



ST NICHOLAS
ANGLICAN CHURCH, BIRCH CLIFF

4th Sunday after Epiphany **Holy Eucharist**

January 28, 2023
10:30am Music & Communion

Responding to God's love for us and all people,
the parish of St. Nick's seeks to know Christ
and make him known in worship, friendship and service
with our neighbourhood and in the world.

Everyone is welcome to join us in our common life
of faith, doubt, trust, challenge and love.

Welcome to St. Nick's!

Whether you're here virtually or in-person, for the first time or the hundredth time, it's a blessing to have you praying with us today. Our sidespeople are the friendly people at the back of the church who can help you with anything you need. Everything you need today is in this leaflet. We hope you'll participate as you feel comfortable.



Washrooms

Our washrooms are downstairs, which you can get to by the staircase near the left-side chapel, or by the elevator, also in the chapel. For help with the elevator, speak to one of our sidespeople.

Accessibility

If you need extra space for a walker or wheelchair, our sidespeople will show you to the accessibility pew near the front of the church. If you need communion brought to you in your pew, let one of the sidespeople know.



Better Sight and Sound

Large-print copies of this leaflet are also available: just ask a sidesperson. If you have difficulty hearing, we have audio-assistive devices that will help you hear the service better.

Children and Families

Young kids and their parents are free to roam the church throughout the service. There are activity bags at the back for older children – just ask a sidesperson. Families can also hang out in our Nick's Nook, the children's area on the right side of the church, where parents can still hear and participate in the service.

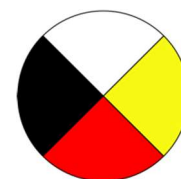


Offertory

If you wish to make a monetary gift while you're here, you can place your offering on the plate at the back of the church on your way in or out. There are guest envelopes in the pews you can use. Tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$20. You can also make an e-offering through Canada Helps, using this QR code.

Territorial Acknowledgment & Commitment to Reconciliation

We acknowledge that the land on which our parish sits is the traditional territory of the Wendat, the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations and the M̐tis Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. The treaties that were signed for this particular parcel of land are collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties of 1923. We also recognize, and pray for the continual grace to honour the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples on this land.



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The Gathering of the Community

Prelude Sonata in A Major, Op. 65, No. 3, II. Andante tranquillo (Felix Mendelssohn)

Opening Hymn: *The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy* (Common Praise #631)

As you're able, you're invited to stand.

The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find place.
The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain and for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
And all things cry "Glory!" to God All-in-All.

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Song of Praise

All: Glory, in the highest glory, peace to all, in all their days.
Worship, thanks, and praise unceasing to the Source of all we raise:
reigning in the sapphire height, hidden from our mortal sight,
now receive our adoration, as we make our supplication.

Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Lamb of God, for sinners given,
Word eternal, born of Mary, Word made flesh, the face of heaven:
holy one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day,
with the Spirit there united, and the Godhead high exalted.

The Collect (Prayer) of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(A time of silence is kept.)*
Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our
nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make
known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Proclamation of God's Word

You may be seated during the readings.

Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Reader: A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 111, read responsively

Reader: Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

People: **Great are the deeds of the Lord! They are studied by all who delight in them.**

Reader: O Lord, your work is full of majesty and splendour, and your righteousness endures for ever.

People: **You make your marvellous works to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.**

Reader: You give food to those who fear you; you are ever mindful of your covenant.

People: **You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.**

Reader: The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all your commandments are sure.

People: **They stand fast for ever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.**

Reader: You send redemption to your people; you commanded your covenant for ever; holy and awesome is your name.

People: **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; the praise of the Lord endures for ever.**

Reading 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Reader: A Reading from Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that 'all of us possess knowledge.' Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that 'no idol in the world really exists', and that 'there is no God but one.' Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

‘Food will not bring us close to God.’ We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

As you're able, stand and face the procession as it moves down the aisle.

Choir: *[sung]* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Choir: Jesus went about Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease.

All: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Reader: *[sung]* The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reading

Mark 1:21-28

Reader: Jesus and the Disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, ‘What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.’ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, ‘Be silent, and come out of him!’ And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, ‘What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.’ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Reader: *[sung]* The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

All: *[sung]* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Homily The Rev. Tay Moss

After an opening prayer, the preacher will invite you to be seated.

Confession of Faith

As you're able, you may stand.

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,
I believe in one God,

All: **the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People

As you're comfortable, you're welcome to stand, sit or kneel for the prayers.
At the end of each prayer, the leader will offer this invitation...

Leader: Light of the World,
People: Shine in the darkness.

Confession and Absolution, and Sharing of Christ's Peace

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy: he welcomes sinners, and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

A brief silence is kept. As you're comfortable, you're invited to kneel or sit.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,
All: **We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

As you're able, you may stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

You may turn to friend and neighbour, and share a sign of God's peace.

Welcome & Announcements

You may be seated as we hear about ministries & events coming up at St. Nick's.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Common Praise #384)

As you're able, you're invited to stand.

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen how thy entreaties have been
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:
ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with his love he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again: gladly for aye we adore him.**

Celebrant: God of steadfast love, may our offering this day, by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation, and have shown your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of all peoples. Therefore with angels and archangels we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: *(sung)* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth of your glory are full.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth of your glory are full.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush death underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: "Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me".

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me".

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in the truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ. Through him all glory and honour are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father in heaven,

All: **hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

People: **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All: *[sung]* **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.**

The Communion



Everyone is welcome
to receive communion.



You may receive both
bread and wine, or just
the bread, if you wish.



Gluten-free wafers
available upon request.



Cross your arms to
receive a blessing instead.



Communion can be
brought to you if needed:
just ask a sidesperson.

Music during Communion

Hymn: *God Is Calling through the Whisper* (Sing a New Creation #97)

God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs,
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
God is calling can you hear? God is calling can you hear?

God is calling through the voices of our neighbours' urgent prayers,
through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.
Place of hurt, or face or needling; strident cry or silent pleading:
God is calling can you hear? God is calling can you hear?

God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,
through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.
Lift of joy, and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:
God is calling can you hear? God is calling can you hear?

Choir: Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Sending of God's People

Prayer after Communion

As you're comfortable, you may stand, sit or kneel for these prayers.

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(A time of silence is kept.)*
Source of all goodness, in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of
heaven and invigorated with new wine. May these gifts renew our lives,
that we may show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the
Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Glory to God,
All: Whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God, from generation to generation,
In the church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Final Blessing

Celebrant: May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (Common Praise #486)

As you're able, you're invited to stand.

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Fanfare (William Mathias)

You may be seated as the procession passes by you.

Thank you for praying with us today!
Please join us for coffee hour today, hosted by SOAR.

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jim Main and Jack and Daphne Cargill by Jan Main.

Assisting in today's service:

Readers: Jill Cruse, Janet Baron
Intercessor: Suzanne Lehtinen
Server: Wendy Barber
Chalice Bearer: Wendy Barber, Elaine Fisher
Livestreaming Tech: Sharon Endugesick
Congregational Voice: Sonia Halloran
Altar Guild: Joy Horswill, Sharon Endugesick, Margaret Endugesick, Sue Hill
Sidespeople: Sue O'Leary, Stephanie Ford, Joan Pantin, Mary Kearney

Upholding in prayer this week....

The World: For all suffering in the midst of war, civil unrest or disaster
The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
Canada: Territory of the Peoples, Bishop-Elect Clara Plamondon and Assisting
Bishop Jane Alexander
Pray for healing and reconciliation among all people
Diocesan Cycle: Holland Deanery
The Deanery: The clergy & people of St. Barnabas, Chester; the Rev. Jeanette Lewis,
and the Rev. Grace Caldwell-Hill
Ministerial: Fallingbrook Baptist Church at the Center
Parish Ministries: The ministry of our Sidespeople
Parish Families: Bob & Janet Baron, Jim Baron & Elizabeth Crisolago Baron and family
and Sheila Boutilier
The Sick: For all who are sick or in any need. For all who are dealing with the
effects of COVID 19. For all those living with chronic problems, our
housebound parishioners and their caregivers.

Sunday Prayer List

If you would like someone included in the prayers on Sunday mornings, you can either contact the office and ask for them to be added, or there is also a list at the back of the church to which you can add names. Because these are public prayers, we ask that you respect people's privacy and ask their permission first. Names submitted to the office will be included in the prayers for two weeks.

Daily Prayer Chain

If you or a family member or friend needs prayer for any reason, you can pass those names along to the church office. The names will be given to the members of the St. Nick's Prayer Chain, who will uphold those people in their daily prayers for 30 days.

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer." Romans 12:12

Readings for next Sunday: 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39



Welcome, Tay+

Greetings and thanks to our guest preacher & presider today, the Rev. Tay Moss, who serves as Honorary Assistant at St. John's, Norway. Tay has graciously joined us today while Andrew is away on study leave. Thank you for being here, Tay!

Study Leave

Fr. Andrew is out of the office from through Tuesday, January 30th for a brief time of study leave. Pastoral care during this time will be provided by the Rev. Joan Wilson.

Would you give someone a lift?

We have a number of parishioners who would love to come to church, but aren't able to come. Would you be willing to occasionally offer a ride to one of our parish family so they can come? If so, send a note to Fr. Andrew or Pauline Glasgow.

Ministry Opportunities

Are you interested in representing St. Nick's at the Diocesan level? Be one of our Synod delegates! At vestry, we need to elect one delegate to attend the next Synod, which is gathering in 2025 in Markham. If you want to know more, speak to Fr. Andrew, or our current delegates, Dennis Newman and Anne Moir.

St. Nick's Knights

January is never too early to think about baseball (*said Fr. Andrew...*). There's been some discussion (*not instigated by Fr. Andrew*) in renewing our involvement in the Scarborough churches softball league. If you'd be interested in being part of the new St. Nick's Knights, send a note to Fr. Andrew, who will put you in touch with Owen Ewers.

Upcoming Episcopal Visit

Next Sunday, February 4th, we're delighted to welcome Bishop Andrew as our preacher and presider at the 10:30am service. A coffee hour will follow. Come and take part in this great opportunity to hear from our diocesan bishop!

Community Lunch volunteers

Would you be willing to help out with the community lunch on Tuesday, February 20th? The team that week could use an extra hand or two. Reach out to Sonia Halloran to help!

Lunch and Learn

Save the date! The next Lunch and Learn will be Thursday, February 29th. Speaker and topic information will be coming shortly!

2024 Community Lunch Appeal

Our Adult Community Lunch is in full swing. There is a need for NEW donations of men's and ladies' warm socks, hats/toques and mitts/gloves. Diabetic socks are also appreciated. Please drop new items off at the church office Tuesdays through Fridays, 10am to noon or bring them on a Sunday. Thank you so much. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

Invitation to Film Screening

In partnership with the Diocese, our friends at St. John's, Norway, are inviting the diocese to a screening of *The Philadelphia Eleven*, a documentary about the group of women and their supporters who organized their ordination to become Episcopal priests in 1974, followed by a Q&A session with Primate Linda Nicholls. The event will take place on Saturday February 3 at 3pm at the St. James Cathedral. Tickets are available through the St. John's, Norway website. For more information, speak to Rev. Joan Wilson.

Christmas trees

After today's service, the Christmas trees, poinsettias and creche will come down as we mark the 40th day after Christmas. Many thanks to our Altar Guild members, who continue to make our worship space so beautiful.

Altar Flowers

The chart for altar flowers is now available at the back of the church for the first 6 months of 2024. Please write only your name and phone number on the week you want, and Barb Cutts will call you for the bulletin wording. The cost for flowers is \$70.00. Note, there will be no flowers during Lent or on weeks when no one has signed up

Booking Spaces in the Church

St. Nick's is a busy place during the week! People are in and out all the time, both parishioners and rental groups. If you want to use a space for a meeting or event, don't make the assumption that nothing is happening! Check with the office first to make sure the space is free, and book it through Laura.

Do you play a musical instrument?

Whether your skill level is *Hot Cross Buns* or Beethoven's Seventh, if you play a musical instrument, Christine would love to know! Send her a note at christine@stnicholasbirchcliff.com.

Email scams

Just a reminder that churches are often the target of scam artists: if you ever receive an email from someone claiming to be one of our wardens or clergy asking you to do something involving “urgent favours” or requests for money, please reach out to the church or Fr. Andrew to double-check if it’s legit. Even in general, always beware of people calling you asking for personal or financial information, and if in doubt, just hang up the phone!

Wednesday Eucharist

Looking for a moment of peace and prayer in the middle of the week. Don’t forget that we also celebrate a midweek Eucharist every Wednesday at 10am. The service is very informal, with a brief discussion (participation voluntary!) and a simple Eucharist. Never been before? Come by this week!

Church Calendars

Have you been eagerly awaiting the 2024 Church calendar? We now have them! Call Laura in the church office (416-691-0449) to pick yours up for is \$7.00 (cash only).

Vestry Meeting (Annual General Meeting) Announcements

Notice of Vestry Meeting

This year’s Vestry Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 25th, in-person at the church following the 10:30 service, as we celebrate another year of faithful ministry at St. Nick’s. We also hope to be able to offer a virtual-attendance option through Zoom: stay tuned for those details. A list of Vestry Members is available in the office if anyone wishes to confirm their eligibility.

Vestry Reports

Ministry and committee reports for the Vestry Reports are due to the office no later than Sunday, February 4th. You can send them by email to laura@stnicholasbirchcliff.com, or contact Laura in the office to make other arrangements for submission.

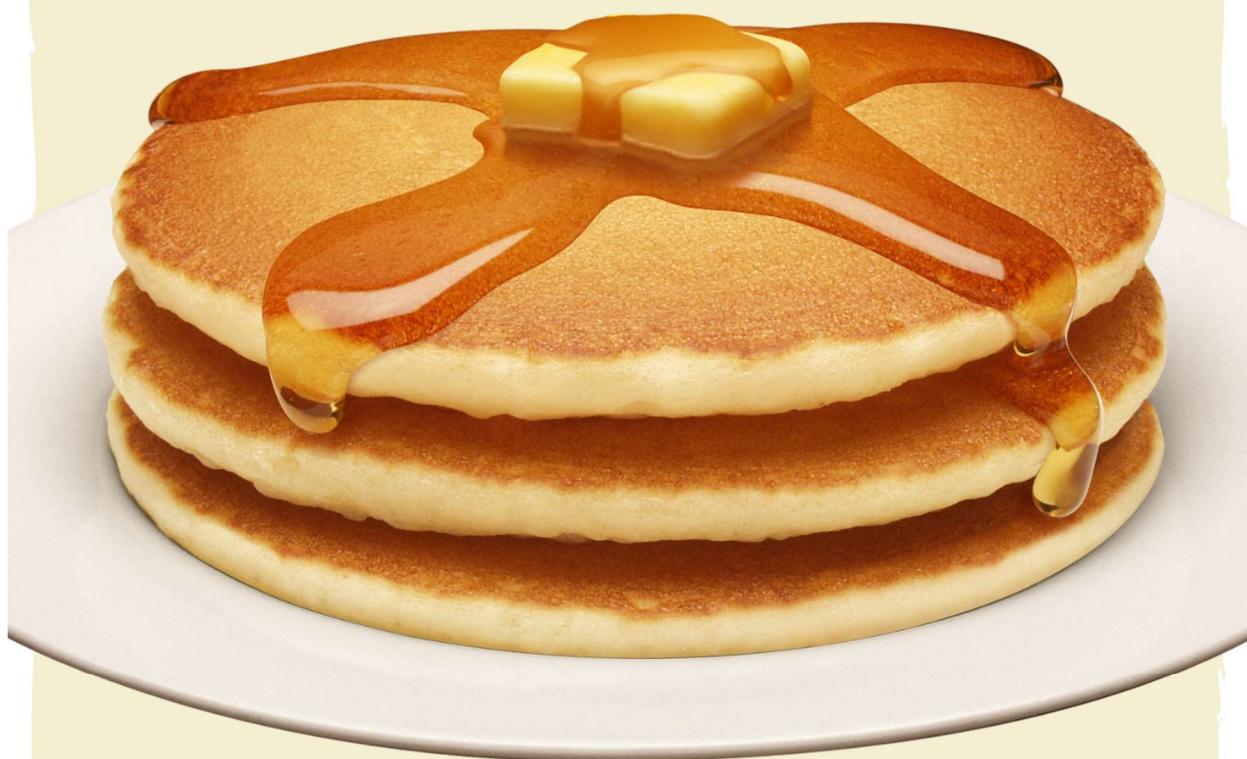
Social Justice Vestry Motion

As has been the tradition for many years, the Diocese has developed a vestry motion they are asking parishes to consider at their vestries. This year’s vestry motion calls on all levels of government to take action in the housing crisis by addressing developer tax incentives, rent controls and short-term rentals. More information about this motion will be included in the Vestry report, or can be found at toronto.anglican.ca/vestry-motion.



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Pancake Supper



Tuesday, Feb 13
5:30-7:00pm

Adults & teens **\$5** Kids (under 13) **\$3**



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Come out in 2024 for...

Pancake Tuesday supper

Tuesday, Feb 13, 5:30-7pm

Winter family games night

Saturday, March 2, 5-7pm

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30, 10-11am

Bike Drive & Blessing of Bikes

Saturday, April 20, 10-11am

Summer Family BBQ

Sunday, June 23, 12-1pm

Summer family games night

Saturday, July 20, 5-7pm

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, Sept 8, 10:30am

St. Nick's Fall Market

Saturday, Sept 21, 11am-1pm

Blessing of Pets

Sunday, Oct 6, 2-3pm

Family Halloween Party

Saturday, Oct 26, 3-5pm

Christmas Cookie Crawl

Saturday, Dec 7, 11am-1pm

Carolling in the Churchyard

Sunday, Dec 22, 4-5pm

Christmas Eve family service

Tuesday, Dec 24, 4pm

...and every Sunday morning,

8:30 & 10:30am



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1512 Kingston Rd, Scarborough

*times might change; always check our social for the latest details!

Our Vision – May 2022



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Clergy Team

The Rev. Andrew MacDonald

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The Rev. Joan Wilson

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