

## PRAYERS AND FLOWERS

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Worldwide:** In the worldwide cycle of prayer, today we pray for St. Andrew's Dunkeld & Dunblane (Scotland): The Rt. Revd. David Robert Chillingworth.

**Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands:** In our companion diocese of the Windward Islands, we pray for Holy Trinity, Castries with St. Mary LaCaye: The Ven. Randolph Evelyn.

**Diocese:** In our diocesan cycle of prayer we remember the parish of St. Luke, Red Deer: The Rev. Noel Wygeira. St. Leonard on the Hill, Red Deer; St. Paul, Hillside: The Rev. Gary Sinclair; Captain Bonnie Hunt, Church Army.

**Parish:** Here at Holy Nativity we pray for all our parish families and individuals, and for those desiring individual prayers. Today we especially pray for Nathan, Joy, Ruth, Peggy, Anne, Pat, Dave, Ken and his family, Clarke, Phyllis, and any others on our hearts today.

### FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

*Given to the glory of God, and in celebration of Haydn and Annica, and in memory of Julianne O'Brien.*

## CALENDAR

### WEEKLY September 27 – October 3

<b>SUN.</b>	8:00AM	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
	9:15AM	Choir Practice	Music Rm.
	10:00AM	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
<b>MON.</b>	7:30PM	Contemporary Music Practice	Sanctuary
	8:00PM	Fireside Group (AA)	Parish Hall
	8:00PM	Simply Serenity Al-Anon	Friendship Rm
<b>TUES.</b>	9:30AM	Crafts & Chats	Friendship Rm
<b>WED.</b>	7:15PM	Bible Study	Music Rm
<b>WED.</b>	7:30PM	Crafts and Fellowship	Friendship Rm
<b>THURS.</b>	10:00AM	Morning Prayer/Holy Communion	Chapel
	10:30AM	Bible Study	Music Room

*If you wish to use the church for a meeting, gathering or any other use, please call the office to determine availability of, and to book space. It is very limited during the week.*

### MONTHLY

<b>1st Sunday</b>	<b>Food Bank</b> – The Food Bank values donations at \$2/lb. Sept donations approx: 106 lbs; \$ 212. Next collection date October 11th.
<b>4th Sunday</b>	<b>COOKIE Sunday</b> – September 27th
<b>2nd Tuesday</b>	Corporation meeting 7:00PM October 13th (NOTE CHANGE)
<b>4th Tuesday</b>	Vestry meeting 7:00PM October 27th (NOTE CHANGE)

### HOLY NATIVITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

RECTOR	The Rev. Bryan Beveridge
PRIEST ASSOCIATE	The Rev. Betty Vaughan
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Pentecost 17

Sunday September 27, 2009



## Holy Nativity Anglican Church

*Our mission - To be God's people, demonstrating God's love*

### Prayer of the Community

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## TODAY AT HOLY NATIVITY

* 8AM	HOLY COMMUNION BAS p.230
10AM	HOLY BAPTISM BAS p.151 & HOLY COMMUNION

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE

## ORDER OF WORSHIP 8AM

### 8:00AM HOLY COMMUNION – BAS p.230

#### THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Words of Welcome  
The Grace p.230  
The Collect p.230  
The Commandments p.231  
The Prayer of the Community (on front of bulletin)

#### THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

First Reading: Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22  
Psalm: Psalm 124, p.884  
Epistle: James 5:13-20  
Gospel: Mark 9: 38-50  
Sermon: The Rev. Bryan Beveridge  
(A moment for silent reflection)

#### RESPONDING TO GOD

The Creed p.234  
The Prayers of the People  
Confession and Absolution p.238  
The Peace

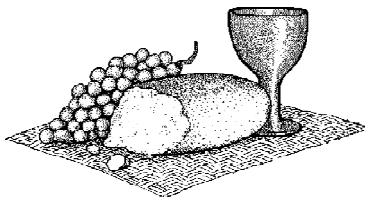
#### THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Prayer over the Gifts  
The Great Thanksgiving – The Rev. Bryan Beveridge  
The Lord's Prayer p.245  
Breaking of the Bread p.246  
Communion  
Prayer after Communion  
Doxology p.247

#### WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

The Blessing  
Announcements  
Dismissal

**AGAPE: Please join us for refreshments following worship. All are welcome!**



## REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS

### YEAR B - Proper 26 (Revised Lectionary)

**TODAY'S READINGS** introduce us to the story of Esther (the Old Testament Reading), remind us of the importance of prayer (James), and exhort us to let nothing hinder the work of God (the Gospel reading).

**The First Reading** (Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10; 9: 20-22) gives us the climax of the story of Esther. The purpose of this book is to tell us how the popular feast of Purim came into being, and to foster trust in God to deliver his people in times of persecution. The setting of this tale is Susa, the capital of the Persian empire, where many Jews had settled as a result of their exile from Palestine. The Persian king, Ahasuerus (or Xerxes), had replaced his queen with a beautiful and devout Jewish girl called Esther (chapters 1 & 2). Haman, the king's grand vizier (or prime minister), had a grudge against Esther's cousin, Mordecai, and plotted to get rid of him and all the Jews in the land, but Esther, at great risk to herself, turned the tables on Haman. The Feast of Purim was founded to commemorate the wonderful deliverance of the Jews. It is a grand story, but strangely lacking in spiritual content. God is never mentioned.

**The Second Reading** (James 5: 13-20) concludes this very practical letter with a reminder to pray. Pray for help, says James, when you are down; give praise when you are up. When you are sick, ask for the prayers of the Church and receive the sacrament of healing (the anointing with oil). Confess to one another and pray for one another, for, as the prayer of Elijah shows, there are no limits to the power of prayer. But our chief concern, says James, should be for the souls of those who stray.

**The Gospel** (Mark 9: 38-50) is a lesson in humility. We are being told to put God first, even before his Church or any other of his good gifts to us. Anything that is good, any good deed, even if it is non-Christian, should be accepted for its goodness and regarded as God's will. On the other hand, anything that stands in the way of God, even a critical thing like a hand, a foot, or an eye, should be discarded. God and his purposes must take first place, and we should be humble and determined enough to let nothing stand in God's way. Only thus can we be salt and enhance God's goodness in the world.

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 4 – Pentecost 18

Proper 27, pp.384  
Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2:5-12  
**Reader: Pierre Hoebers**

Job 1:1, 2:1-10  
Mark 10: 2-16  
**Prayers: Myrtle Fisher**

## NEWS 'N VIEWS

**HOLY NATIVITY WEBSITE HAS BEEN REDESIGNED! HAVE A LOOK!!!**  
[www.holynativity.ca](http://www.holynativity.ca)

**BIBLE STUDY:** Beginning on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm to 9:00 pm there will be a Bible Study on the "**Parables of Jesus**". This study is for 6 weeks and each week is a separate study. Join us for coffee at 7:15 and study to begin at 7:30 pm. There is a DVD and discussion based on a study guide. All are welcome. The co-ordinator for this evening is Alan Scott.

**A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR CRAFTS AND FELLOWSHIP:** Would you like to spend time relaxing with your craft, learn a new one or just have time to socialize with other like minded people? Beginning Wednesday evening September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Friendship Room there will be an opportunity. The co-ordinator for this evening is Marylyn Bradshaw.

**NEIGHBOURLINK CALGARY** will be with us on Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> to share the story of one of their programs, "**All Roads Lead Home**". Our guest that day will be Sharon Evans and she will share how the work they do helps members of our community. We have the chance to bring some consistency into the lives of families who need a hand up.

**NEIGHBOURLINK SUNDAY** has become a continuing outreach here at Holy Nativity. As we celebrate God's blessings, we will collect baby items for those less fortunate on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at our Thanksgiving Day services. Baby needs would include diapers, baby wash, wipes, face cloths and all other items related to newborns or very young children. In addition to Neighbourlink items, we will also collect gently used non-motorized soft toys that are sent to Eastern Europe with the **Heartbeat** program.

**PRIMATE'S FUND CD** – Our Primate's World Relief and Development Fund has produced a wonderful CD. We have ordered 20 of these CD's for sale at \$20. If you wish to purchase one speak to Dorothy Kaethler or drop by the church office. We will play it on the sound system for you if you wish to hear a bit before purchase. All funds go to the 50<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary Celebrations.

**BOWLING TOURNAMENT – Today, Sept.27** at 2:30 pm we will have a Bowling Tournament. Teams of 5 will be formed from those who sign up or sign up a whole team. Cost \$15 / person includes shoes, lane, pizza and drinks for all. Sign up sheets will be posted. Don't miss it!! (Holy Rollers?)

**IF YOU LIKE THE NEW PAINT COLOUR AND DÉCOR** - would you also like to see the hallway, doors and the music room painted the same colour as the Sanctuary? The total price is \$2,835.00 GST included. Should you wish to assist financially, please obtain an envelope from the sidespersons marked "Painting", and add your contribution.