September 19 at 4:30 pm.**

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.

Staff Vacation: Sherry will be away the week of September 28-October 2.

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

Spirituality & Chronic Pain

Sundays beginning September 19, 2026

10:00 am - 12:00 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!

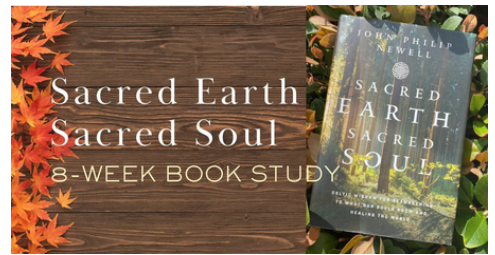
Sacred Earth Sacred Soul

8-week book study

Sundays beginning October 4, 2026

11:45 am - 12:45 pm

St. Alban's Room



Join the Rev. David Price on this study of *Sacred Earth Sacred Soul* by John Philip Newell. This study is designed for maturing Christians who wish to go deeper in their explorative journey of comprehensive mystical spirituality. This study is designed to help participants “Wake Up” to the spiritual callings from Creation and to “Grow Up” to face as Spiritual people the evolutionary wisdom of our Celtic ancestors assisting us in maturer ways to face the challenges of life today in all its manifestations. Ease of Read: easy to moderate. No cost to join but the cost of the book.



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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 40:1-24, Acts 15:36-16:5, John 11:55-12:8

Tuesday Job 40:1, 41:1-11, Acts 16:6-15, John 12:9-19

Wednesday Job 42:1-17, Acts 16:16-24, John 12:20-26

Thursday Job 28:1-28, Acts 16:25-40, John 12:27-36a

Friday Esther 1:1-4, 10-19, Acts 17:1-15, John 12:36b-43

Saturday Esther 2:5-8, 15-23, Acts 17:16-34, John 12:44-50

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

Prayer of the Day O God, because in our ignorance and selfishness we so often fail
(Season of Creation) to care rightly for your Creation, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may soften and unite our hearts with all living beings who suffer; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer



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