



“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

-Nelson Mandela

This Advent season we will reflect on this quote and the place of education in empowering young people both locally and globally.

Advent 2- “Prepare”

Like most things in life, we sometimes are ‘awakened’ to an issue, an event, a situation that changes and transforms our way of thinking. These awakenings can lead to a new outlook on life which in turn changes our behaviour and attitudes. It is through education both formal and informal that most often this awareness occurs. Most of us here in Canada have been privileged to enjoy access to one of the best educational systems in the world. Canada has one of the highest levels of achieved education on the planet. Yet as we learned last week, there is an injustice within our own nation as many First Nations children do not have access to an educational system that most other Canadian children enjoy.

This week we will focus on a more global context on the role education can play in the health and well being of children. Obiageli (Oby) and Ofor Aligwekwe, members of the Inca community, are the founders of an NGO in Nigeria that assists and supports young people as they pursue a thorough and complete education.

Oby and Ofor will share their stories and raise awareness so we can make informed decisions about how we might also support these young students.

In our worship space is a small “Advent” tree. We are inviting people to make a small donation using the envelopes provided that will be shared by the Indspire campaign <https://indspire.ca/> that assists First Nations students and the NGO supporting students in Nigeria. As a symbol of your support, we invite you to place a small ornament on the tree.

John the Baptist ‘prepared’ the way for Jesus. May we too prepare the way forward for children who are may otherwise live without educational opportunities that inspire hope and vision for life.

This Week at Inca



Dickens’ A Christmas Carol Dramatic Reading Performance

Sunday, December 17 at 7: 30pm

We are thrilled to say we have sold out this performance. Many thanks to the team for making this happen.

Call for baked goods: during the event we’ll be serving Christmas goodies. If you can, while doing your Christmas baking, please donate an extra batch and bring to the church on Saturday, December 16 from 2-4, or after worship on December 17.





Parish Council Meeting – Sunday, December 10th

Our next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for next Sunday December 10, following the 10am service. Please send Jim Stevens new agenda items you would like to discuss during the meeting, and let him know as soon as possible if you are unable to attend.

For those responsible for preparing and submitting reports for the meeting, it must be submitted to Jim by email no later than 6PM on Friday, December 8. This meeting will be potluck in terms of lunch, so bring whatever you can that we can enjoy together.



Help Decorate the Blue Spruce

Our blue spruce tree located outside the church on the parking lot side, is transformed in December with lights and decorations into our memory tree. If you'd like, please add a decoration in memory of a loved one to our tree. Leslie Hickey will remove the decorations after Christmas and save them for the following year.



Holiday Food Drive

For the next few weeks, we'll be holding a food drive to support local food banks. They will gratefully accept your donations of non-perishable foods and necessities. Here is a sample of some of the items they like to receive:

Powdered Laundry Soap ♦ Instant Coffee ♦ Cereal(Hot/Cold) ♦ Pancake Mix/Syrup
Cookies/Crackers ♦ Cake Mixes/Icing ♦ Side Dishes (Rice, Pasta, Potato) ♦ Dry Soup
Diapers Size #4, #5 and #6



Christmas Flowers

Please look for the Christmas flowers envelopes at the greeter's table. The money donated will go towards purchasing flowers for our Christmas services.

Loved ones will be remembered at these services.

COUNTERS: to ensure proper recording of the names, please make sure to leave a copy of the envelope on Margot's desk



Grab Your Work Gloves and Help with Our Landscaping!

Work is underway on our outdoors – have you seen the progress? Davey Tree has begun removing the Buckthorn. We need volunteers who could come out and

Help us cut down and remove the low growth
Help spread the piles of mulch that will be delivered

We are looking into renting some equipment to make this easy. Please email David Jenkins at oakvillejenkins@gmail.com if you are able to help. We would like to get a good push on this before the snow flies! Thank you



Contemplative Fire – Returns in January

Contemplative Fire is space and time to reflect, meditate, review, and recharge your emotional, spiritual and physical life. We provide a short time of hospitality starting at 8pm then we gather together as a contemplative and intentional community. We seek to enable reflection and meditation for all, from the novice to the experienced person.



Incarnation Choir Rehearsals Wednesdays at 7:15

If you are interested in sharing your voice, please join us at one of our Wednesday rehearsals, or speak to Charlene after a 10:00 service.



Wing and a Prayer – Returns January 25

We meet at 6:30pm at Monaghan's. Cost: \$25 per person including food and drink. RSVP Winkie Macdougall. Everyone is welcome!

Community News



PWRDF World of Gifts Guide

This Christmas make a world of difference with The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund's (PWRDF) World of Gifts! You can support the many wonderful and impactful PWRDF development and relief programs by making a gift.

There are three easy ways to order:

- 1) Use the order form in the World of Gifts guide found in a recent Anglican Journal issue.
- 2) Order from PWRDF's secure site any time by [clicking here](#).
- 3) Browse the [online guide](#) and then call PWRDF during business hours at 1-866-308-7973



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Every year between January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship.

The theme for the 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity comes to us from the Caribbean region. The ecumenical team chose the song of Moses and Miriam (Ex 15:1-21) – a song of triumph over oppression – as the motif of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

[Download your Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018 materials today.](#)

This & That



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 Julia Lockhart if you are interested in helping out. Don't forget to mark changes to the schedule on the master copy in the office.



Milk Bag Collection

We're still collecting Milk bags for the kids at Ellengale Public School



Our recycling efforts! New procedures

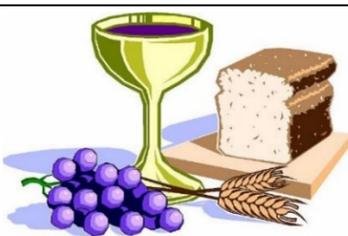
Thank you to all our hard-working volunteers who prepare the coffee and help with the set-up and clean-up of our premises. The daycare has been testing a new green bin routine with much success. We have almost completely eliminated critter attacks!

- **Start a new SMALL green bin for each service or event. Before leaving, tie off the bag and move the SMALL green bin waste to the shed and deposit into the LARGE green bin. This will eliminate any critter attacks. No green bins are to be left in the kitchen or out the back door after each event. If you don't know where the key to the shed is located, please ask a Warden or office staff.**
- Green bin liners are located in one of the 3 stacked multi-coloured baskets in the kitchen on the counter by the small sink
- All recycling must be emptied after each coffee hour or event. The large blue recycling bins are located at the back door. Please dump all recycling into the larger bins before leaving the church.



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.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	December 10	December 17
Bread Making	A. Moniuk	J. Vanderwater
Altar Prep	W. Macdougall	A. Moniuk
Coffee	A. Turner-Sommer	Stevens
Coffee	J. Bowden	L. MacLauchlan
Host	S. Sinclair	W. Macdougall
Reader 1	J. Lockhart	J. Smith
Gospel	D. Bold	L. Bennett
Prayers	J. Bowden	J. Grieve
Server 1	S. Williams	P. Moffat
Server 2	A. Turner-Sommer	J. Stevens
Wine Cups	B. Abrams	C. Boulert
Counting	A. Macdougall	M. Morrison.

Please Note: Thanks to all of you who update the master copy in the office – very helpful for me!