

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

• **ANGEL TREE – GIFT CERTIFICATES NEEDED.** This year we have decided to opt for gift certificates instead of gifts for passing items onto Family Place in a Covid-safe manner. See [here](#) for details on how you can contribute this Christmas.

• **PARISH CHRISTMAS COFFEE/TEA GATHERING—SUN DEC 20, 10:45AM via Zoom (after the e-Service).** Let us gather together after the e-Service on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:45\* to wish each other Christmas Greetings. We will gather as an entire parish for a few minutes and then break into small groups for conversation. We won't take more than 20 minutes, but it will give us a chance to connect with each other in these strange times.

If you haven't been using Zoom, it's easy. All you need do is go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us). On the right hand side of the screen at the top you will see *Sign Up Its Free*. That will load the application on to your computer. A day or two before we will send you a Zoom link by email. You need only click on that link just before the appointed time and you will be connected. If you haven't used Zoom before and would like a dry run, call Walter Stewart at 250-930-4334 or email him at [wstewart@bc.anglican.ca](mailto:wstewart@bc.anglican.ca) and he'll arrange a rehearsal for you.

We know that a number of people from various locations have been joining us in our e-service. We would be delighted if you would join for this coffee/tea gathering on Zoom, so that we can meet you.

**\*Note: If it should come to pass that we are permitted to hold services again with the much reduced permitted attendance, we will move the coffee/tea gathering to 11:30 to allow those who attend the service in the church to get home.**

• **CHRISTMAS CAKES** – Sarah Mathieson has made some extra Christmas cakes which are available for sale at \$13.50 a pound. There are few cakes that are just over a pound each and a couple that are around three pounds. Proceeds to be donated to the parish. If you would like one, please contact Sarah at 250-537-8791 or [sarahm2@shaw.ca](mailto:sarahm2@shaw.ca). Payment by cheque only, made out to Sarah.

• **AN ADVENT READING & PRAYER GROUP—WED DEC 9, 7-8PM via Zoom.** 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 11, 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**.

### **Star of the Sea Events**

*All events are held online on Zoom. Registration is required by email to [staroftheseassi@gmail.com](mailto: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 Diocese and Beyond**

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

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