

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT HOLY NATIVITY

WEEKLY November 28 - December 4

SUN.	8:00AM	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
	9:00AM	Choir Practice	Music Room
	10:00AM	Holy Communion	Sanctuary
MON.	11:15AM	Choir Practice	Music Room
	8:00PM	Fireside Group (AA)	Parish Hall
TUES.	8:00PM	Simply Serenity Al-Anon	Friendship Room
	9:30AM	Crafts & Chats	Friendship Room
WED.	7:00PM	Strategic Planning	Friendship Room
	6:30PM	Guides	Hall
THURS.	6:30PM	Pathfinders	Music Room
	7:15PM	Bible Study	Friendship Room
	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.

Advent 1 (Year A)

Sunday, November 28, 2010



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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.

10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

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

The Community Gathers Before God

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

all stand

Presider: As our nights grow longer and our days grow short, we look on these earthly signs--light and green branches--and remember God's promise to our world: Christ, our Light and our Hope, will come. Listen to the words of Isaiah the prophet:
The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who lived in a land as dark as death a light has dawned. You have increased their joy and given them gladness; they rejoice in your presence as those who rejoice at harvest, as warriors exult when dividing spoil. *Is. 9:1-2*

All: O God, rejoicing, we remember the promise of your Son. As the light from this candle, may the blessing of Christ come upon us, brightening our way and guiding us by his truth. May Christ our Savior bring life into the darkness of our world, and to us, as we wait for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn: Blessed Be the God of Israel

all stand

Tune: Forest Green (O Little Town of Bethlehem)

Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free
And raises up new hope for us: A Branch from David's Tree.
So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.

With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall:
The oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all
That we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise,
In holiness and righteousness before God all our days.

My child, as prophet of the Lord, you will prepare the way,
To tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high shine forth and never cease.
To drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.

Advent Bible Study: What is this book we call the Bible?

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Wednesday November 24 7:15 – 8:45 p.m. Friendship Room

Where did the Bible come from?

Who wrote it?

Who compiled it?

What did God have to do with it?

Are there different versions and translations?

What are some good study Bibles and good commentaries?

Wednesday December 1 7:15 – 8:45 p.m. Friendship Room

Are there different ways of interpreting the Bible?

What authority does the Bible have in Anglican tradition?

Is the Bible a history book? A rule book?

Wednesday December 8 7:15 – 8:45 p.m. Friendship Room

Overviews of the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament

Wednesday December 15 7:15 – 8:45 p.m. Friendship Room

The infancy narratives:

Was Jesus born in a manger or a cave?

Was there really a census?

Why do we celebrate Christmas when we do?

If you have other questions you would like to suggest, just let Jim know (email preferred).

And be prepared for a lively discussion!

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.

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.

SCRAPAWAY RETREATS

Scrapbooking Christmas Party! Come spend the day scrapbooking while celebrating with food, door prizes, make N takes and more! Being held on Saturday Dec 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Cost is \$40 to attend the party. Spots filling up fast, register by calling Shauna at 403.700.5590.

CARD-MAKING

On **Saturday December 4th, 1:30- 3:30 p.m.** Join me at the church for an afternoon of making and learning how to make home made cards. Supplies will be provided, but if you have a basic card making kit, please bring your tools with you. For more information or to sign up please contact Tammy Hopkinson at 403-238-7330 so that I can arrange to have enough supplies for everyone. **Deadline for signing up is Tuesday November 30th.** Maximum of 15 people. First come, first serve. (A basic card making kit consists of: scissors, ruler, pen, pencil, eraser, small note book, and bone folder. No previous experience necessary. Cost is \$35 per person.

CRAFTS AND CHATS

Tickets are now on sale for our quilt. They are available from all group members. If you would like to sell a book to your family and friends, please speak to Joan Eades at 403.256.5057. All proceeds go to support Outreach.

KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON

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

Readings For Next Sunday

Advent 2 Proper p. 269	Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
Reader: Pat Hopkinson	Prayers: Andre Visscher

The Greeting	<i>p. 185/all standing</i>
The Collect for Purity	<i>p. 185 /all standing</i>
Trisagion (said three times)	<i>p. 187/all standing</i>
The Prayer of the Community	<i>said by all/standing</i>

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Story of Faith is Proclaimed

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5 *all seated*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord form Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God

Psalm 122 *p. 882/said by all/seated*

A Song of Ascents. Of David.
 I was glad when they said to me,
 ‘Let us go to the house of the LORD!’
 Our feet are standing
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem—built as a city
 that is bound firmly together.
 To it the tribes go up,
 the tribes of the LORD,
 as was decreed for Israel,

News and Views

to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
For there the thrones for judgement were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
'May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers.'
For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, 'Peace be within you.'
For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good.

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

all seated

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to awake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provisions for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Gradual Hymn: My Lord He is a-comin' Soon

all stand

My Lord He is a-comin' soon
Prepare ye the way of the Lord
Get ev'rything ready for that day
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

If you're asleep, it's time to wake up
Awake, O sleeper, a rise
If you're in the dark, it's time to be lit
Awake O sleeper, arise!

My Lord He is a-comin' soon
Prepare ye the way of the Lord
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ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

We have made a few minor adjustments in the Advent & Christmas Schedule. Please, see the revised schedule on the website or pick up a copy in the narthex.

STEWARDSHIP 2011- GOING FORWARD TOGETHER

As we go forward together into a new year, we are filled with vision and hope, looking to be God's people, demonstrating God's love in a rapidly changing and ever challenging world. Please, check your mailbox this morning and pick-up your 2011 Pledge cards. You also will find a Christmas schedule, our 2011 Stewardship brochure *Going Forward Together*, and a letter urging your continued support for our mission at Holy Nativity. This is truly a time to appreciate the blessings of our abundance, look into our hearts, and remember that "of thine own have we given thee." Pledge Sunday will be December 5. Please, return your pledge card then or by mail, addressed to our envelope secretary.

STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2010 7 P.M.

Please join us as we continue to plan for the future of Holy Nativity. The Strategic Planning Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, November 30 at 7 p.m. in the Friendship Room.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

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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 would like to invite the congregation to join us Thursday mornings during Advent for a Soup and Bun lunch following the Bible Study.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

Christmas is just over the horizon, and who can imagine Christmas without music? Music takes us to the reverence and joy of our celebration of the birth of Christ. You can be part of our musical celebration of Christmas by singing with our special Christmas Choir. We are not short of great voices at Holy Nativity. We know you are out there, and you know who you are! Our choir is sounding great, but you can help them make a bigger joyful noise for Christmas. For more information, see our Choir Director, Johnson Philip.

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,

Assisting in the Leadership of Today's Liturgy

Altar Guild	Group 2
Chalice Bearers	Joy Gloin, John Moldon
Counters	Don Hudson, Alan Scott
Lay Reader	Bob Mummery
Music Director	Johnson Philip
Prayers of the People	Don Hudson
Scripture Reader	Evelyn Vardalas
Servers	Ellen Reid
Sidespersons	Gordon Page, Sue Macdonald
Sunday School	Julie Davies, Helen Wheeler

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Evelyn Vardalas.

Prayers of the People

Worldwide: In the worldwide cycle of prayer, today we pray for Kimberley & Kuruman - (South Africa) and the Rt. Rev. Oswald Peter Patrick Swartz .

Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands: In our companion diocese of the Windward Islands, we pray for St. Paul, Calliaqua with St. John.

Diocese: In our diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. John the Divine, Siksika and their priest, the Rev. Margaret Waterchief and Larry Waterchief, Lay Pastor; and St. Barnabas, Tsu Tína and thier priest, the Rev. Roy Darcus.

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, Vance & Pat, Frank, Joan, Mary, Sharon, Chase, Lorraine, Anne Marie, and any others on our hearts today.

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.

Come, Lord Jesus, come into my heart;
Prepare ye the way of the King
He is coming, he's coming soon;
Prepare the way of the King!

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

My Lord He is a-comin' soon
Prepare ye the way of the Lord
Get ev'rything ready for that day
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

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 24:36-44

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and took them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at and unexpected hour.

Presider The Gospel of Christ
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

all seated

Responding to God

The Apostles' Creed
Prayers of the People
Confession and Absolution
Exchange of the Peace

*p. 189/all stand
stand or kneel
p. 191/stand or kneel
all stand*

Presider
People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Sacred Meal is Shared

Offertory Hymn: **I Cannot Tell**

Tune: Londonderry Air

all stand

I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship
Should set His love upon the sons of men
Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wanderers
To bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary
When Beth'lem's manger was his only home.
And that He lived at Nazareth and laboured,
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world is come.
I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
As with His peace He graced this place of tears,
Or how His heart upon the cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted.
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
For yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how He will win the nations,
How He will claim His earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown,
And some glad day His sun shall shine in splendour,
When He the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship
When at his bidding every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
An earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:

At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!

Offertory Prayer

said by the presider alone

Prayer over the Gifts

said by all /standing

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer # 3

p. 198/stand or kneel

The Lord's Prayer

p. 211/all stand

The Breaking of the Bread: Sentence # 5

p.213/all stand

Presider: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

People: **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

Communion

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God

People: Thanks be to God.

All baptized Christians of any age 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

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.

Doxology

p. 214/all stand

We are Sent Out into the World

Blessing

Closing Hymn: # 114 Lo He Comes with Clouds Descending

all stand

Dismissal

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