



NOTICES FOR
Week of November 27th 2011
First Sunday of Advent

The flowers on the altar are given by Margaret and Julia Bishop to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert, a beloved husband and father.

Events for the Week of November 27th – December 4th

First Sunday of Advent: Service of Lessons and Carols

9:00 am BAS service with Sunday School

11:00 am BCP service with choir

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

Thursday 9:30 am Bible Study ~ everyone welcome!

Thursday 1:00 pm Choir Practice

Thurs. Cowichan Regional Conference at St. Peter's 6:30pm

Friday 10:00 am Welcoming Committee

Saturday 9:30 am **Grounds clean-up work party**

Second Sunday of Advent: December 4th

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 Sales after church today!

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.

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!

Christmas Dinner at the Church?

You can come - and help!

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



Compassionate Warehouse needs donations...

Please drop off your new toys and school supplies at the Lumberworld on Quadra Street, Saturday, Nov. 26th from 9am – 4pm Call 250-888-6490 for more information.

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!



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**.



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?



I will take your name with enthusiasm!
Please call Trish at the office: 743-3095.

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 would greatly appreciate your gently used Christmas items for the sale. Please drop off any donations at the church at your earliest convenience.

The ACW ladies will also be baking and preparing Christmas treats for the sales and would welcome donated baked goodies from other parishioners. Thank you for your support!



Praying through Advent

Wednesday evenings: Nov. 30th, 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

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.**

Pre-pay in the office or church by Dec. 4th

Next Sunday:

Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 4th

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

www.stjohnscobblehill.ca

26 Weeks to Emergency Preparedness: Week 22

Get a large bucket with a tight lid to use as a toilet; fill it with an axe, folding shovel, rope and powdered lime for deodorizing to add to your emergency kit.

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

We will be looking for volunteers and Candle-lighters for our special Advent activities; be prepared to fill the sign-up sheets - and other requests coming soon... †

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.

Christmas Swags will again be available for sale during Advent – please contact Angela Dalby at 250-743-9059 if you can help out with a supply of fresh holly.



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.

EVENTS IN THE COWICHAN VALLEY

Transitions:

Your Journey of Transformation through Grief and Loss

This retreat will provide insight, hope and prayerful support for those who have experienced a wide-variety of losses including the death of a loved one, illness, loss of a job and the ending of a marriage or significant relationship. Registration is limited to 12 participants – register soon! Facilitator: Sarah Donnelly, BA, M.Div.

Thursday Dec. 1st 5pm – Sunday Dec. 4th 1pm.

Bethlehem Retreat Centre, Nanaimo. Live-in: \$394.

To register or for more info please call 1-250-710-7675.

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



EVENTS IN THE COWICHAN VALLEY

Community Sing-Along: *Handel's Messiah*

Saturday, December 3rd 2:30 pm: Robert Mari conductor

leads Cowichan Consort Orchestra and Choir;

Tickets \$15 for adults; \$12 for children 12 and under; available from Volume 1 Books or Consort Members.

Bring your own score or borrow one at the door!

Christian Reformed Church, 930 Trunk Rd., Duncan

Cowichan Community Worship Service

LIFT: A collective of various churches coming together through passionate worship, prayer and waiting all centered on Jesus. **Saturday, November 26 at 6:30 pm** at Duncan Pentecostal Church.

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)

DIOCESAN INFORMATION AND EVENTS

Advent Quiet Day, Saturday, November 26th

Spend the day in silence: group sitting, walking meditation, lectio divina, chanting, reflection, and time to explore Witty's Lagoon resting in solitude and nature. Cost: \$20. Bring a bag lunch; refreshments provided. Facilitated by Christopher Page and Ernest Morrow. St. Mary of the Incarnation; 4125 Metchosin Road.

Christ Church Cathedral ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Christ Church Cathedral invites you to join us on Sunday afternoon, **November 27th at 4:30pm**, as we celebrate the beginning of the season of Advent.

This special service is one of our most beautiful and moving liturgies. The readings, hymns and carols of Advent are sung in the form of a Candlelight Procession around the cathedral which grows from quiet darkness to a celebration of Christ's light coming into our world.

The lessons will be read by local civic leaders.

Please come and help us celebrate Advent...

the liturgical New Year! ...