

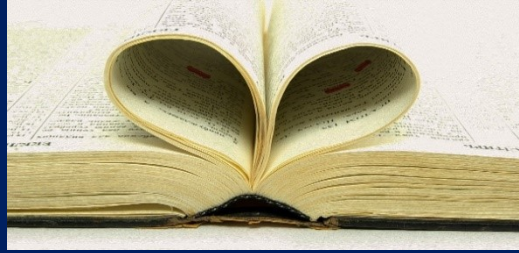
CHRIST CHURCH GABRIOLA

A Collaborative Anglican – United Church



Rev.
Karen
Hollis

Open to All



15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 2nd, 2018



Karen's drop-in office hours

Tuesday 11.00am -1:00pm & Wednesday 1:00pm-3:0pm.

If these times don't work for you, please phone the church 250-247- 8633, or email her revkarenhollis@gmail.com to make an appointment.



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/443844412742289/>

Christ Church Gabriola website-
www.christchurchgabriola.ca

**Communion
Service First &
Third Sunday of the
Month**





Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery of the United Church of Canada

Celebration of Comox
Nanaimo Presbytery
November 17th 2018 at Trinity United Church

Please mark Saturday, November 17th on your calendar This is an exciting event for the whole

Presbytery and all church folk are invited to this celebration.

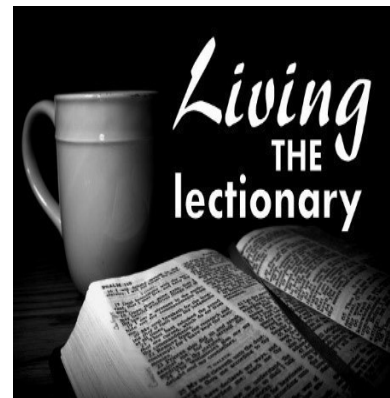


We are sending advance notice to save this date: **Saturday Nov. 17, 11:00-3:00**

Lectionary Bible Study Tuesday Mornings!

Please join us on **Tuesdays at 10am** for a conversation on the lectionary texts for the coming Sunday. All are welcome! Those are lectors and leading prayers that week may find attending particularly helpful for their preparation.

So, come and gather for study, prayer and a time of sharing.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to making our **Celebrating Summer Corn Roast** such a huge success!

We especially thank Susan Murray and Christine Blackburn for all their hard work in getting this off the ground. We also recognize all those who contributed in any way whether it was helping with the set-up, the shucking of the corn, the cooking of the corn or preparing the delicious salads and desserts

Thanks also to Don for the great pics which you can see here:

<https://dbutt.smugmug.com/Church-Corn-Roast-2018/>

Of course, none of this could have happened without the generosity of Robert & Heather Gray who welcomed us all to their farm



A Pastoral Relationship Program
of The United Church of Canada

DON'T MISS OUT!

Next 'Fresh Start'

Saturday Sept 15th

9:00am - 4:00 pm

Christ Church Gabriola Council met and had a great discussion around our final 2 Fresh Start modules.

*We settled on **#5 Dialogue & #17 Planning for Effective Ministry.***

5. Dialogue – Searching for Common Ground: An approach to living in community in spite of our differences.

17. Planning for Effective Ministry – The Discern/Plan/Do/Reflect Cycle: Planning is a cyclical process – “Vision without action is a dream. Action without vision is simply passing the time” (Joel Barker). There must be accountability for action embedded in the cycle and every system needs feedback about how things are going and changing. Cultural relevancy is a key component when discerning the who, what, where, when, why and how of the Spirit’s leading and discerning how the church lives into the way of Christ, expressing love for God and neighbour.

Remember the last Modules we looked at in this program...weren't they really informative and helpful?

<https://unitedfreshstart.ca/what-are-the-modules/>



Christ Church Gabriola Outreach Ministry

Spiritual and Practical Care in the City

Watch the video on YouTube

[tps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUkS3GntBEI&t=0s&index=8&list=PLQDu-SgFb3Rgtl1iNx7wMk6vvicPBjJWi](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUkS3GntBEI&t=0s&index=8&list=PLQDu-SgFb3Rgtl1iNx7wMk6vvicPBjJWi)



Our gifts for Mission & Service support Indigenous ministries in downtown Toronto.

The urban Aboriginal population in Canada has increased dramatically in recent years, with the overwhelming majority of the country's 1.2 million Indigenous people living off reserve.

Toronto Urban Native Ministry has a heart for Indigenous people living on the margins of city life. Founded in 1996, it reaches out to Aboriginal people in precarious life situations: on the streets and in prisons, shelters, hostels, and hospitals.

An ecumenical organization that integrates Christian and Aboriginal spirituality, Toronto Urban Native Ministry provides counselling and spiritual care as well as referrals to community services. Working out of Council Fire Native Cultural Centre, it offers everything from spiritual

mentorship to sharing circles for Sixties Scoop survivors— Indigenous people who were taken from their families and placed in predominately White foster homes between the 1960s and 1980s.

Worship services are held every Sunday morning and offer an opportunity for Aboriginal Christian worship.

This is a time of storytelling, prayer, and sharing of a meal or activity led by an Indigenous Anglican priest or United Church of Canada minister. Chris Harper describes Sunday mornings at Council Fire as wonderfully unique: "Individuals come with such amazing, wonderful, colourful life experiences. The services are diverse and responsive rather than liturgically sequential. Every Sunday is an adventure." Sacred gatherings like these offer connection and healing while honouring the Creator and all of creation. For urban Indigenous people living off reserve, they fill a vital need for spiritual and cultural community. If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.



Voices of Hope



The Primate's
World Relief and
Development Fund

“The happiest day of my life has finally come,” said Lotum Longolio, the day her household had an opportunity to have a decent meal. Longolio, 25, lives with her husband and three children in Eastern Equatoria State of South Sudan.

“Today, I am overwhelmed with joy at the distribution site because it is the first time my household has received food assistance since I got married,” she said. The distribution site was part of a PWRDF-led relief project that fed thousands last fall through our equity in Canadian Foodgrains Bank, a 4:1 match from Global Affairs Canada, and \$100,000 from the United Church of Canada towards this project.

PWRDF purchased 200 tonnes of sorghum (to make porridge), 27 tonnes of beans, 16 tonnes of cooking oil and 4 tonnes of salt. Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) South Sudan distributed the food, benefitting almost 9,000 people. It is a perfect example of how members of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank pool our resources to end hunger.

Some of the funds come through the sale of crops from Canadian farmers. They donate their land and time to grow the plants, but use donations from parishes and individuals to buy seed, fertilizer and other inputs. Our opportunity to give, means Lotum and her family have the opportunity to eat.

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund the anglican church of canada 80 Hayden Street, Toronto, M4Y 3G2 @pwrdf

Food Bank Sunday September 1st



On Sunday please bring in your donation of non-perishable food items for the local food bank. Or alternatively you can also choose to make financial donations through your Church Offerings.

28 lbs of food were donated in August

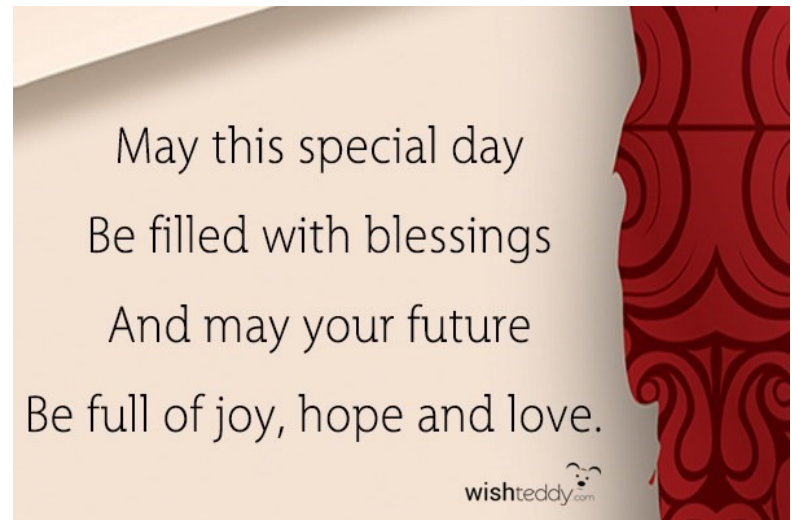
Birthdays & Anniversaries in September

Birthdays

Nicki Westarp Sept 4th
Betty Schultze Sept 9th
Ted Brydges Sept 11th
Sept. @6 MJ Patterson
Sept 30th Alex McConnell

Anniversaries

Sept 21st Dwight & Jenny Ivany
Sept 26th Ted & Sandy Brydges



Today the church remembers St Aiden of Lindisfarne.

Aiden was a monk at Iona, Scotland who went on to become Bishop of Clogher. He resigned this and became a monk at Lindisfarne c.630. He then became Bishop of Northumbria based at Lindisfarne. On an occasion when pagans attacked King Oswald of Northumbria's forces at Bambrough, they piled wood around the city walls to burn it. Saint Aiden prayed for help, and a change in wind blew the smoke and flames over the pagan army.

Aidan was known for his knowledge of the Bible, his eloquent preaching, his personal holiness, simple life, scholarship, and charity to the poor. Miracle worker. He founded the Lindesfarne monastery that became not only a religious standard bearer, but a great storehouse of European literature and learning during the dark ages. He died on this day in the year 631AD.

Here's a prayer, not written by Aiden, but often associated with him.

Leave me alone with God as much as may be.
As the tide draws the waters close in upon the shore,
Make me an island, set apart,
alone with you, God, holy to you.

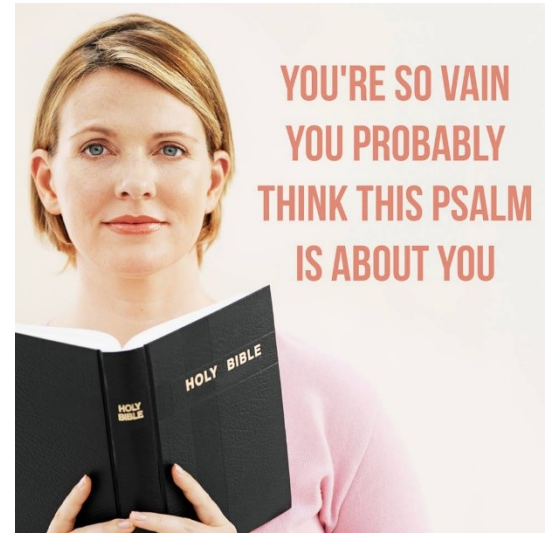
Then with the turning of the tide
prepare me to carry your presence to the busy world beyond,
the world that rushes in on me
till the waters come again and fold me back to
you. Amen.

(Pic, Lindisfarne Island by Geoff Chrisp and stolen from the internet).





CHURCH HUMOUR



Hint: Carly Simon





Rev Grey
@RevGrey



I am the way, the truth, the livestream...

RAMIN NASIBOV  @RaminNasibov

This statue of Jesus in Poland provides Internet to nearby villages.



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Mission Statement

We follow Jesus Christ Worshipping and Serving with Love and Joy

We open our minds, hearts, and doors to the world.

October 2016



If you, or someone you know, requires emergency pastoral care please **phone the church office** ph # 250-247-8633 for further contact information. The Pastoral Care Team will continue to provide regular pastoral care for members of the congregation. Email: christchurchgabriola@gmail.com

PRAYER WHEEL



To request prayers for someone OR to become a member of the prayer wheel and pray for others as requested, please contact Susan Brockley:
or phone **the church office** ph # 250- 247 - 8633 Email: christchurchgabriola@gmail.com