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Be Real, Belong, Believe It.

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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Welcome to St. Stephen's Anglican Church

Sunday Worship, October 13, 2019

8:00am service - Book of Common Prayer (starting page 67) **10:30am** service - Bulletin
Excellent Adventure and Nursery available 10:30 a.m.

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

Lectionary Readings

This week:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 100
Philippians 4:4-9
John 6:25-35

Next week: Oct 20

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

The Prayers of the People

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa, The Most Right Dr. Daniel Sarfo - Primate & Metropolitan, CPWA; Archbishop of the Internal province of Ghana and Bishop of Kumasi; 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. John, Claresholm, The Reverend Michael Ebsworth, The Reverend Deacon Chandra Gray, for the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer and Creation Care Calgary; in our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for Holy Trinity, Georgetown with St. John, Holy Name, St. Peter, and St. Luke, on Grenada, The Reverend Father Kari Marcelle, their clergy and the people of the parishes.

St. Stephen's Parish Cycle of Prayer

Ruth Gilchrist · Thomas and Stephanie George and their children Megan and Chris · Paul Goud · Terry and Pat Goodwin · John and Edna Gosbee · Warwick Gray.

For Those in Need

John · Mary · Turq · David · Matthias · Anita · Tisha · Phil · Sarah · Archer.

Flowers

Flowers are dedicated today to the Glory of God
by The Snyder Family in loving memory of Ethel Howes Snyder
and thanks for all blessings received!!



On Duty Today:

Reader: *Patty Rhodes-Brink*

Liturgist: *Anne Brown*

Communion Assistants: *Lynn Brooks · Heather Dumka*

Greeters: *Linda Roach · Bill Tymchyshyn · Jim Smellie · Jackie Mootoo*

Chancel Guild: *Stephanie Barrett · Beverley Senko*

Sacramental Bread: *Kathy Deyell · David Roach*

Coffee: *Carolyn Donnan*

Excellent Adventure: *Maya McKirdy*

Nursery: *Beverley Senko · Leila Quinones*

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.

Blue Envelopes this month goes to Feed the Hungry. Each year St. Stephen's sponsors and serves at a hot dinner for about 700 people at St. Mary's RC Cathedral Hall. We provide volunteers and also pay for the food.

Ongoing at St. Stephen's:

4 Volunteers needed for Rutters Requirim event (see announcements) 22 November.

Call the church office if you would like to help out.

We require:

- one person to sell tickets on the evening
- one person to receive the tickets already purchased
- two people to help with the Coffee and Tea reception following the event.

Groups:

Bible study, Thursday mornings 10 -11am - Canterbury Room

Choir Practice Thursday evenings 7:30 -9:00pm - Sanctuary

Meditation, Tuesday Evenings 6 -7pm - Sanctuary

Men's group 2nd Sat. mornings of the month, 8:30 - 10a

Women's and Youth Group will be back, no dates yet.

Dinner for Eight

Dinners for Eight groups have been assembled. If you would like your name on the spares list, Email Lynda.greuel@shaw.ca Thank you!



BE REAL, BELONG, BELIEVE IT October 13, 2019

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.*



Search Committee News

We're on track to re-post on October 15, with some enhancements having been made: a short video available through hyperlink on our improved parish website; an improved social media reach; and, an expanded and targeted search. And we're scheduled to meet with the Archbishop on October 30, to update him on the process.

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 Search 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.anej@gmail.com or 403 852 7355.

Whom will we welcome as our new Rector?

Healing Conference

Archbishop Greg will be the keynote speaker and Celebrant at a full-day Healing Conference, to be held at **St. Luke, Calgary, on Saturday, October 19, beginning at 8:30 am**. Three workshops include Finding Healing through the Power of Prayer; The Healing Gift of Presence; and Forgiveness. Everyone is invited. Tickets \$40. Married Couple \$70 Students and teens free. See Bulletin board for more info.



Supporting Kids in Grief

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22nd is St Cecilia's Day, patron saint of music. We thought it would be appropriate to choose this day to perform the Rutter Requiem complete with chamber orchestra. This is a joint collaboration between St. Stephen's Anglican Church and Knox Presbyterian Church choirs and Anacrusis, a choir from Airdrie. Performance will be taking place at St. Stephen's at 7pm with reception to follow. Cost of tickets is \$20 and there will be an online link available shortly.

The concert has been supported by several generous sponsors since costs associated with this venture are quite high in terms of music rental, performing rights etc. We would LOVE to have a packed house to support us. All proceeds are going to a Calgary based registered charity called Bernie's Buddies, a group that uses alternative therapies including dog therapy and yoga to support kids in grief.

Please come out and support this worthwhile cause whilst enjoying Rutter's beautiful Requiem.

If you have an interest to sing in this please talk to Liz as soon as possible.

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Cantaré Children's Choir is honoured to invite you and your congregation to "Out of This World" our October 19 Concert which kicks off our concert season. "Out of this World" will explore themes of citizenship and

world building and the role music has to play in creating a more wonderful community.

Students in six communities throughout Canada's Northwest Territories wrote poetry around the theme of The Elements, then worked with composers Jeffrey Ryan and Carmen Braden to develop melodies for their poetry. These melodies became the source material for **Midnight Sun Songs**. "Out of this World" which takes place on Saturday October 19 at 7:30pm at Knox United Church [506 – 4 Street SW] will highlight the beautiful ability of music to bring people together.

Tickets for this concert go on sale on Tuesday October 2 and can be purchased through BrownPaperTickets

<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4361237>

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HARVEST THANKSGIVING

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READINGS

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 100

Philippians 4:4-9

John 6:25-35

OPENING PRAYER

Creator of the fruitful earth,
you have made us stewards of all things.
Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness,
and steadfast wills to use your bounty well,
that the whole human family,
today and in generations to come,
may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Source of all life,
the heaven and the earth are yours,
yet you have placed all things into our care.
Receive these symbols of our labour
we offer you this day,
and make us worthy stewards
of all you have made;
in Christ's name we ask. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of extravagant goodness,
in this Eucharist
we find the source of all your blessings.
Nourished by these holy mysteries
may we, with our lives,
give you continual thanks and praise;
for it is in Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people:

When you have come into the land your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place your God will choose as a dwelling for God's name.

You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to our God that I have come into the land promised by God to our ancestors." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar, you shall make this response before your God:

A wandering Aramean was my ancestor;

who went down into Egypt

and lived there as an alien, few in number,

and there became a great nation, mighty and populous.

When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us,

by imposing hard labour on us,

we cried out to the God of our ancestors.

God heard our voice and saw our affliction,

our toil, and our oppression,

and brought us out of Egypt

with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm,

with a terrifying display of power,

and with signs and wonders,

and brought us into this place and gave us this land,

a land flowing with milk and honey.

So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground

that you, O God, have given me.

You shall set it down before the altar and bow down before your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that God has given to you and to your house.

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Thanks be to God.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

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PSALM 100

Be joyful, all you lands of the earth.

**Serve your God with gladness;
and come into God's presence with singing!**

Know this: our God is God alone!

**God created all there is,
and we ourselves are God's creatures.**

We are God's people,
the sheep of God's pasture.

**We enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and God's courts with praise.**

We give thanks to God,
and call upon God's name.

**For God is good:
God's mercy lasts forever;
God's faithfulness from age to age.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-9

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in our God always; again I will say, Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be known to everyone, for God is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing that which you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and our God of peace will be with you.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: John 6:25-35

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

*The Holy Gospel
of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.*

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

God be with you.

And also with you.

*The Good News
of Jesus Christ
according to John.*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When they found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Chosen One will give you. For it is upon this One that God's seal has been set."

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the One God has sent."

So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Worship for
HARVEST THANKSGIVING
October 13, 2019

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Reverend Jane Rowland, *Preacher & Presider*

The Reverend Charmaine Evans, *Deacon*

Liz Tremblay, *Music Director*

The Gathering of the Community

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

Prelude: Fantasia on Nun Danket

by Roger Wilson

Welcome and opening announcements

Greeting

The eyes of all wait upon you, O God,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open wide your hand
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
Come, let us give thanks to God our Creator!
Let us praise God's Holy Name!

*We prepare for
worship by taking a
few quiet moments
to reflect upon our
many blessings on
this Thanksgiving
weekend.*

Hymn: God Whose Giving Know no Ending

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Opening Prayer *(the congregation remains standing)*

Creator of the fruitful earth,
you have made us stewards of all things.
Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness,
and steadfast wills to use your bounty well,
that the whole human family,
today and in generations to come,
may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

*The Opening
Prayer (also known
as a "Collect")
identifies a theme
or themes heard in
today's service.*

The Proclamation of the Word

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

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

read by Patty Rhodes-Brink

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Thanks be to God.

*The Bible is the
Church's "story",
which continues to
unfold in us today.*

Psalm 100

Be joyful, all you lands of the earth.

**Serve your God with gladness;
and come into God's presence with singing!**

*Psalms are sacred
poems from the
Hebrew Scriptures
that are used in both
Jewish and Christian
worship.*

Know this: our God is God alone!

**God created all there is,
and we ourselves are God's creatures.**

We are God's people,
the sheep of God's pasture.

**We enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and God's courts with praise.**

We give thanks to God,
and call upon God's name.

**For God is good:
God's mercy lasts forever;
God's faithfulness from age to age.**

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

read by Patty Rhodes-Brink

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Thanks be to God.

*The Second Reading is
often taken from
letters written by the
apostles to the
earliest Christian
churches.*

Sequence Hymn: God Who Give to Life Its Goodness

blue insert

Gospel Reading: John 6:25-35

Prior to the Reading:

God be with you.

And also with you.

*We stand for the
Gospel Reading in
special reverence for
the stories of the life*

The Good News of Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*and teachings of
Jesus.*

Following the Reading:

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: I Believe in God Almighty

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**1. I believe in God Almighty,
Father 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.**

*This Affirmation of
Faith is based on the
Apostles' Creed, a
formulation of the
early church that
developed over
several centuries,
perhaps from the 2nd
to the 7th CE.*

Prayers of the People

led by Anne Brown

The Peace (*the congregation standing*)

Jesus said to his disciples,
"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."
The Peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

*The Prayers of the
People bring the
concerns of our hearts
to God.*

The People greet one another with a gesture of peace.

*The "Passing of the
Peace" has been
practised among
Christians since
biblical times.*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

*We give thanks for Christ's sacrificial love
by which we are spiritually fed.*

Hymn: My Soul Proclaims Your Glory

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Symbols of our daily lives are offered for God's blessing—bread and wine for communion, and money for the ongoing work of the Church.

Prayer over the Gifts

Source of all life,
the heaven and the earth are yours,
yet you have placed all things into our care.
Receive these symbols of our labour
we offer you this day,
and make us worthy stewards
of all you have made;
in Christ's name we ask. **Amen.**

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.

It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O God, creator and sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their being.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.

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

Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and the sages
you reveal your righteous law.

In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread, and said the blessing,
broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Take this, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

*At the heart of the
Christian story is
Jesus' death on the
cross for our sake,
which is recalled
here.*

In the same way after supper,
he took the cup of wine;
he gave thanks, 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."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God,
we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming
as Ruler of all the nations.

We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.
Glorify to you for ever and ever.

We join our voices with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and those in every generation
who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory,
in their unending hymn (*singing*):

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

The Lord's Prayer

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

Breaking of the Bread

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered
and made into this one bread.
**So may your people be gathered
from the ends of the earth
into your realm.**

*Our praises join
with those in
heaven who, even
now, are
worshiping round
God's throne.*

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

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 wine)*

During Communion: Hymn of Thanks *by Linda Walker and Ruth Elaine Schram*

Prayer after Communion *(all standing)*

God of extravagant goodness,
in this Eucharist
we find the source of all your blessings.
Nourished by these holy mysteries
may we, with our lives,
give you continual thanks and praise;
for it is in Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

Doxology

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**
**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen**

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

Announcements

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!
Thanks be to God!

*Having been fed by
Word and
Sacrament, we are
sent out into the
world to be
witnesses of God's
love.*

Hymn: Joyful, Joyful

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Postlude: Now Thank We All Our God

by Sigfir Karg-elert

Thank you for joining us for worship today.

Following the service please stay and join us for refreshments.



