

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT HOLY NATIVITY

WEEKLY December 5 - 11

SUN.	8:00AM	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
	9:00AM	Choir Practice	Music Room
	10:00AM	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
	11:15AM	Christmas Choir Practice	Music Room
MON.	8:00PM	Fireside Group (AA)	Parish Hall
	8:00PM	Simply Serenity Al-Anon	Friendship Room
TUES	10:00AM	Crafts & Chats	Friendship Room
	7:00PM	Corporation	Friendship Room
WED.	6:30PM	Guides	Parish Hall
	6:30PM	Pathfinders	Music Room
	7:15PM	Bible Study	Friendship Room
THURS.	10:00AM	Worship	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 and to book space. It is very limited during the week.



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Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 5, 2010



Welcome to Holy Nativity Anglican Church, Calgary

Our Mission: "To be God's people, demonstrating God's love"

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Children are welcome to remain in the service or to go to the Nursery or Sunday School at their parents' discretion. Sunday School starts at 10:00 AM and children return to receive communion with their families.

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Presider: The Rev. Jim Popham
Lay Reader: Simpson Laing
The Book of Alternative Services

The Community Gathers Before God

Words of Welcome and Announcements
Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Presider: God our Father, you spoke to the prophets of old of a Saviour who would bring peace. You helped them to spread the joyful message of his coming kingdom. Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to share with those around us the good news of your power and love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. **Amen.**

All: **Lord Jesus, Light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmas and show all the world God's love. Amen.**

Dominical Greeting *p. 230*
The Collect for Purity *p. 230*
The Commandments *p. 231*
The Prayer over the Community

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Story of Faith is Proclaimed

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

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ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA ONLINE GIFT GUIDE

This Christmas, share a vision of new life and peace: As the season of Advent approaches, it is a wonderful time to reflect on the needs of people at home and around the world and the impact that faithful gifts can have in growing hope and compassion. Support PWRDF through the Acts of Faith Guide. An Advent version of the "Acts of Faith" gift catalogue is now ready for online shoppers who want to give something a bit different this Christmas. The Anglican Church of Canada's first alternative gift guide highlights ministries and suggests ways people can support them. It is hoped Anglicans choose to make it a big part of their Christmas gift-giving. "When people give, they give generously and they give multiple gift items," says Michelle Hauser, special projects consultant to the department of philanthropy at Church House. Those ministries that appear to resonate most strongly include The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) and the suicide prevention project of the Council of the North.

ST. JUDE'S, IQUALUIT: IGLOO CATHEDRAL DONOR CHALLENGE

An anonymous donation of \$500,000 towards the construction of St. Jude's Cathedral in Iqaluit in the northern Diocese of The Arctic has been received. This donor would like to challenge both individuals and corporations to work toward matching that amount in order to reach a goal of \$1,000,000 – or more – by the year's end. For more information, see the pictures and notice on the bulletin board in the narthex.

GRECCIO CHRISTMAS - DECEMBER 14, 2010

All are welcome to join us at Mount St. Francis Retreat centre for the annual Greccio Christmas celebration, an outdoor pageant of the Nativity, taking place on Tuesday, Dec. 14th at 7:30p.m. Please phone 403-932-2012 or email mtfrancis@shaw.ca for more information.

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 .

revised schedule on the website or pick up a copy in the narthex.

DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know anyone in the parish who might need or appreciate some extra support or a visit at Christmas time? Please, let Jim know so we can respond appropriately.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Advent is the beginning of the church year, and what better time to step back from the text of the Bible and see it in a broader perspective? Join Jim Popham on four Wednesday evenings at 7:15 – 8:45 p.m. beginning on November 24 to consider a variety of questions about the Bible. This week we will consider: Overviews of the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament.

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 weekly in the Music Room at 10:30 a.m. following the Thursday Morning Worship service. Each session is a stand-alone study. We invite the congregation to join us through Advent for a Soup and Bun lunch on Thursdays following the Bible Study.

REMINDER NOTICE

As a gentle reminder, Vanessa, our Parish Administrator, is wholly devoted to parish business Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. On Sundays, she is wholly devoted to her time of worship. We appreciate your consideration when she is here on Sundays with her family.

TIP OF THE WEEK: EMAIL ETIQUETTE

Long, wordy emails are rarely appropriate. They demonstrate a lack of consideration for the recipient's time. The recipient usually is opening a number of emails in one sitting and often will not have time to fully consider and respond to a multi-paragraph email. And lengthy emails are easy to put aside for another time. But another time never comes.

ADOPT-A-ROOM PROGRAM

It is a big task to keep all of our rooms in the church neat and tidy. We would like to encourage people to "Adopt-a-Room" and help us keep our Church beautiful and clean! Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby to sign up for a room.

CRAFTS AND CHATS

Tickets are now on sale for the Quilt Raffle. They are available from all group members.

KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON

Did You know that it costs over \$700 a day to keep our church in operation?

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

Refrain: In his time shall peace and justice flourish.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and

they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Sermon

(A time for silent reflection)

Responding to God

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The Sacred Meal is Shared

Prayer over the Gifts

God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord's Prayer *p. 245*

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Doxology *p. 247*

We are Sent Into the World

The Blessing

Dismissal

News and Views

TODAY IS PLEDGE SUNDAY

We have God's work to do. And all of us must join in to support the vital work we are doing at Holy Nativity. The "ask" has been simple: Pledge a bit more than last year so that Holy Nativity can realize its vision for being God's people and demonstrating God's love in this time of change and challenge. If we just keep the lights on, we will only have to plan who turns the lights out. Please, place your pledge cards in the offering plate or in the box in the Friendship Room. If you did not receive a pledge package, please, contact the church office on Monday (403-278-0001) or holyinat@shaw.ca. And if you did not bring your pledge card to church today, just bring it next Sunday. Our thanks and God's blessings for your generosity.

THE GREAT LITANY

We will begin the 10 a.m. service with the Great Litany. Please, join the choir in the responses. The Great Litany is a reminder that Advent is a time of preparation that includes prayers of supplication, petition, and penitence. Also note that we will be making many petitions and seeking forgiveness for our sins in the litany, so we will may omit the Prayers of the People and the Confession and Absolution later in the service.

A WORD OF THANKS

Thank you to Jan Mummery and everyone who helped carve, cook, set up and take down for our Fall Supper. A great time was had by all as we enjoyed fellowship, food and fun! The Prairie Mountain Fiddlers were a joy to listen to and provided great entertainment.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday at the 10 a.m. service our children and youth will present our annual Christmas Pageant. They have been working hard, and the confluence of children, youth, and our Christmas story always is inspirational and enjoyable. Plan to be here!

POINSETTIAS

Buy a poinsettia for \$15 to decorate the altar for Christmas. You can pick your poinsettia up on Christmas Day after the 9:00 a.m. service. Please contact Lesley Siggins at 403. 271.6080 for information or to place an order.

SUNDAY BRUNCH FORUM

Mark your calendars today for the first Holy Nativity Sunday Brunch Forum on January 16. Our speaker will be new Alderman Peter Demong from Ward 14. We are delighted to have the alderman with us. Keep an eye on News & Views for more details.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

We have made a few minor adjustments in the Advent & Christmas Schedule. Please, see the

We are Sent Out into the World

Blessing

Closing Hymn: # 529 God, My Hope on You is Founded

Dismissal

all stand

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

COPIES OF THE SERMON
If hearing is a concern, you may pick-up a copy of the Sunday sermon as you enter the church. Just ask one of the sidespeople.

Assisting in the Leadership of Today's Liturgy

<i>Altar Guild</i>	Group 3
<i>Chalice Bearers</i>	John Bray, Andre Visscher
<i>Counters</i>	Don Bradshaw, Alan Scott
<i>Lay Reader</i>	Wayne Power
<i>Music Director</i>	Johnson Philip
<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Pat Hopkinson
<i>Servers</i>	Kathryn Loyal, Ellen Reid
<i>Sidespersons</i>	Marianne Robertson, Mike Robertson
<i>Sunday School</i>	Julie Davies, Helen Wheeler

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Alice McVeity by the Eades Family.

10:00 AM Great Litany & Sung Eucharist

Presider: The Rev. Jim Popham

Lay Reader: Wayne Power

The Book of Alternative Services

The Community Gather Before God

Words of Welcome & Announcement

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

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All: **Lord Jesus, Light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmas and show all the world God's love. Amen.**

The Great Litany:

all stand

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.
Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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Presider The Gospel of Christ

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

Sermon

(A time for silent reflection)

all seated

Responding to God

The Nicene Creed

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Exchange of the Peace

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The Sacred Meal is Shared

Offertory Hymn: # 106 There's a Voice in the Wilderness

all stand

Offertory Prayer

said by presider alone

Prayer over the Gifts

said by all /standing

God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

p.243/stand or kneel

The Lord's Prayer

p.245/stand or kneel

The Breaking of the Bread

p. 246/stand or kneel

Song: Lamb of God

Communion

All baptized Christians 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.

Prayer after Communion

all stand

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Doxology

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Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn: # 112 Behold! The Mountain of the Lord

all stand

Verses 1-5

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

Verse 6

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 3:1-12

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That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, Queen Elizabeth, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

The Prayer of the Community

said by all/standing

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

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