

December 20, 2015
Advent 4

Readings: MICAH 5:2-5A
LUKE 1:39-45



This weekend marks the transition from Advent into the Christmas Season. Incarnation is offering a variety of worship experiences that we hope you will engage in.

The Christmas story is a story of love, hope, redemption and relationship. So, what happened? How did it turn into stuff, stress and debt? Somehow, we've traded the best story in the world for the story of what's on sale. We believe that Christmas can change the world but we each must do our part. Come and worship, strengthen your spirit, pay attention to the people around you, and give thanks for all that you have.

Advent 4 December 20th at 10 am- - 'Worship Fully'-
A Youth Group Christmas Presentation of Twelve Days of Christmas

December 20, 4 PM Incarnation Carols and Candlelight Service.

Come and find the quiet centre... just for an hour! You owe it to yourself.
A service filled with music led by an expanded Incarnation Choir, with carol singing, guest musicians, ending with a candle-lit sanctuary. Invite your friends and family.

Christmas Eve Services

4:30pm – Family friendly service with lots of carols

7:00 - Holy Eucharist Choral worship

10:30 - Holy Eucharist Choral worship and candle light

This Week at Inca



Refugee Sponsorship –

If you would like to support the Diocese of Niagara 140th Anniversary Campaign, envelopes are available on the greeter's table. Also, below is a template of a letter you may wish to use to solicit support from people around you- friends, family, colleagues

Dear Friends and Family,

As you know, the global refugee crisis is at historical proportions. My church, Church of the Incarnation, is stepping up and has made an application to sponsor a refugee family and then assist them in getting re-settled somewhere here in southern Ontario. We need to fund raise approximately \$25,000 to privately sponsor a family or 4-5 people and to date, without much effort we have raised about \$3000. This application is not associated with the 25,000 refugees that the Federal Government has committed to bringing in. We expect our application to take about 12 to 16 months. We will certainly keep you informed as we move through this process

If you have ever wondered how you personally can help a refugee family that is in need of a home, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to my church, Church of the Incarnation. Every little bit helps! I will be collecting cheques made out to "Church of the Incarnation" between now and December 20. Please write, "Refugee Fund" in the notes section of your cheque.

Please contact me if you need any more information.

Thank you for your consideration and support.



Shop Fair Trade and support Amnesty International

If you plan to buy gifts this season, you may like to consider shopping at Ten Thousands Villages, which sells fairly traded items from around the world. In addition to hand crafted pieces, they also organic tea, coffee, olive oil, spices, chocolate, toys and books.



Buy GOOD Coffee

Delicious, organic, Arabica coffee grown by women in Peru who are paid above the Fair Trade rate. Purchase a 10oz bag for \$10 and part of the proceeds supports our outreach programs. Available in the office.

A partnership project with CJ's Fundraising.



Youth Group Events- for info contact Phil Carver at incayouthprogram@gmail.com

Sunday, January 10 following worship approx 11:30 to 1 pm

Thanks to all who have been participating and building this group. Let's keep the energy going - Bring your ideas and enthusiasm!



Poinsettias

We'll have a selection of poinsettias available for purchase starting this Sunday. You can buy one for your home, our purchase one in memory of someone. Those purchased in memory of, will be used as decoration throughout the church, and the names will be included in our prayers. (Poinsettias may not be exactly as shown)



Choir Practice – Wednesdays at 7:30

The choir is working hard, preparing for our Carols and Candlelight service on December 20, and the Christmas Eve 7 and 10:30 PM services. All are welcome to join.

The Choir takes it on the Road

Share your voice with the choir as they share the Christmas spirit with the community. We'll be singing well-known carols and holiday tunes at two events. You don't have to be member of the choir to join the fun.

Saturday, December 19, Oakville Place
Meet at St Simon's church at 10:30



Contemplative Fire Service – Sunday, January 17, 8:00pm.

Are you looking for time to reflect, meditate and recharge your spiritual life? Each meeting begins with a communal sharing of food followed by quiet and intentional reflection in the gathering area. The response to this service has been very encouraging. We continue to see new faces at each meeting and look forward to growing this community.

For more information, please speak to Michael. All are welcome.



Wing and a Prayer – January 21, 2016!

We meet at 6:30pm at Monaghan's. Cost: \$25 per person including food and drink. RSVP Rob Moniuk (Robert@Moniuk.ca).

Everyone is welcome!

Community News



Syl Apps Youth Centre

Christmas Wish List

The Syl apps Youth Centre is looking for gift items suitable for youth aged 12-19. See the wish-list sheets on the greeter's table for ideas about how you can help make Christmas morning more joyful for youths struggling with mental health



Quality Christmas Tree Sale St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church

Buy an "Anglican" tree this year at St. Cuthbert's. Maple Grove and Oakhill, 2 blocks north of Lakeshore.

Monday to Friday 1:30-5pm and 7-9pm, Saturdays 9am-5:30pm, Sundays 11:30am-5:30pm.

This & That



Volunteering – needed for altar prep, greeters, hosts and coffee preparation. Youth can gain some volunteer high school hours. Training will be provided.

Contact Claudine Boulert, at boulert@rogers.com for more information, or call 905-825-2851.



Receiving Communion

All people at Incarnation are invited to receive the bread and wine at communion. The bread is received from the priest who stands between the servers who offer wine from the common cup; choose whatever side is free. You may choose to receive from an individual wine cups available to the left of the altar. Take one, consume the wine and replace the empty cup in the same spot. We hope this provides an inclusive approach to communion whereALL are welcome.

VOLUNTEER!	December 20	December 27	January 3
Bread Making	P. Henley	C. Surplis	J. Lockhart
Altar Prep	A. MacNaughton	A. Moniuk	L. Bird
Coffee	Stevens	MacNaughton	MacDougall
Coffee	MacLaughlan	Moffat	Turner-Sommer
Host	L. Bird	K. Wilson	L. Hickey
Reader 1	B. Gowing	B. Stevens	D. Bold
Gospel	B. Hanna-Morrison	D. Lusby	G. Luce
Prayers	K. Pitt	S. Curran	J. Grieve
Server 1	T. Burk	K. Pitt	A. MacNaughton
Server 2	W. Burk	A. Turner-Sommer	D. Bold
Wine Cups	C. Boulert	Z. Boulert	E. Lorimer
Counting	G. Hughes	J. Stevens	J. Lockhart