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NAUGHTY IS UP 10% THIS YEAR ... NOT THAT IT MATTERS, THEY'RE ALL GETTING LOVE AND FORGIVENESS AFTER ALL

### Claiming God's Promises

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

(John 3:16)



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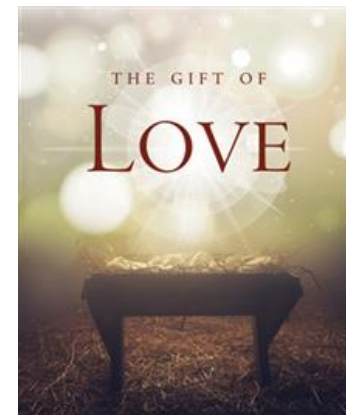
Anglican Network  
in Canada



The Second Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, December 4, 2016  
10:00 AM

"FROM HEAVEN ABOVE ~  
THE GIFT OF LOVE"

JOHN 3:11-21



"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"  
(John 7:37-38)

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## Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who has caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



## Ministering @ Living Waters Today

**Greeters:** Glen & Margo Hyde

**Reader:** Rachael Souch

**Prayers of the People:** Derek Waddingham

**Chalice Bearers:** Derek Waddingham & Deborah Brown

**Computer:** Ross Underhill

**Prayer Team:** Ivan & Kitty Stewart

**Kid's Church:** Kathleen Young, Brenda Windatt, Timothy Hutuma, Yolande Chan

**Counters:** Scott Young & Gail Sulpher

**Church Set-up:** Kyle Joudry

## KIDZ ZONE

All children from K to Gr. 12 are welcome to join KidzZone--our Sunday morning children and youth program. Young people and crew are dismissed after the reading and return at Communion. We have great things planned for our K-6 class, and our teens will be starting Youth Alpha, a 12-week course on the basics of our faith, next Sunday. For more information about Kidz Zone- or how to serve in this important ministry area, please speak to Brenda Windatt (Children's Coordinator).

## Prepare Ye the Way! An Advent Prayer Night



**“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”** (Isaiah 40:3). Advent begins not with carols and bells or shepherds and stars, but with the prophet's call to prepare--not our Christmas baking, holiday shopping, or decorating, but a deeper, more personal preparation. He calls us not to prepare our homes, but our hearts, as we watch and wait for the coming of Jesus. As part of our preparation, we will be holding an Advent Prayer Meeting on **Tuesday, December 13** at the **Doering Home ~ 726 Chatsworth Place ~ from 7:00 - 9:00 PM.** All are welcome to join us as we prepare the way for Jesus and make straight the path to our hearts.

## Financial Update: Actual vs Budget January - November 2016 (11 months)

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Contributions	\$124,368	\$127,792	-\$2,440
Expenditures	\$127,653	\$128,796	+\$1,143
Difference	-\$3,285	-\$1,004	-\$2,281

- Thank you to everyone for their generous and faithful stewardship over the past 11 months.
- Contributions are 97% of what we need!
- Total expenses are close to budget with some categories are less than budget.
- We have done a projection to December 31 and have determined that we will need about **\$3,500** over our regular monthly giving to meet our 2016 operating budget.
- Please pray about how God might be calling you to respond to this need in support of ministry and mission in and through *Living Waters*.

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## Reverse Advent Calendar

Do you remember the traditional Advent calendar? Perhaps you still get one every year. A typical Advent calendar is used during the Advent season to help count down the days until Christmas. Each day--from Dec 1- 25--a door is opened on the calendar revealing a small toy, chocolate, or bible reading. This year, as part of our Advent preparations, people are invited to share in a new outreach project known as *Reverse Advent Calendar.*"

The *Reverse Advent Calendar* is a different kind of Advent calendar. Based on Acts 20:35; "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive,'" the premise of the *Reverse Advent Calendar* is simple: Instead of getting something yourself, you give to someone else. This is a great way too look beyond ourselves this Advent and Christmas season and to help others who might be in need at time of the year when money often runs short.

So how does it work? Everyday throughout the Advent season individuals and families are invited to place a non-perishable food item into the basket provided. As you do this, you can read the Scripture verses and meditations in the Advent devotionals *Living the Gospel Life: Daily Devotions for Christians On a Mission,* and to pray for those in our community who are in need and who will benefit from your basket.

The *Reverse Advent Calendar* is an excellent reminder that Christmas is all about giving and not receiving--as we read in John 3:16; "For God so loved the world, he gave his only Son..."

Baskets, devotionals, and a list of instructions are available at the Welcome Table. Please return your filled basket to the church in January, and they will be delivered to the Salvation Army Food Bank.



## For Your Prayers

Please hold the following people, places, and petitions in your prayers this week.

**The World:** Pray for an end to all violence and unrest; for countries in conflict and for the people who live in them--that the whole world would know the peace, justice, and freedom of God.

- For Israel, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, and parts of Africa.
- For the vulnerable: for women, children, those lost in the sex-trade, refugees, prisoners, and captives.

**The Church:** Pray for Christians throughout the world as they seek to proclaim the gospel--that Jesus would be known, worshipped, and obeyed.

- For the persecuted church: for Christians in the Middle East, Pakistan, China, and parts of Africa.
- For our Province (ACNA) and Primate: for Archbishop Foley Beach (& Allison).
- For our Diocese: for our Diocesan Bishop Charlie Masters (& Judy); our Suffragan Bishops: Stephen Leung (& Nona); Trevor Walters (& Dede); and retired Bishop Don Harvey (& Trudy).
- For ANiC congregations in Vancouver, BC: for The Church of the Good Shepherd (Chinese), Richmond; the Rev. Anson Ann; and for all who work and worship in that parish.
- For our brothers and sisters in Christ ministering with us in Kingston: for Bible Baptist Church.
- For our parish & the families of: Ross & Shirley Underhill, Monica Van Order, Roy & Ferne Vopni, Derek & Heather Waddingham, Mark & Brenda Windatt.
- For missionaries at home and abroad--for their safety and protection, as they spread the good news.

**Our Country, Province, and City:** for all those in authority--that they would lead with righteousness and truth.

- Pray for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Premier Kathleen Wynne; and Mayor Bryan Paterson.

**The Sick and Suffering:** Pray for all those who cry out for healing in body mind or spirit.

- Pray for those in our parish: Harry, Barb, Ann, Mike, Liz, Barbara, Howard.
- Pray for our family & friends: Carolyn, Al, Brenda, Sue, J.T.



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## Advent Bible Study: From Heaven Above



“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the father of the heavenly lights...” (James 1:17)

The best gift that we’ve ever received was found not under a Christmas tree, but in a feeding trough; not wrapped in expensive paper, but in bands of cloth—as the angel announces in Luke 2:12; “You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths lying in a manger.” The gift of Jesus is a gift we don’t buy, nor earn—it’s a gift of God’s love and grace freely given to anyone who would receive it. In this 4-week Advent Study, based on our Advent sermon series, participants explore the biblical background of the gifts of hope, love, peace and life that come from heaven above through Jesus. The cradle and the cross go together—and these gifts are guaranteed to us through the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Study and discussion questions, prayers and reflection help participants see that we can share the gifts that Jesus brings to let others know about the birth of the Greatest Gift of all. Join us **Tuesday mornings** in Advent at the **Kingston House of Prayer (447 Division Street) from 10:30 AM - Noon.**

## ADVENT 4 Luncheon

On the 4th Sunday of Advent—December 18—our Kidz Club will be putting on their Annual Christmas Presentation which will be a combination of a traditional Christmas pageant, lessons & carols, and tableaux. Following the service, we will continue our celebration with a Luncheon.

If you can provide sandwiches, squares, or veggies and dip, please sign the sheet at the Volunteer Table or speak to Kathleen Young.

Please mark this on your calendar and plan to attend this morning of worship and fellowship.



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## Living Waters Community Sharing

Thank you to everyone who brought in warm socks during the month of November. Looking ahead to **January**, we will be collecting **HATS, MITTS, GLOVES, & SCARVES** for men, women and children. Please bring **new** items to church and place them in the basket at the Welcome Table. For more information, speak to Barb Lutz or the Rector.



## Kingston Toy Drive

Once again, we are participating in the Kingston Toy Drive sponsored by the Salvation Army and Fly FM. This is huge undertaking and each donation contributes to providing a memorable and joyful Christmas for families in our city who are in need. Last year, the Toy Drive provided toys for over 2800 local children.

There is a blue chord at the back of the gym holding gifts tags identifying age and gender. Please take a tag (or 2!) and purchase an age-appropriate gift. **Toys must be new and unwrapped and the value should not exceed \$50.** Popular toys this year are: Lego, Star Wars, Barbie, sports equipment, craft supplies, board games, and remote controlled vehicles. Please avoid toys that promote violence. Unwrapped gifts must be returned with the tags no later than **next Sunday, December 11.**

