

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020

• **COVID-19 UPDATE.** In response to the BC provincial health officer's extension of the November 19 order suspending public gatherings, the Diocese of British Columbia is extending the suspension of all in-person worship, meetings, events and community gatherings **until at least January 10.**

• **ANGEL TREE – GIFT CERTIFICATES STILL 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 20th 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. 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 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.

In the Community

• **FARM STAND LIGHT UP & TOUR—WEEKENDS DEC 12 & 13, 19 & 20.**

Drive safely, keep each other safe, support your local farmers, foodies and artisans, and have FUN! Bring cash. Most farm stands will most likely provide etransfer opportunity but not all. See here for a map of participating farm stands:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1NcOwSIId1Gb1IIIiTfht0m-DRiKcq33oxr&hl=en&usp=sharing>.

• **CHRISTMAS WITH SCROOGE—ONLINE ANYTIME.** Grab some popcorn and your favourite holiday drink and enjoy this Salt Spring tradition of the all-local musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" on VIMEO! For access please email saltspringscrooge@gmail.com.

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.

• **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

• **NATIONAL ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS—FRI DEC 18, 5-6PM (PST) via Livestream.** Join Anglicans across the country for this first-ever national Advent Lessons and Carols service, to be broadcast live online. View the event at anglican.ca, on **Facebook** or **YouTube**. The service of Lessons and Carols is one of the most widely-anticipated and well-known events during Advent. A number of our physical worship spaces have been temporarily closed due to public health protocols related to the pandemic. Anticipating this reality, General Synod has worked with Anglican cathedrals across Canada to offer a special, national service of Lessons and Carols this Advent season, which will help us all prepare for the coming of the Kingdom of God.

• **LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS—SUN DEC 20, 4-5PM on CHEK TV.** This year, Christ Church Cathedral will broadcast its beloved Christmas Lessons and Carols service in a special television event on CHEK TV on Sunday December 20 (with rebroadcasts on December 24 & 25). The candlelit service with readings by some familiar community voices, features a mixture of carols old and new sung by a small cohort from the cathedral's excellent choirs. The service will also be rebroadcast on the cathedral website at 7PM on Sunday December 20 (www.christchurchcathedral.bc.ca/live) or on demand following the website broadcast.