

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, Hillstown: 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

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

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

HOLY NATIVITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

RECTOR	The Rev. Bryan Beveridge
PRIEST ASSOCIATE	The Rev. Betty Vaughan
ORGANIST	Johnson Philip
OFFICE ADMIN.	Cheryl Nicholls
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Pentecost 17

Sun. Sept. 27, 2009



HOLY BAPTISM

“For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body ...”

1Cor. 12:13

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 10AM

10:00AM HOLY COMMUNION / BAPTISM – BAS p.151

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymns: We Have Come Into This House (insert)
He Has Made Me Glad (insert - sung twice)

The Grace p.151

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

Refrain: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler.

Epistle: James 5:13-20

Gradual Hymn: As We Seek Your Face (insert)

Gospel: Mark 9: 38-50

Gradual Hymn: As We Seek Your Face (insert)

Sermon: The Rev. Bryan Beveridge

(A moment for silent reflection)

THE BAPTISM – BAS p.153-162 - The Rev. Betty Vaughan

THE PEACE

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Offertory Hymn: O How I Love Jesus (insert)

Prayer over the Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving – The Rev. Bryan Beveridge

The Lord's Prayer p.211

Communion/Communion Hymns: I Exalt Thee, As The Deer (insert)

Prayer after Communion

Doxology p.214

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

The Blessing

Announcements

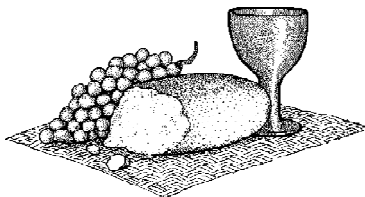
Closing Hymn: In His Time, To God Be the Glory (insert)

Dismissal

Through baptism, we warmly welcome

**Haydn Christian and
Annica Elizabeth**

into our Christian family this morning.



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

BIBLE STUDY: Beginning on September 30th 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 LADIES 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 23rd 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 4th 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 11th 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 50th. 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.