



The Dove

Advent Edition



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Advent

*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*

My first two months with you at St. David's have flown by and I am excited for all that lies ahead. I feel very blessed by God to be your rector. I delight in the signs of God's Holy Spirit at work among you. As St. Paul writes in Galatians, "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Bishop Jane says you are special congregation and I agree!

St. David's is a busy church and both Advent and Christmas involve special preparations. Yet, Advent is really intended to be a time of quiet reflection, so that we might be prepared to welcome afresh Christ Jesus into our hearts and lives – rather than a time of frenetic busyness. Two practices that help us lean into Advent are a daily time of quiet with God and a focus on being as present as possible to those around us, savouring each moment.

This Advent, may Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory.

In Christ,
~ Renée+

Brother, Give Us a Word: "Love"

This is the love which came down at Christmas: not a shallow, sentimental love – but a love as strong as death. The only love that can make any sense of the tragedies and conflicts which assault our lives.

~ Br. Geoffrey Tristram, SSJE

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St. David's Annual Community Carol Sing-Along

7 p.m. ~ Wednesday December 6, 2017

Advent is upon us again, and that means time for a fun evening of carols and English-style mince pies at St. David's 3rd annual Christmas Carol Sing-along!

Tim and the choir are getting prepared, and I'll be making the traditional mince meat for the pies, so dust off your best Christmas sweater and pencil the date into your Christmas Calendar for Wednesday December 6th from 7 — 8 pm.

It will be an informal sing song, where everyone gets the chance to request their favourite Christmas carol, so come along, and bring your family, friends and neighbours to get into the Christmas spirit at St. Davids!

~ Susan Spence



Since September we have had a steady number of children. Some Sundays we have a mix of Sunday School-aged children as well as some Youth Group and Nursery. It makes for an interesting mix. The teachers are always ready to accommodate. Our Nursery is also growing and needs a few people to volunteer to look after the children. If anyone is interested, Dorothy would be willing to organize a schedule, so please speak to her.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT — December 17th
Bring your friends to take part in our unique Christmas Pageant. It's a lovely experience.

COOKIE WALK — December 17th after the Christmas Pageant the Sunday School will be selling cookies. Begin your Christmas baking with a selection of cookies. (Recipient for this fundraiser to be determined by the children.)

~ Dorothy Mitchell

A World of Gifts

Avoid the shopping mall and give a gift that will change lives. Check out the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund's World of Gifts. (Some gifts are eligible for 6:1 matching funds from Global Affairs Canada!)

Go online to shop and place your order:

<https://giving.anglican.ca/worldofgifts>

Or, check out the poster in the church hall and call in your order 1-866-308-7973



Thank you St David's Anglican Church for your ongoing donations to Edmonton's Food Bank.

Each month through the hamper program, Edmonton's Food Bank provides assistance to almost 23,000 individuals, 40% being children. Imagine a hockey game at Rogers Place which seats 18,641 individuals (which is a full house). There would NOT be enough seating for all the people that the Food Bank provides food to each month through this one program.

Edmonton's Food Bank also provides food for over 400,000 meals and snacks each month. This includes shelters, like Our House Addiction Recovery, Hope Mission, schools and soup kitchens like at St. Faith's Anglican Church community meals.

"Alone we do so little, together we can do so much." Helen Keller

~ Judy Yawney

Christmas Is Waiting

Editor's note: Oxford Street is a major shopping street in the west end of London, England

Christmas is waiting to happen.
 Outside, a vacant hillside
 lies silent, strangely empty
 of any angel's choir.
 A stable waits
 for bookings at the inn to multiply.
 Distant kings study charts
 and keep gifts in cold storage,
 while shepherds plan their memoirs
 in expectancy of unexpected fame
 and keep a chapter free
 for miracles.
 A small velvet patch
 in the black night sky
 stands ready to hold a newborn star,
 and oppressed peoples everywhere
 cling wildly to prophecy and song
 and whisper the word: Messiah.
 They've switched on the lights
 in Oxford Street,
 counting off the buying days.
 Like Guardsmen on parade,
 shops are stocked and standing by,
 revving up the engines
 of their debt-powered swiping machines,
 and history watchers mark another year
 in the slow count to 3000.
 But here an old man lies
 in the stairwell where he fell three days ago
 and no one knows.
 Here a young girl loiters
 in a streetlight's unholy halo
 to sell the only thing she owns
 that men will pay for.
 And here an infant sleeps
 on a sack on the hard earth floor
 where even a mother's hand
 is empty,
 and there are places where Christmas
 is still waiting
 to happen.

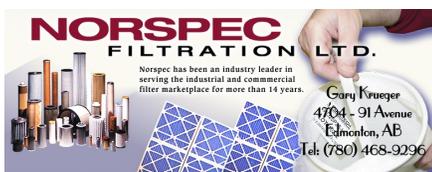
~ Gerard Kelly

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- November 1 Jesse McCullough
- November 2 Erin Carter
- November 5 Garnet Lehman
- November 10 Wyatt Lehman
- November 16 Andrea Stevenson
- November 18 Greg Woytkiw
- November 19 Vickie Andrews
- November 29 Agnes Sung
- December 3 Duane Wharton
- December 5 Elaine Hancheruk
- December 11 Susanne Kinasewich
- December 23 John Kana
- December 28 Jim & Susanne Kinasewich (an.)
- December 31 Grace Bolster

Special Events

- Saturday Nov. 4 Altar Guild Meeting (11 am)
- Saturday Nov. 18 King Brewers — Brew-Up (7 pm)
- Friday Nov. 24 Silent Auction & Dinner
- Sunday Nov. 16 Vestry Meeting (7 pm)
- Wednesday Dec. 6 Christmas Carol Sing-Along (7 pm)
- Saturday Dec. 9 King Brewers — Bottling (7 pm)
- Sunday Dec. 17 Pageant & Cookie Walk
- Sunday Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Family Service (7 pm)
- Sunday Dec. 24 Traditional Christmas Eve (10 pm)
- Monday Dec. 25 Christmas Day Service (10 am)



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