

DECEMBER 3, 2017

ADVENT I

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8:15am HOLY COMMUNION (Book of Common Prayer page 67)

Opening Hymn: 88

Gradual Hymn: 140

Offertory Hymn: 120

Recessional Hymn: 98

1st Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9 (Old Testament p.694)

2nd Reading: Luke 1:26-38 (New Testament p.56)

Homily: Canon Stuart Pike

(Please note: during Advent there will be no Gloria)

10:00AM — ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

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A Procession of Carols and the Lighting of the Advent Wreath.

(The service is printed separately)

COLLECT: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one god, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

In the Narthex, we have FM Assistive Listening Devices.
Please speak with the Verger if you would like to use one.
Please return them to the Verger following the service.



REMINDER: PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAG.

This is a great help for visitors, clergy & other parishioners.

**THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN MEMORY OF:**

*****my parents Robert & Christine Bates and my brothers
George & Robert Bates; given by Joan Williams & family





WE WELCOME NEWCOMERS & VISITORS and invite you to participate fully in our worship this morning. You are welcome to come to the Altar Rail or station to receive communion or a blessing. All are encouraged to receive from the chalice or with bread alone, and to refrain from intinction (dipping the wafer in the chalice).

UPCOMING SERVICES

Every Wednesday: -10am - Holy Communion

Dec. 10: **Advent II - 'In the wilderness, we hear God's promise.'**

8:15am—Holy communion
10am—Holy Eucharist with Healing
7:30pm—Blue Christmas

Dec. 17: **Advent III**

8:15am—Holy communion
10am—Holy Eucharist with Pageant

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13;
2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8



St. Luke's Blue Christmas Service

The Blue Christmas Service offers gentle prayers, music and hope for those feeling the pain of loss and grief. It is a time to gather and remember, it provides an opportunity to pray, to reflect and to honour the losses and the pain in our lives.

***Sunday, Dec. 10th – 7:30 p.m. in the church.
All are welcome***

**Taizé Night Prayer
Friday, December 8, 2017
7:30 pm in the Church**



*Come and Pray With Us in
the stillness of a
candlelit hour.*

2018 DONATION ENVELOPES
are available for pick up in the Great Hall after both the 8:15 and 10am services and during regular office hours. Please note that your number may have changed from last year.

The Church Office: Monday & Friday (9am to noon), Tuesday-Thursday 9:00am to 3:30pm
(closed for Statutory holidays)

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**ADVENT FAMILY FUN ACTIVITY & POT LUCK LUNCH
NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
in the Great Hall—following coffee hour**

Advent is a wonderful time for us to gather to learn more about the season of Advent and Christmas. One way we do that is by looking at the symbols of the season. Children, youth, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and all those young at heart, are invited to stay after coffee hour on Sunday December 10th, to share a pot luck lunch and celebrate the journey of Advent by making a *Jesse Tree* together. What is a Jesse Tree, you ask – good question! Come and find out! Please let us know if you will be joining us, and if you are able, bring something yummy to share. For more information, please speak with Canon Stuart or Rev. Holly.



**Music at St. Luke's welcomes you...
to An Evening of Light Classics on December 9th**

with Andrea Battista and friends playing violin, piano, viola and clarinet, joined by tenor Jason Hales. There will be a mix of Argentinian tangos, Ravel's Pavane, the Turkish rondo and Mozart arias. The second half will feature a medley of seasonal favourites, "I Believe" from The Polar Express, O Holy Night, Jesu Bambino and Christmas arrangements by Philip Cork. The evening will conclude with a Christmas singalong.

If you attended Frankie and the Fairlanes and are considering the Robbie Burns and the Swing Orchestra as well, you are still eligible for the Series ticket price, a saving of \$20.

All evenings include a delicious catered dinner. For December, the entree is chicken valencia.

Single tickets are \$35 at 905-632-2918 or hlennard@cogeco.ca



EASY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Everyone likes gift cards!! Help support St. Luke's and buy gift cards as Christmas presents. Please pick up your Fundscrip order form during coffee hour to take home and fill out. Return your order form and enclosed cheque made out to St. Luke's Church, in a sealed envelope labeled '**Melissa K. Fundscrip**'. You may drop it off during coffee hour or in the interchurch mailbox. **Final submission date for all orders is TODAY, December 3rd.** The cards will be ready for pick up during coffee hour on December 10th and 17th. Thank you for your support!

TOURTIERES—Pre-ordered pies are available for pick up today, in the Great Hall.
Some extras are available for purchase.



H A R B O U R T O W N
sound

After a great performance last year, **The Harbourtown Sound Chorus** will return to entertain us in the church on **SUNDAY DECEMBER 17th at 3pm**



Tickets \$15. Available at coffee hour or call Louise Neville at 905-639-8266

Food for Life Advent Project



For our Advent project this year, we will be collecting mittens, gloves, scarves and hats suitable for men, women and children to decorate our “Mitten Tree” in the Great Hall. All of these items will be distributed on Tuesday, Dec. 19 to our friends with the hope that some warmth and comfort will help them through the cold winter months. If you can help out by donating a pair of gloves or mittens, a hat or scarf, the volunteers of FFL will be collecting them during coffee hour. We are also collecting hotel size samples of shampoo, soap or hand lotion that we will be putting into small gift bags. Christmas candy or chocolates will also be put in these bags and they, too, will be distributed before Christmas. Once again this year, FFL will be holding turkey drives at several Fortinos locations. Although we usually receive a large number of turkeys, we will probably be asking parishioners to consider donating a small turkey or ham. We hope that parishioners will prayerfully consider donating one or two items to our Advent Project.



For further information, please contact Rev. Sheila (905 632 9837)

St. Matthew's House Families

Christmas is fast approaching and at this time of the year we reach out to help make Christmas a little more enjoyable for the less fortunate. This year we have agreed to support **4 families**.

Please sign up at Coffee Hour to purchase a gift, toy, or Gift Certificate. St Matthew's House has requested gift certificates instead of groceries.

Please bring all items, unwrapped, to the Great Hall NEXT SUNDAY, Dec. 10th.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Bereavement Support Group will meet on
Tuesday Dec. 5th at 1:30pm in the boardroom.



Please join us for Coffee Hour — following the 10am service.
Please remember to sign up to help serve and clean up one Sunday.



PRIMATE'S WORLD RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND 'H 2 Oh!' - A water project

A bore well not only ensures a community will have clean drinking water but that girls and women will not spend hours each day collecting it. In Tanzania, it means girls now have time to go to school. A donation of \$2,000 will bring safe, clean water to a community. Our goal is to raise \$2000 for this project.

**For each gift of \$2000 the government will donate \$12,000
for a total of \$14,000!!**

If you would like to support this project, please use the envelopes in the pews. Make cheques payable to St. Luke's Church, marking "water project" on the memo line and on the donation envelope. Thank you for your support!

It's Time for Gingerbread & Bark!

The El Hogar service team's gingerbread churches & chocolate bark are now ready for sale by ordering ahead or at coffee hour after the 10 am service for the next few weeks. The cost is \$25 for our decorated gingerbread churches or assembled kits.

Delicious Belgian chocolate bark is available in 3 flavours. The price is \$7 for 1 packet or 3 packets for \$20.

Please contact Ros or Rick Reycraft 905 635-3976 or rosreycraft@hotmail.com



PHOENIX FELLOWSHIP DROP IN CENTRE

meets Wednesday mornings in room 201 of the Parish Hall, following the 10am church service....

Dec 6: Chicken Soup for the Soul: Christmas Stories-Birthday Draw

Dec. 13: Christmas Lunch at Tucker's Marketplace

PLEASE HELP US TO KEEP IN TOUCH

If you have a friend or family member who is in the hospital please let the clergy know or contact the office at 905-634-1826 or office@stlukesburlington.ca

Or, if you notice that a parishioner who usually attends our services hasn't been here for a while, or you know them to be sick or in hospital, please let us know.

The clergy will be happy to contact them to arrange a visit.

Givings Horse Race: Each week we will update how our general offerings are doing relative to budget. It'll look like a slow-motion horse race which will last all year! Here are our current numbers as of Nov. 26.

The budget for general givings each week is \$7471.34

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Last Week	\$7,471.34	\$7,773.50	\$302.16
Year-to-date	\$351,152.92	\$362,155.92	+\$11,002.94



We're glad to report that we were just ahead of budget in givings last week. We are hopeful that we will have the traditional increase in givings during the month of December to help us balance the bottom line of the budget. We are thankful to our generous parishioners for supporting our ministry and mission in this way.

HALTON FRESH FOOD BOX

Fresh fruits & vegetables
monthly
Large \$20 Small \$15
Bag \$10

Use the ordering envelopes in the church office. Orders are due by the 1st Tuesday of each month. Pick up is the 3rd Tuesday.

ADVENT BOOKLETS

There are still a few family devotional booklets available for pick up in the Narthex. "Oh Holy Night—family devotions & activities for Advent"



ALLERGY ALERT—We have a number of parishioners with 'scent' allergies, so we are reminding people to please refrain from wearing any perfume or perfumed products to church. Thank you for your consideration for those who suffer in this way.