

PRAYERS AND FLOWERS

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Worldwide: Ysabel – (Melanesia): The Rt. Revd. Richard Naramana

Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands: In our companion diocese of the Windward Islands, we pray for St. Patrick, Barrouaillie with St. David Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, All Saints, St. Mary Magdalene: The Rev. Coleridge Brooker.

Diocese: In our diocesan cycle of prayer we remember St. Mary & St. Timothy, Sylvan Lake; St. Cuthbert & St. George, Sundre.

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 Ruth, Anne, Pat, Dave, Phyllis, Sid, Will, Don, Dorothy, Joy & Nathan and any others on our hearts today.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for His many blessings.

CALENDAR

WEEKLY December 28 – January 3, 2010

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 (resumes next wk)	Friendship Rm
	THURS. 7:30pm	Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary

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. Month of Dec: 50lbs, \$100. Year 2009: 597 lbs; \$1194. A big thank you to all who have donated! Next collection date is January 3, 2010.

4th Sunday

COOKIE Sunday –today December 27th.

1st Tuesday

Corporation meeting 7:00PM January 5, 2010

3rd Tuesday

Vestry meeting 7:00PM December 15th.

HOLY NATIVITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

RECTOR	The Rev. Bryan Beveridge
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Holy Nativity Anglican Church

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

Prayer of the Community

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

TODAY AT HOLY NATIVITY

* 8AM HOLY COMMUNION BCP p.67
10AM HOLY COMMUNION BAS p.185

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE

ORDER OF WORSHIP 8AM

8:00AM HOLY COMMUNION – BCP p.67

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Words of Welcome
The Collect p.67
The Commandments
The Prayer of the Community (on *front of bulletin*)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

First Reading: 1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26
Psalm: 148, **Refrain: Hallelujah!**
Epistle: Colossians 3: 12-17
Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52
The Creed: p. 71
Sermon: The Rev. Bryan Beveridge
(*A moment for silent reflection*)

RESPONDING TO GOD

The Offering
The Prayers of the People
Confession and Absolution p. 77

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

The Great Thanksgiving – The Rev. Bryan Beveridge
Communion
The Lord's Prayer p.85

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 C - Sunday after Christmas
(Revised Lectionary)

TODAY'S READINGS focus upon Jesus, the incarnate Son of God, growing and developing from childhood into maturity. We are shown how this occurred within the context of the Holy Family, reminding us of the fundamental role of family life.

The First Reading (1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26) gives us a "snap-shot" of the boy Samuel growing up in the shrine at Shiloh where he "was ministering before the Lord" (v. 1) and assisting old Eli and the other priests. He wore the "linen ephod", a priestly garment. Samuel was born following the earnest prayer of his mother Hannah. Responding to this gift, Hannah dedicated her child to the Lord (1: 28) and brought him to the shrine at Shiloh, there to be raised under the supervision of Eli the High Priest. We are told how the boy Samuel "continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people" (v. 26), reminding us how Luke makes the same comment about Jesus growing up in Nazareth (Luke 2: 52).

The Second Reading (Colossians 3: 12-17) exhorts us to develop in ourselves the Christian virtues. When Paul says to "clothe yourselves" (v. 12) with these virtues, we are reminded of the clean white robe that is put on at the time of Baptism, even sometimes by people today. The clean white robe represents the new pure life put upon us in Baptism. Then by God's grace we grow into that life in terms of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, patience, forgiveness, love and peace. As Samuel and Jesus matured and grew in favour with God and others, so should we.

The Gospel (Luke 2: 41-52) tells the story of the boy Jesus, lost by his parents, but later found talking theology in the temple. This incident is the only information in the Gospels about Jesus' "hidden years". It was required of Jews who lived within fifteen miles of Jerusalem to go up to the temple each year for the Feast of the Passover. Other Jews were required to go at least once in their life-time. Joseph and Mary went yearly for the Festival, and took Jesus when he had come of age at twelve years. This story puts Jesus solidly within the Jewish religious tradition. At the same time it declares how he was subject to his parents (v. 51) and grew to maturity within the context of the life of his family.

READINGS FOR SUNDAY JANUARY 3, 2010 – THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Propers : pg 279
Psalm: 72: 1-7, 10-14
Matthew 2: 1-12

Isaiah 60: 1-6
Ephesians 3: 1-12

Reader: Ellen Reid

Prayers: Pat Gilroy

NEWS 'N VIEWS

HOLY NATIVITY WEBSITE HAS BEEN REDESIGNED! DID YOU NOTICE OUR NEW SIGN ??? Web Site - www.holynativity.ca

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Beginning on Thursday Nov 12 from 11:00am to 12:00 noon, there will be a Bible Study on the "Parables of Jesus". This study is for 6 weeks and each week is a separate study. There is a DVD and discussion based on a study guide. All are welcome. The co-ordinator for this study is Rev. Betty Vaughan. The Wednesday evening Bible Study is now finished, but will be starting up again in January 2010.

PARISH POTLUCK SUPPER: Please mark your calendars for Friday January 29 at 6:30pm. Bring your family and friends and join in for an evening of fun, food and fellowship. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.

2010 DAYTIMERS – If you need a daytimer for 2010, we have a quantity of them from the Bible League of Canada. Please pick one up in the entrance area

PRIMATE'S FUND CD – Our Primate's World Relief and Development Fund has produced a wonderful CD. We have 2 left, and the cost is \$20 each. We can 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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: If you have any information to be included in the Sunday bulletins, please note that the cut-off time for input is Wednesdays at 11am.