

November 27, 2016 First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 24:36-44

This Week at Inca



Congratulations to R4R (Recovery 4 Resiliency). They won the YMCA of Oakville Peace Award this week, "in recognition of outstanding contributions as a Peacemaker and demonstrating a commitment to YMCS values of Peace". Well done!

Follow- Up Vestry Meeting – December 11 after 10:00 worship This is a follow – up to our Nov. 20th meeting when a presentation was made on the various HVAC before us. If you would like a more detailed look at the options, <u>click here</u> to see a pdf of the presentation. The meeting on Dec. 11th anticipates a vote being taken regarding the direction we will move in referring to the different options.

Please join us for the important meeting!



Our Advent Theme: Supporting Indigenous People

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) is the Anglican Church of Canada's agency for sustainable development, relief, refugees, and global justice. With the support of Anglican parishes across Canada, PWRDF makes financial and human resources available to support partners' initiatives and to promote knowledgeable actions of solidarity at home and around the world.

PWRDF strives to be a part of the outreach ministry of every Canadian Anglican parish and an expression for all Anglicans of their baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace and to respect the dignity of every human being.



Each year, PWRFD suggests ways in which we can give a gift of hope by supporting their projects. This year, the Eco Justice group is inviting our parish to raise at least \$400 towards the cost of housing for a suicide prevention volunteer in a first nations community. Suicide rates among Indigenous youth are up to seven times higher than the national average. Each Sunday in Advent, you are invited to leave your contribution in the light green envelopes provided {tax receipts will be issued} and then place an ornament on the small Christmas tree. Let's see our tree blossom with gifts of hope.



The Primate's

Coffee AND MORE Fundraiser –

We want to raise \$2,500 by December 31, 2016. Purchase fair trade coffee, tea and hot chocolate and 30% of the sale will go to Incarnation's outreach programs.

Order pick up

The first round of orders are ready for pick-up on after worship on Sunday

Place another order!

Ready to place another order? Don't forget, there is more to choose from than just delicious coffee! You can also purchase yummy chocolate bars, and soul-warming hot chocolate. Order forms are available after worship.



Carols by Candlelight – Sunday, December 4 at 5:00pm

Please mark your calendars! Our annual service filled with music led by the expanded Incarnation Festival Choir, with carol singing, guest musicians, ending with a candle-lit sanctuary.



Christmas Market - Saturday November 19th

Thank you for all the generous donations and for the amazing group of volunteers that put this event together. It was Incarnation's most successful market. A special thanks to Marlene Thompson who has organized this event for many years and who is stepping down as chair of the Market Committee. The final tally is not yet completed but we believe that we raised between \$6200-\$6500 for our work here at Inca! Thank you everyone! Please see the special message in this week's bulletin.



Bunko Tournament, Saturday. November 26th, 7:00pm

Come on out for an exciting dice game in the narthex! Simple to learn, and fun for all ages. Snacks and prizes will be available. For questions, talk to Leila Stevens.



Messiah, performed by the Guelph Chamber Choir Saturday, December 17, 2016 at 7:30 pm

River Run Centre, Guelph.

Come experience the undisputed Christmas choral favourite throughout North America and the UK, **featuring our very own Dr. Charlene Pauls**. More details and tickets at guelphchamberchoir.ca



Contemplative Fire - Sunday, December 20

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 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.



Choir Rehearsals - Wednesdays at 7:30

Share your voice - the choir begins rehearsing for another year of joyful music. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome.

Festival Choir will commence rehearsing at 7:15pm

Rehearsal is cancelled on December 7



Wing and a Prayer – tonight, November 24

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!





Christmas Oratorio – Parts IV, V, VI by J.S. Bach Saturday, November 26 at 8:00

Sunday, November 27 at 3:00 First-St Andrew Catholic Church

47 Reynolds Street, Oakville

Presented by Masterworks of Oakville. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$10 for students and children under 10 are free.



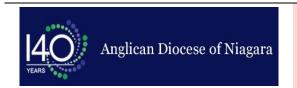
Oakville Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 am, Oakville Conference Centre

Guests speaker: Kent Austin, Head Coach of the Hamilton Ti-Cats

As a Christian, Kent will speak about his life experiences and how he tries to apply his faith to all his activities, both on and off the field. He will describe how he feels God guides him in his decision-making and helps him to balance his commitments to his work and to his family.

Please speak to Michael if you're interested in attending.



Diocese of Niagara - November Newsletter

For more information about community activities and events present by the Diocese of Niagara, <u>click here</u>





Gifts for Mission 2016 - Gift Guide

Commemorate or honour birthdays, baptisms, anniversaries - celebrations of life by giving a gift that responds to human need and impacts lives. Look for The Anglican Church of Canada's 2016 Gifts for Mission gift guide in the centerfold of the October, November, and December issues of the *Anglican Journal*. Or <u>click here</u> for the online version.

Anglican Church of Canada – November newsletter.

Read all about news from General Synod



Storytelling - A Woman's Journey, Tuesdays, 2-3:00

Join Karen Pitt as she provides an opportunity for women to speak, listen, support and share your life's journey. For more information regarding the speakers and the time, contact Karen at karpitt@gmail.com

Taste of Columbia, El Salon located at 67 Bronte Road, unit 2

This & That



Buy Good Coffee - Available in the office

Join us in reaching our fundraising goal of \$2,500. We'll be issueing the second round of orders soon.

Remember, 30% of the proceeds will be donated to the missions of Incarnation.



Looking to volunteer?

We have lots of way you can get involved. Positions include: altar prep, greeters, readers, 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.



Our recycling efforts!

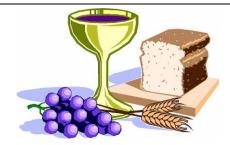
Thank you to all our hard-working volunteers who prepare the coffee and help with the set-up and clean-up of our premises. We have some new helpers and we thought it was time for a reminder about what to do with the garbage after each event

- All recycling needs to be emptied after each coffee hour or other event. The large blue recycling bins are located at the back door. Please dump all recycling into the larger bins before leaving the church.
- Green bin liners are located in one of the 3 stacked multi-coloured baskets in the kitchen on the counter by the small sink.
- Please place the green bin outside the back door at the end of coffee hour or any other event. No green bins are to be left in the kitchen after coffee hour



Changes to Order of Service or Bulletin News - Any changes need to be sent to the office by Tuesday, noon. office@incarnationchurch.ca

Nametags let people know who you are and make it helpful for people to put names to faces, especially for newcomers



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 where all are welcome.