

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

• **AN ADVENT READING & PRAYER GROUP—WED DEC 2, 7-8PM via Zoom.** ****Note: New Date**** Co-led by **John Metzger** and **Gyllian Davies**. Using the book by Richard Rohr, "Preparing for Christmas", we will encounter Advent through the Bible texts, ponderings, and reflection questions for each day in Advent. **Every Wednesday at 7PM**, we will meet on Zoom to share with each other how this practice touches our lives over the previous week. **Pre-register** by emailing the office or Rev. Gyllian (gdavies@bc.anglican.ca).

• **ADVENT WORD—FRI DEC 4, 10-11AM via Zoom.** Co-led by **Lolla Devindisch** and **Gyllian Davies**. A well-loved spiritual practice of signing up online to receive a word for each day in Advent. The invitation is to respond with creativity - take a photo, sing a song, make some art, improvise a dance, write a poem or a haiku. There's the option of posting your response on the Virginia School of Theology Advent Word Facebook group or simply to go there and enjoy what others have shared. We'll gather weekly to play with and ponder on the words of the week. **Every Friday at 10AM**, we will meet on Zoom to share thoughts, ideas, inspirations, and creations in response to the Words of the past week. **Pre-register** by emailing the office or Rev. Gyllian (gdavies@bc.anglican.ca) and sign up for The Word **here**.

• **3-LAYER CHRISTMAS MASKS AVAILABLE BY DONATION**—Please contact Marjie Radford at 250-653-9370 if you would like one of these.

Star of the Sea Events

*All events are held online on Zoom. **Registration is required** by email to staroftheseassi@gmail.com and then you will be emailed the Zoom link to join the session.*

• **AN EVENING OF SEASONAL POETRY—TUE DEC 8, 7-8:30PM.** Rest awhile in the peace of the season and the warmth of home. Come and join the Star of the Sea team as they each share some favourite seasonal poems. And if you wish, please bring a poem to share.

• **WINTER SOLSTICE: A CELEBRATION OF LIGHT—MON DEC 21, 7-8:30PM.** Led by **Suzan Denis**. As we welcome the return of the Light, we take the opportunity to remember our connection with the web of life. We honor the darkness and the light as part of the whole. We reflect on what we have created and listen deeply to what wants to be birthed. We honor the cycles and the seasons that remind us of the ever-changing flow of life that we are a part of. Join us for a sacred evening of art making, song, prayerful journaling, and the ceremonial lighting of candles. The evening culminates in sharing our prayers and offering them to the web of life that unites us all.

For more information: <https://www.staroftheseassi.ca/events>

In the Community

• **BOOK LAUNCH & AUTHOR READING: *ARC OF LIGHT, POEMS BY LORRAINE GANE*—MON NOV 30, 7PM via Zoom.** In this loving and light-filled elegy to her mother, Salt Spring Island poet Lorraine Gane evokes a painful stage that mid-life children of ailing parents will recognize. Email info@saltspringlibrary.com and you will be sent the Zoom link to join this session.

• **WEEKEND STORYWALK.** The Salt Spring Island Public Library is offering families free self-guided StoryWalks in Mouat Park, **FRI 10AM – MON 4PM:**

NOV 27-30: *The Paper Bag Princess* (by Robert Munsch)

In the Diocese and Beyond

• **JOHN ALBERT HALL LECTURE SERIES KICKOFF EVENT: *WRITING AND THE GREAT CHANGE UPON US*—THU DEC 3, 5-6:30PM via Zoom.** This is the first installment in a five-part online John Albert Hall lecture series titled **Values for a New World**, being presented in partnership with the University of Victoria's Centre for Studies in Religion and Society. The worldwide pandemic has laid bare the existential challenges of our time, including systemic racism, economic inequality and environmental collapse. There are calls to rethink our political systems and social relations. What might this new world look like? Must it be founded on fundamentally different values and assumptions? What is the role of the writer in these times? Join us for a live discussion with two major Canadian literary figures based in Victoria, **Esi Edugyan** and **Tim Lilburn**. For more information and to register: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#).

• ***I WILL WITH GOD'S HELP: THREE-PART SERIES ABOUT OUR BAPTISMAL CALL—PART THREE, FRI DEC 4, 2:30-3:30PM via Zoom.*** Baptism is a rite that unites us as Christians through our commitment to the way of Jesus, and is a means of God's grace. Participants of this webinar series will join two panelists who will reflect briefly on the six questions asked of baptism candidates to help us all remember our covenant, understand some of its depth, and reflect on its significance in this time and place. You only need to register once for the three sessions. For more information or to register visit <https://bc.anglican.ca/events>. All sessions will be available to view later in the media section on the diocesan website.

• **DECEMBER 2020 DIOCESAN POST.** Read it here: [Dio E-Post Dec B 20 low.pdf](#) (saltspringanglican.ca).