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Week of December 2nd, 2018

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of:

- Gordon & Rhona Barnes, parents of Wayne & Kathy. Remembered with love by all the family.
- Bruce Caunce, sadly missed by his wife Carol, his children, and grandchildren.
- Mary Blankstein, remembered with love by her daughter Carol Caunce.
- John Kennedy, husband of Jean, father of Joanne, Wendy, Gordon, & Susan.

Christmas Families - Next Saturday!

December 8th

Next Saturday we will be providing gifts to families for Christmas. You can help by clearing the ornaments from our Giving Tree (hanging in the Narthex) this morning and returning your unwrapped gifts by December 5th. We would also be most grateful for assistance with set up and take down on Friday, Dec. 7th at 10 am and Saturday, Dec 8th at 5 pm. Please contact Christina at (905) 634-1809 or opendoorsprograms@stcb.ca.



Advent Lessons & Carols - Next Sunday!

Dec. 9 at 4 pm

The arrival of God on earth is foretold by prophets, actors, scripture, liturgical dancers, priests, sages, choir, band, and youth choir. Tree Lighting, cookies, and hot chocolate following the service!

Cookies are an important part of the tradition at our annual service and tree lighting taking place next Sunday at 4 pm. If you are able to bring some home baked cookies (drop them off in the church kitchen on Sunday, Dec. 9th) it will be very much appreciated!

Christmas Flowers

Envelopes are in the pews today for those who would like to contribute towards our Christmas flowers and decorations in memory of a loved one. The deadline is December 16th if you wish to have their name printed in the bulletin.



Ginger Group

Retired gentlemen of the parish and guests are invited to Christmas lunch on December 10th. Activities commence at 11.45 am in the Great Hall. For additional information, please contact Winston Campbell or George Beadle.

The **December Messenger** is available. Be sure to pick up a copy to find out about everything that is coming up. The online edition is on the homepage of our website, in living colour! www.stcb.ca.

For confidentiality reasons the prayer list does not appear online.

Coldest Night of the Year

February 23, 2019

Save the date and help us to raise money for our Open Doors programs with the Coldest Night of the Year walk. It will be a fun night full of friends, laughter, and delicious food to warm us up!

Bridge

Please join us for a game of Bridge. We will be playing next on Monday, December 10th, at 2 pm in the Preschool Room at the church. All skill levels welcome!

Seniors' Christmas Worship & Luncheon

Thursday, December 13th

Come for worship at 11:00 am followed by a hot festive lunch and a sing-along of carols (no Bible study beforehand).

A Quiet Christmas Night

Wed, Dec 19th at 7:00 pm

The seasons of Advent and Christmas are an emotionally charged time for some people, amplifying feelings of pain, grief, loneliness, or despair. Join us for this quiet, reflective celebration of Christmas.

Tourtières

We have a limited supply of 9" tourtières (\$18) left for sale. Please contact the office next week during regular office hours if you would like to purchase some.

Church Calendars

2019 Canadian Anglican Church Calendars are available in the office during regular office hours for \$5.



Food Bank Volunteers

Hundreds of families seek support every month through the Food Bank and the need only increases in the colder months. Due to a recent change in scheduling, one of our main suppliers to the Food Bank has requested we begin to pick up our food order. We are looking for volunteers on Wednesday or Thursday to pick up and deliver as well as a small team to stock the shelves when it arrives. Please call Christina at 905 634 1809 or opendoorsprograms@stcb.ca if you think you might be able to help in this capacity.

Christmas Eve - 4, 6, 8, & 11 pm

There are a couple of changes in our Christmas Eve services this year. Our 4 pm service is geared to families with young children and will include a Christmas Pageant. The format at 6 and 8 pm remains the same with music provided by our 11:30 Band at 6 and with our choir and organ at 8. The last service time is an hour later, beginning at 11 pm. We will sing Carols and then move into a celebration of the Eucharist. After another carol, we'll all go quietly into the Christmas night at about midnight.

Cloth Shopping Bags

Large, reusable bags featuring our logo are \$3.00 each. Contact the church office if you would like one. Perfect for shopping while promoting our church around town!

Holiday Office Hours

Christmas - The church office will be open regular office hours up to and including Friday, December 21st (closing at noon that day). The office will re-open on Thursday, December 27th at 9 am.

New Year - The office will close on Friday, December 28th at noon and will re-open on Wednesday, January 2nd at 9 am. Please note that any donations towards our ministries must be received by Friday, December 28 at noon to be counted for 2018 tax purposes.

December Events

Advent Lessons & Carols & Tree Lighting	Dec 9: 4 pm
Seniors' Christmas Worship & Luncheon	Dec 13: 11 am
Quiet Christmas	Dec 19: 7 pm
Children's Pageant	Dec 24: 4 pm
Christmas Eve	Dec 24: 4, 6, 8, & 11 pm
Christmas Day	Dec 25: 10 am

The Bible Challenge

If you've had enough of the gloomy prophets of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament), take heart! This week, after we finish Amos and read the brief dark vision of Obadiah, we will have a chance to revisit a story many of us may have heard as children in Sunday school. We may be surprised to discover that there is a little more to Jonah than just the bit about being stuck in a large fish (or whale), but compared with the last few weeks, this is a slightly more human (and almost humorous) insight into the life of a prophet.

Here is this week's reading schedule:

Monday: Amos 9; Psalm 115; Matthew 17
Tuesday: Obadiah; Psalm 116; Matthew 18
Wednesday: Jonah 1; Psalm 117; Matthew 19
Thursday: Jonah 2; Psalm 118; Matthew 20
Friday: Jonah 3; Psalm 119: 1-32; Matthew 21
Saturday: Jonah 4; Psalm 119:33-72; Matthew 22
Sunday: See you in Church!

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays this week

Cathy Ogilvie	Jean Podetz
Trevor Cant	Amy Collard
Lucy Nicoll	Seamus Stewart
Kathy Hartog	Betty Coombs
Rosemary Quinsey	Shirley Case
Carrie Ford-Jones	Emily Johnson
Paul Tomlinson	Greg Bilous
Mark Bilous	

Services This Week

Thursday 11:00am Holy Eucharist

Services Next Sunday, December 9th

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:30 am Holy Eucharist
11:30 am Holy Eucharist
4:00 pm Advent Lessons & Carols

Child Care provided at the 9:30 Service

Please - Take me home with you!

Meetings & Activities This Week:

Monday	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	5:15pm	Youth Choir
	7:00pm	Band Practice
Tuesday	11:00am	Senior Singles Pot Luck
	1:00pm	CMHA Counselling
	2:00pm	Seniors' Afternoon Social
	4:00pm	Free Clothing Store
	4:00pm	Kids' Club/Tween Club
	4:30pm	Food Bank
	6:00pm	Community Dinner
Wednesday	7:00pm	Calling All Parents
	7:00pm	Parish Council
	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
Thursday	10:00am	Active Tots
	10:15am	Bible Study
Friday	12:00pm	Seniors' Lunch
	12:45pm	Food Bank
	1:00pm	Free Clothing Store
	6:00pm	Guitar Group
	7:30pm	Choir Practice
	9:30am	Fitness Class & Coffee Break
	10:00am	Christmas Families Set Up
Saturday	10:00am	Food Bank
	10:00am	Free Clothing Store
	5:00pm	Christmas Families Take Down