

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT HOLY NATIVITY

### WEEKLY April 24 - April 30

SUN.	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Practice	Music Room
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Parish Hall
MON.	8:00 p.m.	Fireside Group (AA)	Parish Hall
	8:00 p.m.	Simply Serenity Al-Anon	Friendship Room
TUES	10:00 a.m.	Crafts & Chats	Friendship Room
WED.	6:30 p.m.	Guides	Parish Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Pathfinders	Music Room
THURS.	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	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 and to book space. It is very limited during the week.*

## Holy Nativity Anglican Church

Easter Sunday

April 24 2011

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### **STRAWBERRY TEA**

Our Strawberry Tea will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 2 - 4 p.m. in the Friendship Room. We are in need of help to make this event a success. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the back door of the church. Many hands make light work!

### **SILENCE AND AWARENESS MEDITATION RETREAT 2011**

FCJ Christian Life Centre in Calgary will be the site of this retreat, which begins on Friday, April 29 and ends on Sunday, May 8, 2011. This nine day silent retreat with Dr. Mary Jo Meadow teaches the Buddhist practice of insight meditation within the framework of Christian contemplative prayer found in Carmelite spirituality, especially in the life and writings of St. John of the Cross and the illuminating writings of Teresa of Avila.

### **THE BIBLE - UNBOUND IN GLOBAL CONTEXTS**

A conference exploring how the biblical story dynamically intersects with cultural stories. This conference is sponsored by Wycliff Bible translators of Canada. Saturday, May 7, 8:30am -4:30pm, Ambrose University College, Calgary. Cost: \$30/person, \$15/Students, \$45/family.

### **FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES FOR 2011**

**Saturday, May 7** - Strawberry Tea - Friendship Room, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

**Sunday, May 15** - Sunday Brunch Forum - Parish Hall, 11:15 a.m.

**Sunday, May 29** - Spring Salad Bar Lunch - Church hall, after the 10 a.m. service

**Sunday, June 12** - Hot Dog lunch - Church hall, after the 10 a.m. service

**Saturday, June 18** - Men's Fellowship Breakfast, ladies invited - Friendship Room, 8:30 a.m.

**Sunday, July 12** - Stampede Breakfast - Church Hall, after the 10 a.m. service

**Friday, September 30** - Family Potluck supper & dance - Church Hall, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

**Saturday, October 22** - Fall Fair & Tea Room - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Friday, November 25** - Parish Dinner - Church hall, 6:30 p.m.

## News and Views

### SUNDAY BRUNCH FORUM

On Sunday, May 15, we will welcome Heather Forsyth, MLA - Canyon Meadows, as our speaker. A sandwich lunch will be served at 11:15 a.m. and the MLA will speak at noon. Please plan to join us!

### THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Please join us Thursday mornings as we take a closer look at the Gospel readings for the coming week. We meet in the Music Room at 10:30 a.m. following the Thursday Morning Worship service. Each session is a stand-alone study. We would like to invite you to join us for a soup and bun lunch during the Lenten season.

### “BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY” SEMINAR

On May 2, 2011, Holy Nativity will be site of an afternoon seminar sponsored by the Anglican Diocese of Calgary, and presented by BacktoChurchSunday. The seminar is entitled, “Unlocking the Growth,” and will feature Michael Harvey, a founding team member of BacktoChurchSunday. It is designed for church leaders – including anyone who is interested – who are looking for simple and effective ideas for increasing the number of people invited to and gathered for worship services. The cost for members of Holy Nativity is \$35.00. To register, contact the diocesan office at 403.243.2636.

### AND WE COULD USE YOUR HELP

Because Holy nativity has been chosen as the only site in the diocese for this event, we have been asked to provide for on-site registration and hospitality. If you would like to help, please, contact the church office.

### PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Prayers for healing are conducted in the chapel following the 10 a.m. service each Sunday. All are welcome to bring their cares and concerns.

### PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

In the event of a pastoral emergency such as an unexpected death, critical medical emergency, or hospital admission, please, contact the church office as soon as possible. After hours, please, do not hesitate to call Jim at 403-891-3706. Please, respect that this number should be used only for true emergencies. While we always are happy to hear your comments, suggestions, and questions, please, catch Jim at the office for these non-emergency matters.

### REMINDER TO LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Please, remember that if you are serving as a liturgical minister (lay reader, server, scripture reader, prayer of the people, chalice bearer, counter, choir, etc.) to meet with Jim in the chapel five minutes before the service for last-minute instructions and prayer.

### 8:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

Presider: The Rev. Jim Popham  
The Book of Alternative Services

### The Community Gathers Before God

Words of Welcome and Announcements  
Dominical Greeting *p. 230*  
The Collect for Purity *p. 230*  
The Gloria *p. 231*  
The Prayer over the Community

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever. Amen

### The Story of Faith is Proclaimed

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-6 - See page 4.  
Psalm 118:14-24 - See page 4.  
Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43 - See page 5.  
Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10 - See page 6.  
Sermon  
*(A time for silent reflection)*  
The Creed *p. 234*  
Prayers of the People *p. 236*  
The Peace *p. 240*

### The Sacred Meal is Shared

Prayer over the Gifts  
God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.  
The Great Thanksgiving *p. 241*  
The Lord's Prayer *p. 245*

Communion

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Lamb of God  
Prayer after Communion

*p. 247*  
*p. 247*

### **We are Sent Into the World**

The Blessing  
Dismissal

Prayer after Communion

*p.247/all stand*

### **We are Sent Out into the World**

Blessing

Closing Hymn: # 373 This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

*all stand*

Dismissal

AGAPE: Please join us after the service in the parish hall for refreshments and fellowship.

Flowers on the Altar

*The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Charles Long, a dear Dad and Grandpa to Nigel, Lynn and Charlotte.*

### **Easter Mums**

*Plants in the sanctuary this morning are to the Glory of God.*

*In loving memory of Dora and Roy Valentine from Lynne Valentine and Braedon, Rob and Miranda, Lori and family, and Stacy.*

*In God's Blessings to a wonderful family from Gib and Dode Stiles.*

*In celebration of Easter from Ed and Lillian Tickles.*

*In loving memory of our parents from Bob and Dorothy Padget.*

*In loving memory of our sister, Annie Nelson from Don and Elinor Hudson.*

*From Dave and Jane Pollock*

*In thanksgiving for Vance's recovery from Vance and Pat Peters.*

*In memory of our mothers and fathers, Eleanor and Ernest Rollaston, and Ina and Hector Macdonald from Doug and Sue Macdonald.*

### **Assisting in the Leadership of Today's Liturgy**

<i>Altar Guild</i>	Group 1
<i>Chalice Bearers</i>	Pat Hopkinson, John Moldon
<i>Counters</i>	Bill Jones, Alan Scott
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Bob Mummery
<i>Music Director</i>	Johnson Philip
<i>Prayers of the People</i>	Pat Gilroy
<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Dorothy Kaethler
<i>Servers</i>	Braedon Harris, Ellen Reid, Leagh Vermeylen
<i>Sidespersons</i>	Glen Jollimore, Stan Reid
<i>Sunday School</i>	Julie Davies, Helen Wheeler

also pray for the Diocese of the Windward Islands Synod Office staff and the Rt. Rev. Leopold Friday.

**Diocese:** In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember the parish of the Cathedral Church of the redeemer and their priest, the Rev. Leighton Lee and the Honourable Assistant, the Rev. Cyril Challice. We also pray for the Diocese of Calgary Synod Office staff; Dorothy Schultz, Stephen Koning, the Ven. Barry Foster, and the Rt. Rev. Derek Hoskin.

**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 Joy, Joan, Mary, Sharon, Chase, Alice, David, Louise, and any others on our hearts today.

Exchange of the Peace *p. 240/all stand*

### The Sacred Meal is Shared

Offertory Hymn: # 210 Yours Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Song *all stand*  
Prayer over the Gifts *said by all /standing*

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A *p.241/stand or kneel*  
The Lord's Prayer *p. 245/stand or kneel*  
Communion

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*All baptized Christians of all ages are welcome to receive Communion. Ushers will assist in directing you to the Communion rail. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come to the Communion rails. Carrying a book, or crossing your arms across the chest will signal your intention to the Communion ministers. For sanitary reasons, communicants are asked to refrain from dipping the Eucharistic bread into the Cup.*

Song: Lamb of God *p. 247/stand or kneel*  
O Lamb of god, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

### 10:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

Presider: The Rev. Jim Popham  
Lay Reader: Bob Mummery  
The Book of Alternative Services

### The Community Gather Before God

Words of Welcome & Announcements  
Opening Hymn: # 203 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today *all stand*  
Gathering of the Community *p.230/all stand*  
Gloria in Excelsis *p. 231/all stand*  
The Prayer of the Community *said by all/standing*

Lord of life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the old order of sin and death and have made all things new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### The Story of Faith is Proclaimed

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-6 *all seated*

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
All: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *sung by choir/seated*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.  
Let Israel now proclaim,  
"His mercy endures for ever."  
The Lord is my strength and my song,

and he has become my salvation.  
There is a sound of exultation and victory  
in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”  
I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely,  
but he did not hand me over to death.  
Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the Lord.

“This is the gate of the Lord;  
he who is righteous may enter.”  
I will give thanks to you, for you answered me  
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.  
This is the Lord’s doing,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

*all seated*

Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the

one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

Reader: The Word of the Lord.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: # 230 The Tomb Is Empty! Come and See

*all stand*

Verses 1-3

*All turn to face the Book of the Gospel as it is carried into the midst of the people.*

Verse 4

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Hear the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, “He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.” This is my message for you.’ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’

Presider: The Gospel of Christ

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

*all seated*

*(Time for silent reflection)*

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

**Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands:** In our companion diocese of the Windward Islands, we pray for the Cathedral of St. George with Configuration, the Ascension and Holy Redeemer and their priest, the Very Rev. Patrick McIntosh. We