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St. Stephen's is a welcoming and affirming Anglican parish which upholds that God's unconditional and inclusive love extends to all members of our human family equally and without reservation.

Yes. Everyone. We Mean It!

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THE THIRD SUNDAY after EPIPHANY

January 26, 2020



As an outward expression of the Creator's love and in the spirit of reconciliation, St. Stephen's acknowledges that we gather on traditional Indigenous territory: Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta and Métis Nation, Region 3. Through our worship and outreach St. Stephen's moves forward seeking a new, honourable, and respectful relationship with the Original Peoples of this land.

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8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist **10:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist
Excellent Adventure and Nursery available 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to St. Stephen's Anglican Church

Sunday Worship, January 26, 2020

8:00am service - Book of Common Prayer (starting page 67) 10:30am service - Bulletin

The Reverend Jane Rowland, *Presider & Preacher*
The Reverend Charmaine Evans, *Deacon*
Liz Tremblay, *Organist & Choir Director*

Lectionary Readings

This week:

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

Next week: Feb 02

Micah 6:1-8

Psalms 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

The Prayers of the People

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We pray for the Anglican Church in Brazil, The Most Reverend Naudal Alves Gomes - Primate of Brazil & Bishop of Curitiba; for Justin, The Archbishop of Canterbury; Linda, our Primate; Greg our Metropolitan Archbishop & Diocesan Bishop; Leopold, Bishop of the Windward Islands.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

We pray for St. Mark and St. Philip, Calgary, The Reverend Joselito Vallejo, St. Martin, Calgary, The Reverend Tasha Brubaker- Garrison; in our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for St. Mary, Bequia with Holy Cross, Paget Farm; St. Michael, Canouan, Mustique; and St. Matthias, Union Island, The Venerable Everton Weekes, The Reverend Frank Garraway, their clergy and the people of the parishes.

St. Stephen's Parish Cycle of Prayer

Alan and Mary Smith · Joanne Snyder · Jennifer Solem · Vesna Somborovic · Murray and Paulin Soo · Jean Springer.

For Those in Need

Heather and family · Juliet · John · Phil · Anita · Tisha · Sarah.

For The Departed

Avis Clarke

Flowers

Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for all St. Stephen's Vounteers.



On Duty Today:

Reader: *Brigid Stewart*

Litaniest: *Evelyn Jain*

Communion Assistants: *Lynn Brooks · Heather Dumka*

Greeters: *Tom Clarke · Brian Hill · Jackie Mootoo · Anne Marie McKibbon*

Chancel Guild: *Shirley Preece · Connie Taylor*

Sacramental Bread: *Kathy Deyell · David Roach*

Coffee: *Madeleine King · Bob Taylor*

Excellent Adventure: *Maya McKirdy*

Nursery: *Leila Quinones · Beth Apistar*

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On Going at St. Stephen's

Blue Envelopes this month go to **Outreach Beyond**, which is outreach to areas beyond our own community, such as assisting with projects in Africa. We have assisted Emmanuel Gatera, a Rwandan priest, Hilda Shilliday in her work with an AIDS clinic in Uganda.

LWWDN

Athanasie and I deeply appreciate your great support which came to us at a very crucial time of our family life. Your help has made a great difference in our lives. Now we have what we need, food, accommodation and fees for our children's education. Kindly convey our deep thanks to your church board and all who contributed towards our support. We are also grateful to Yego Canada which has now decided to start supporting our family. We thank God for all this support.

Athanasie and I also take this opportunity to wish you, your church board and members a very blessed Christmas and Happy New Year 2020. **Blessings, Emmanuel.**



Time Sensitive

It is parish report time, please submit your program report by **January 29** to administrator@ststephenscalgary.org. The ministry you provide is very important to the well-being of our community. Thank You, the Reverend Charmaine Evans.

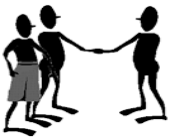
Our Annual General Meeting is on Feb. 16 following the 10.30am service.
Lunch will **be provided.**



The Flower Calendar is up for 2020
also
Coffee Schedule is ready for names.



Bible Study is on Thursday mornings at 10, please join us.



BE REAL, BELONG, BELIEVE IT

St. Stephen's
ANGELICAN CHURCH
January 26, 2020

Welcome! *If you are searching for a place to belong, a warm welcome to you. So we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have please look for one of our **Wardens** who will be wearing a big "Ask Me" button.*

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Open Doors II Update

The committee has been hard at work preparing all the necessary content for the CMHC seed funding application. It is an extensive process and we are grateful to have some industry specific talent on the team as well as much support from our local representative of the Affordable Housing division of CMHC. We are also attending a focus group on January 23rd hosted by the CMHC which has a focus on assisting committees such as ours navigate the procedural components and optimize access to a wider variety of proponents and projects. We are quite confident that our application will be submitted prior to our upcoming AGM. Thanks again for your support and encouragement and as always please feel free to contact any of the committee members which are: Cam Bush, Brad Andrews, Patty Rhodes-Brink, Lynda Greuel, Ian Moore and Keith Moe

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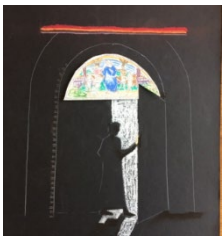
Search Committee News

The news from the US Episcopal Church listing is that our ad has been viewed 1,149 times! We're continuing to receive applications but, not to worry, nothing in the order of that number. Since we haven't set a firm deadline on the posting, we anticipate a "taking stock" time around the end of the month.

Always, we welcome your thoughts and suggestions. If you have names of likely candidates or know of communities other than the ones we're already canvassing, please let us know.

The members of the committee are: Anne J. Brown (Chair), Tim Crowe, Keith Moe, Cathi Nelson, Louise Redmond, Gavin Stuart and Gord Tallman. Any one of us will be happy to answer questions you have, at any time. You are also welcome to email or 'phone with comments; if that is your preference, contact Anne at brown.annej@gmail.com or 403 852 7355.

Whom will we welcome as our new Rector?



Note Worthy: Tears of the world: Life, Trauma and Faith
at **The Cathedral Church of the Redeemer**, 604. 1st SE
Saturday, February 8, 2020 10am to 12pm

This free educational two-session gathering is designed for anyone looking to more fully understand what trauma is, how it impacts us as individuals and as communities, and the role of spirituality in living with and through trauma.

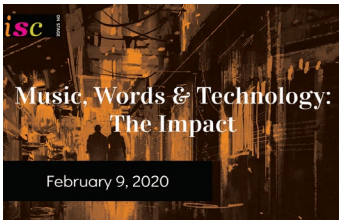
Resources for further use will be made available. **A free-will offering will be collected.**

Session 1: **Trauma and Its Aftermath.** Led by the Reverend Susan Brandt

Session 2: **Tears of God: Living with Trauma**-the spiritual lens. Led by the Reverend Dr. Jane Rowland

For more information, please call the Reverend Charmaine Evans at 403-244-4879

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Music, Words & Technology: The Impact

Concert at St. Stephen's February 9, 2020 – 3PM

Right up to his death, Beethoven never ceased pushing music to its limits. After Beethoven, it was impossible to go back to the time when music was regarded as a soporific for wealthy patrons who could doze through a concert and then go home quietly to bed. Fast

forward 250 years, Ensemble Resonance shows that today's composers still push the boundaries of music.

Prices range up to \$25, see their web page for details.

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St. Edmund

St. Edmunds sends a huge **Thank You** to our Anglican Community! Last fall we put out an appeal for food and funds to support our Food Bank and then an extra Appeal to help us with the increased costs for our participation in Spinz Around (one of our grocery suppliers) the response has been amazing! A number of parishes did food drives for us as well as passing along financial donations from their parish members. This influx of generosity has helped us to provide 139 Christmas hampers to over 400 people including children and has left us stocked up for at least the month of January.

We have said it before but it bears saying again – we cannot fulfill our mission “Serving Christ and Community” without your help! Thank you for supporting us, and by extension, hundreds of people in need! We also do appreciate your ongoing support throughout the year and not just at Christmas time. If you are interested in doing a drive for us or volunteering in the Food Bank itself, please give us a call at (403) 288-6330 or email us at email@stedmundscalgary.org.

THIRD SUNDAY after EPIPHANY

YEAR A

Proper 3

READINGS

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

OPENING PRAYER

God of our salvation,
the splendour of your glory
dispels the darkness of the earth;
for we see in Christ
the nearness of your realm.
Now make us quick to follow where he beckons,
eager to embrace the work of the Gospel;
for the sake of him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,
by your hand we are fed;
by your light we are led.
May we who have eaten at this holy table
be strengthened for service in your world.
for we ask it in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Proper 3

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

There will be no more gloom
 for those who were in anguish.
In the former time
 God humbled the land of Zebulun
 and the land of Naphtali;
but in the latter time
 the way to the sea will be made glorious,
 the land beyond the Jordan,
 Galilee of the nations.

The people who have walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness
 —on them light has dawned.

You have multiplied the nation, O God;
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke that burdened them,
 and the weight on their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken
 as you did at the defeat of Midian.

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Thanks be to God!

Proper 3

PSALM 27:1, 5-13

You, O God, are my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?

**You, O God, are the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

One thing have I asked of you, O God, one thing I seek:
that I may dwell in your house
all the days of my life;

**to behold your fair beauty,
and to seek you in your temple.**

For in the day of trouble
you shall keep me safe in your shelter;

**you shall hide me
under the cover of your dwelling.**

You shall set me upon a rock,
high up and out of reach.

**Even now, you lift my head
high above my enemies round about me.**

Therefore, I will offer in your dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to you.

**Hearken to my voice when I call, O God;
have mercy on me and answer me.**

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."
Your face, O God, will I seek.

**Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

THIRD SUNDAY after EPIPHANY

YEAR A

Proper 3

You have always been my helper;
cast me not away, nor forsake me,
O God of my salvation.

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SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you.

What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not recall whether I baptized anyone else.)

The point is, Christ did not send me to baptize, but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be robbed of its power. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Thanks be to God.

Proper 3

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:12-23

*The Lord be with you.****And with thy spirit.****The Holy Gospel**of our Lord Jesus Christ**according to Matthew.****Glory be to Thee, O Lord.****God be with you.****And also with you.****The Good News**of Jesus Christ**according to Matthew.****Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles:
the people who have walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness
—on them light has dawned.

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." One day, as he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, known as Peter, and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will have you fishing for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

THIRD SUNDAY after EPIPHANY

YEAR A

Proper 3

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of God's realm and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

January 26, 2020
The Third Sunday after Epiphany

*The first Sundays in the New Year reflect a common theme:
how God revealed to the Gentile world the plan of salvation through his Son Jesus Christ.
This theme builds on the visit of the Magi, which we celebrate on January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany,
and continues with Jesus' baptism and the early days of his public ministry.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Reverend Jane Rowland, *Preacher & Presider*
The Reverend Charmaine Evans, *Deacon*
Liz Tremblay, *Organist & Music Director*

The Gathering of the Community

We gather, greet one another, and prepare for worship.

Prelude: Meditation by Joseph Roff

Welcome and Opening Announcements

Greeting (*the People stand*)

God's Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory,
**the glory of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth.**

To all who receive him
he gives power to become children of God,
**who are born not of blood,
nor of the will of the flesh,
but of God.**

*We prepare for
worship by taking a
few quiet moments
to reflect upon the
state of our soul
and that of the
world this day.*

Opening Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign

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Opening Prayer (*the People remain standing*)

God of our salvation,
the splendour of your glory
dispels the darkness of the earth;
for we see in Christ
the nearness of your realm.
Now make us quick to follow where he beckons,
eager to embrace the work of the Gospel;
for the sake of him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The Opening
Prayer (also known
as the Collect)
identifies the
theme of today's
service.*

The Proclamation of the Word

*We hear again the Christian story
and respond with ours prayers and intentions.*

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

read by Brigid Stewart

Following the reading:
Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
Thanks be to God.

*The First Reading
and Psalm are
taken from the
Hebrew Scriptures..*

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Your face, O God, will I seek.

**Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

You have always been my helper;
**cast me not away, nor forsake me,
O God of my salvation.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

read by Brigid Stewart

Following the reading:

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading is taken from the early Christian writings found in the "New Testament".

Sequence Hymn: God of the Sparrow

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

Prior to the Reading:

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Following the Reading:

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

We stand for the Gospel Reading in special reverence for the accounts of the life and teachings of Jesus.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: "I Believe in God Almighty"

CP #44

This sung affirmation of faith is based on the traditional creeds, representing the core beliefs of the Christian church.

1. I believe in God almighty,
Author of all things that be,
maker of the earth and heavens,
keeper of the sky and sea.
I believe in God's Son, Jesus,
now for us both Lord and Christ,
of the Spirit and of Mary
born to bring abundant life.
2. I believe that Jesus suffered,
scourged and scorned and crucified;
taken from the cross, was buried -
true life there had truly died.
I believe that on the third day
Christ was raised up from the grave,
then ascended to God's right hand.
He will come to judge and save.
3. I believe in God's own Spirit,
bonding all the saints within
one church, catholic, and holy,
where forgiveness frees from sin;
in the body's resurrection,
for the breaking of death's chain
gives the life that's everlasting:
this the faith that I have claimed.

Prayers of the People

led by Evelyn Jain

The Prayers of the People place the concerns of our hearts before God: for the world, for the Church, and for those in need.

The Peace *(the congregation standing)*

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace,
whose reign of peace shall never end.

God's peace be always with you.
And also with you.

The people greet one another with a gesture of peace.

The Passing of the Peace reminds us of Jesus' command to love one another as he has loved us.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

*We give thanks for Christ's presence in our midst
by which we are spiritually fed.*

Hymn: Take My Life

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During this hymn symbols of our daily lives—bread and wine for use in communion, and money for the ongoing witness and ministry of the Church—are offered for God's blessing.

Prayer over the Gifts

Yours, O God, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you, O God,
and of your own have we given you.**

Eucharistic Prayer

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God,
because in the Incarnation of your Word
a new light has dawned upon the world,
that all the nations may be brought out of darkness
into the radiance of your glory.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,
Jesus Christ, your Only-begotten,
took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.

He lived and died as one of us
to reconcile us to you,
the Creator of us all.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

"Eucharist" comes from the Greek word for thanksgiving. This prayer is also known as the Great Thanksgiving.

This traditional prayer offers thanksgiving for God's revelation to us in Jesus Christ, God's "Word made flesh".

This part of the prayer recalls the central mystery of Christ's saving act, his death for our sake.

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where your saints sing forever
their joyful hymns of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.
Blest is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,**

*This portion of the
prayer asks God to
bless the gifts God
has given us, that
they may be a
source of strength
in the present time
...*

*... and also a sign
of the eternal
blessings to come.*

*The "Lord's Prayer"
is so called because
the Gospels record
Jesus teaching this
prayer to his
disciples.*

**your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Invitation

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God!

*All who love and
serve God are
welcome to come
forward to receive
communion, or to
receive a blessing
in God's name.*

Communion (*please do not DIP the bread in the cup*)

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God,
by your hand we are fed;
by your light we are led.
May we who have eaten at this holy table
be strengthened for service in your world.
for we ask it in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Doxology

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**

*A doxology is a
prayer of praise to
God, in this case, a
final one, drawing
our worship to a
close.*

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Blessing

Announcements

Dismissal

You are the light of the world.
Let your light shine!
Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn: Dear God, Compassionate and Kind *blue insert*

Postlude: A festal fanfare by J.S. Bach

Thank you for sharing in our worship today.

Following the service you are invited to stay and join us for refreshments.

