



NOTICES FOR
Week of December 4th 2011
Second Sunday of Advent

Events for the Week of December 4th - 11th
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9:00 am BAS service with children's activities

11:00 am BCP service with choir

St. Nicholas Project: coin collection begins

ACW Jingle Bell and Swag Sales after church today!

Tuesday 11:00 am **Centering Prayer** ~ everyone welcome!

Tuesday 11:30 am **ACW Meeting & Christmas Luncheon**

Wednesday 7:00 pm **Compassion Course** continues

Thursday 9:30 am **Bible Study** ~ everyone welcome!

Thursday 10:00 am Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday 1:00 pm Choir Practice

Third Sunday of Advent: December 11th

9:00 am BAS service with children's activities

11:00 am BCP service with choir

St. Nicholas Project: coin collection continues.

Are You New to the Parish? Welcome!

We hope you are starting to feel at home.

If you have not already done so, please register your contact information with the office so you can start receiving our weekly Notices by email.

Evergreen Christmas Swags

handcrafted by Angela Dalby will be for sale after the 9 & 11 am services December 4th and 11th.

All proceeds go to El Hogar projects in Honduras.



ACW Christmas Luncheon: Tuesday, December 6th

Meeting at 11:30 am, Luncheon at 12:30 pm

\$15 per person. All ladies of the parish are welcome; please feel free to bring a neighbour or friend as a guest!

Call Gerry at 743-7724 to reserve your place at the table!

Personal Reflection of Faith

The Stewardship committee is very pleased to present the sixth in a series of personal testimonies where we hear how God works in our lives and rejoice in his faithfulness. Join us on December 11th to hear Sarah Donnelly share her faith journey with us.

Christmas Dinner at the Church?

You can come - and help!

Contact the office (743-3095) to help make this happen or to sign up for dinner!

Many thanks!



Grounds clean-up work party

We are calling for a grounds cleanup on Saturday, Dec. 3rd 9:30-11:30. Refreshments will be served.

All ages welcome.

Bring rakes, weeders, loppers, edgers, gloves etc.

Safe Church Workshop
Thursday, December 8th

6:30 -9:30 pm St. Luke's Church hall,
3821 Cedar Hill Cross Road at Cedar Hill Road.

This training is for church staff & volunteers who work with children, youth, marginalized populations, people in crisis and frail or sick adults.

Please register at St. Luke's office by phone 477-6741 or by e-mail st.lukes@shaw.ca by **December 6th**.



Purchase a Poinsettia in memory of loved

ones or in thanksgiving for blessings:

they will be used to decorate the church – we have a tight time-line from the nursery

so please make your payment for \$12 on Sunday by means of an envelope clearly marked with your name and the dedication you would like, or see Trish in the office. Please, Pre-pay by Dec. 4th

Please Join In to Pray for St. John's
at 1:25 pm each day during the Season of Advent ...

Believing in the power of prayer, we ask you to raise your prayers to uplift our church and people, wherever you are and whatever you may be doing.

(1:25 was specifically chosen for its significance in relation to our 125th anniversary.)



Church Calendars – a few left! Only \$5.00 each.

See Trish in the office Mon. - Fri. for yours.

They make great gifts for family and friends, too!

Volunteers needed for the Christmas Season!

Would you be interested in giving your time to assist with greeting and us out of the snow for the Christmas services?



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I will take your name with enthusiasm!

Please call Trish at the office: **743-3095. †**

Next Sunday:

Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 11th

Readings: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1

Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Please visit St. John's website for more information:

www.stjohnscobblehill.ca

26 Weeks to Emergency Preparedness: Week 23

Add emergency blankets or sleeping bags and a few plastic ponchos to your emergency kit.

To learn more: Pick up a CVRD Emergency Preparedness Workbook from the church.

O Come Let Us Adore Him...

SERVICES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON:

SUNDAY DECEMBER 18th

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

11:00 am Traditional Service with Choir

7:00 p.m. Carol Sing with Children's Choir and a presentation by St. John's families.

CHRISTMAS EVE

6:30 p.m. Children's Service with Carols

10:00 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY JANUARY 1st 2012

10:00 a.m. Christmas Lessons and Carols

Traditional Service with Holy Communion

Please Remember the St. Nicholas' Sock Fund



The sock to collect gold coins (i.e. loonies) will be up beginning **December 4th** until **January 8th 2012**. Please consider throwing in some gold coins to help World Vision rescue children from exploitation. This year, in light of the good work by Romeo Dallaire and with our recent "Invisible Children" events in our own Diocese, funds raised will be directed solely towards helping children who are forced to bear arms. Thank you.

ACW Jingle Bell Sales December 4th and 11th

after church services in the Parish Hall.

This is a fund raiser for St. John's; ACW



Angel Gift Boxes - Deadline Dec. 11th

St John's will support 10 Angel Gifts again this year. Gifts include a new sweat shirt (average price \$30.00) plus other items. Anyone wishing to donate to our sweat shirt fund, please use the church collection plate.

Mark your cheque or cash envelope:

"St John's Church (Our Place Angel Gift)."

Your gift will be credited to your tax receipt.

Please see Peggy Tyler or Vicky Saunders for more info.

Drop n' Shop

Bring your children to St John's Church hall for a jolly session of gift making while you take some time for secret Christmas shopping.

Church members will be on hand to assist them on various projects, and serve a hotdog and juice lunch.

Open to ages four and up. **Saturday Dec. 10th: 11 - 3:30**

Please register by calling 250-743-3095



Advance Notice for the AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at 7:00 pm **Sunday, January 29th 2012**, beginning with desserts at 6:30 pm. All Annual Reports must be received by the office by the deadline of Friday, January 6th 2012.

Men's Fellowship: Ladies' Night Christmas Dinner

Plan to join us, Wednesday, **December 14th** at 6 pm for a delicious supper, Christmas Carols and social time.

Please bring an adult-friendly gift to put under the tree and a donation of food for the Food Bank.

Ladies are welcome to this special event!

Dinner: \$15 each

DIOCESAN INFORMATION AND EVENTS

Advent: Praying through Advent

A Wednesday Evening Advent Series

December 7th, 14th, 21st 7 pm - 8:30 pm

St. John's House, 3937 St. Peter's Road, Victoria, BC
Come and pray with us. Scripture will be read, followed by silence and then a time, should you wish, to share what the Holy Spirit has spoken to you.

Each evening will end with a short service of Compline. Donation appreciated. Come for one evening or all three evenings. Please call a few days ahead if you are coming:

250-920-7787

Join an ecumenical choir for two presentations of

Hold the Child Gently

A cantata for the Christmas season

created by Walter Farquarson and Ron Klusmeier

Tuesday, December 6th 7:30 pm, Trinity United Church, Nanaimo, or **Tuesday, December 20th 7:30 pm**, St. Edmund's Anglican Church in Parksville

Praying through Advent

Wednesday evenings: Dec. 7th, 14th, and 21st

Bring some quiet into your hectic life; Advent invites us to pause, to wait expectantly, to be still and listen for the voice of God. 7:00 – 8:30 pm at St. John's House, 3937 St. Peter's Rd. Come for one or all four evenings.

Call to register: 250-920-7787

Circle of Quiet: Praying with Beads for Advent

Learn to pray with the Anglican Rosary: you can make your own with materials provided: suggested contribution \$35 for the day. **Dec. 10th, 10am – 3pm**, St. John's House, 3937 St. Peter's Rd. Bring a bag lunch; coffee and tea provided. **Call to register: 250-920-7787**

St. Barnabas Sunday Concert Series

EVENTS IN THE COWICHAN VALLEY

The Cowichan Camerata String Orchestra

(following their excellent concert at St. John's on November 25th) will be performing their

Christmas Chimes Concert with Jubilate bell choir and Glenora Bell choir at the Christian Reform Church, **7.30 p.m. on December 10th.**

Tickets available from Joanna M. Weston

Sing-Along Messiah with the Civic Orchestra of Victoria Sunday, December 11th 3pm at Shawnigan Lake School Chapel; Wednesday, December 14th 7pm at Alix Goolden Hall. See the poster in the hall for ticket availability or vpchoir.ca online. Admission: \$20 adults; \$15 children (tickets also available at the door)

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

At 2 pm on Sunday, December 11th,

in the intimate setting of 1891 heritage St. Michael's Church, the **Concenti Singers** will usher in the Christmas season, delighting us with carols old and new! Under the direction of Sheila Johnson, this Concenti Christmas program will bring warmth and beauty to your pre-Christmas season. Following the performance, stay and enjoy a delicious "Meet the Artists Reception"!

Tickets (\$15 in advance or \$20 at the door) are available by calling 250-748-8383. You may also buy tickets at Toad Hall Emporium (Chemainus) at the advance price of \$15 until one hour before concert time!

GOOD TO KNOW: Information from all over...

Job Posting: Parish Administrator - St. Barnabas Anglican Church in Victoria has a vacancy for 16 hrs. per week. Please contact the church for a job description. 250-595-4324 or stbarnabas@telus.net.

Medley Café continues ~ Dec. 16th

7:00pm in the St. John's, Duncan hall, Corner of First and Jubilee Streets. Open stage – free concert! Coffee and sign-up for open-stage at 6:30 pm in the hall Musicians may pre-register: **call Sue at 250-746-2326.**

Job Posting: Early Childhood Education Teacher

needed for September 1st 2012.

Contact Agapeland Christian Preschool; Jeanne Halladay, 250-746-5288.

Living Gifts benefit Africa Community Technical Service

Donations to (ACTS) make wonderful Birthday gifts or to help you mark other special occasions. Large selection to choose from: see the display on the table in the Parish Hall. Also available are Sympathy cards where the donation goes to the PWRDF.

Why not add a few items for the CMS food bank when you fill your grocery cart? Remember that cash is also appreciated: (the Food Bank can get bulk discounts and stretch those resources).



Cowichan Seniors
Community Foundation

Volunteer Drivers Needed

Cowichan Seniors Community Foundation is currently recruiting drivers for the volunteer driving program which offers Supported Transportation for Seniors "Door to Door" For more information please call Judy at 250-732-5609.

Email: Cowichan Seniors Community

Website: www.cowichanseniors.ca

Relief Appeals Donations: How to make them Easier!

If you want St. John's to help you make your donation – here's how:

1. **Make your cheque payable to St. John's Church (NOT to the charity involved)**
2. Mark your offering envelope with the intended recipient or name of the appeal – e.g. "PWRDF – Horn of Africa"
3. Put your envelope on the offertory plate or leave it at the office.

Your donation will be included in your annual offering receipt prepared by the Envelope Secretary.

If you want to make your donation directly to the charity concerned (and not via St. John's), please mail your donation directly. Thank you so much.

Abbeyfield House: may be a housing option for you...

Have a look at: <http://www.abbeyfield.ca/index.html> And <http://www.abbeyfield.ca/houses--societies.html> Please contact the parish office for more information.

Abbeyfield, a non-profit housing option for seniors, offers the opportunity for private living areas and the support of a house coordinator who manages the building and prepares meals. Abbeyfield offers a warm, family-style house and a balance between privacy and companionship, security and independence, combined with the special caring element provided by dedicated volunteers and the consistency of a House Manager.

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