Anglican Parish of Central Saanich
St. Mary Church St. Stephen Church
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Welcome To
PARISH OF CENTRAL SAANICH
St. Mary Church 9:00



"All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats."
– Matthew 25:32

November 22, 2026 – The Reign of Christ

Join us as we worship the living Christ!

We acknowledge that we gather to worship on the traditional lands of the W̱SÁNEĆ and Coast Salish Peoples

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The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego, Incumbent

Associated Clergy
Bishop Logan McMenamie • The Ven. Bob Baillie • The Rev. Dr. Brett Cane
The Rev. Paul Schumacher • The Rev. Gil Shoesmith, deacon

A Warm Welcome to all who worship with us, especially visitors.
With thanks, please mute your cell phones during the service.
The congregation says or sings the items in ***bold*** *typeface.*

♫ **Prelude** – Carolyne Solberg

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

♫ **Gathering Song: *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven* (CP #381)**

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia! praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour to our forebears in distress.
praise him, still the same forever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless;
Alleluia, alleluia! glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him; You behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

The Gathering of the Community

In this time and place we gather on the ancestral lands of the W̱SÁNEĆ and Coast Salish Peoples.
From many places and Peoples we come to this house in prayer.
In this time and place we gather in the name of the living God.
We meet in the presence of Jesus Christ, risen and alive.
In this time and place, we gather with the community of faith around the globe and across the ages.
In this time and place heaven and earth are one.
In this time and place, we are not alone, but one in Christ.
Knit together in the unity of the Spirit.
In this time and place, hallowed, expectant, one people in God.
In the name of the Holy and Blessed One, Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

♫ **Hymn of Praise: *Glory to God on High* (CP #365)**

Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.
We give you praise, almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Father's only son,
The sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin, have mercy Lord.
Beside the Father's hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord. You only are most high.
You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.
And now you reign with Father and with Spirit one in glorious light.

Centering Stillness & Prayer of the Day

Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God. *(Silence)*

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE READINGS

First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 – Irene Feir

[11] For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will
sort them out. [12] As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among
scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the
places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick
darkness. [13] I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from
the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on
the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts
of the land. [14] I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights
of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing
land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. [15] I
myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down,
says the Lord God. [16] I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays,
and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat
and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100 – Carol Watkins

[1] Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
[2] Know this: The Lord himself is God; **he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**
[3] Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his name.
[4] For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23 – Barb Baillie

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the
saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I
remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the
Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come
to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may
perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of
his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable
greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his
great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him
from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far
above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name
that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has
put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for
the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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♫ **Gradual:** ***The King of Love My Shepherd Is*** **(CP #520)**

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and He is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within Thy house for ever.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:31-46 – Ken Pedlow

God be with you. **And also with you.**
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

♫ **Alleluia**

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him,
then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered
before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd
separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right
hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right
hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and

you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [37] Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40] And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' [45] Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of Christ.

♫ **Alleluia**

Sermon – The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego

The Nicene Creed (*see pew insert*)

The Prayers of the People – Ken Pedlow

Confession & Absolution

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. *Silence is kept*

Most merciful God, **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.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

The members of the community offer a sign of peace to one another.

♫ **Offertory:** ***The Servant King*** **(Common Ground #128)**

1. From heav'n You came, helpless babe,
Enter'd our world, Your glory veiled;
Not to be served, but to serve,
And give Your life that we might live.

Chorus: **This is our God, the Servant King,**
He calls us now to follow Him;
To bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.

2. There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
"Yet not My will, but Yours," He said; *Chorus*

3. Come, see His hands and His feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice;
Hands that flung stars into space,
to cruel nails surrendered. *Chorus*

4. So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone Him;
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving. *Chorus*

Prayer over the Gifts

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, so that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

HOLY EUCHARIST

Liturgy for Islands and Inlets (Cedars)

May God be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Holy One**.
Let us give thanks to our loving God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you, Creator of all. We praise you in this particular part of your creation here in the Salish Sea. We praise you for the wonderful diversity of sea life, plants, animals and people who live in this place.

We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again. We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land,

were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, in families and dreams, and through wilderness prophets who prayed on mountains and listened to ravens. Together with angels and ancestors, whales and eagles, arbutus and fern, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

♫ **Sanctus& Benedictus – (Steve Bell)**

Holy, holy holy Lord; God of pow'r 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 (*repeat*)
(Repeat first stanza)

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread. On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me. Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community. Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of Creation.

Bring us with St. Francis of Assisi, our patron saint of nature, of animals, and ecology, and all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come. All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

♫ **The Lord's Prayer** *(sung; see pew insert)*

Breaking of the Bread

Creator of all, who summons the salmon from the depths of the seas to yearn for the place of their origin.

So may your Spirit stir in our hearts to return and find our home in you.

The gifts of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Administration of Holy Communion

All are invited to share in the Bread or a Blessing. • Gluten Free Wafers are available upon request. Please cross your arms at the rail if you would like a blessing.

♫ **Communion** – Carolyne Solberg

Prayer after Communion

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology & Blessing

Glory to God, 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.**

♫ **Sending Song:** ***Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*** (CP #383)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth His successive journeys run;
His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

Dismissal

♫ **Postlude –** Carolyne Solberg

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Please join us for coffee and conversation in the parish hall.

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💐 The altar flowers at St. Mary are given by **Rev. Gil Shoesmith** to the glory of God and in memory of his son, Greg; love from his family.

Thank you to all who are assisting today:
St. Mary: ♫ Carolyne Solberg, Joanne Lambert, *Readers*: Irene Feir, Carol Watkins, Barb Baillie, Ken Pedlow, *Assistants*: Ken Pedlow, Marian Towstego, Carol Watkins, 🔔 Matty Stuart

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2026 Christmas Season Events & Services

December 5	9:00-11:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast w/ Santa (by donation)	St Mary
December 20	9:00 & 11:15 a.m.	Lessons and Carols Service with Holy Eucharist	St Mary St Stephen
December 23	5:30 & 8:00 p.m.	Vox Humana Choir Concert: A Child's Christmas in Wales (by donation)	St. Mary
December 24	4:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service with Holy Eucharist	St. Stephen
December 24	8:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service with Holy Eucharist	St. Mary
December 25	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Service with Holy Eucharist	St. Mary
December 27	10:00 a.m.	Combined Service with Holy Eucharist	St. Stephen

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Thank you for your gift!

Parish Financial Position

The financial performance of the parish is in line with what was expected at this time of year. The following results are not adjusted for seasonal giving which has historically been most significant in the last quarter of the year and while these numbers show a deficit, it is hoped that seasonal giving trends apparent in prior years will be realized again in 2026. If we achieve the results we expect, the Parish should break even, and it is hoped that we might even achieve a small surplus.

Financial Position as Of August 31, 2026			
Category	**St Stephen**	**St Mary**	**Parish**
Giving and donations	54,291.12	81,976.02	136,267.14
Other operating income	19,158.04	19,546.34	38,704.38
Total operating income	73,449.16	101,522.36	174,971.52
Total operating expenses	88,022.71	112,213.68	200,236.39
Projected Surplus/(Deficit)	(14,573.55)	(10,691.32)	(25,264.87)

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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



The women of the parish are invited to meet for coffee or tea, some goodies, and great conversations. This month we are meeting at **St Stephen Boardroom, Friday November 27, at 10:00 am.**



The next Men's Breakfast will be **Saturday, November 28 at 9:30** at **St. Stephen Hall**. Speaker will be Rev. Gil Shoesmith. RSVP to Lon ltowstego@bc.anglican.ca / 250-208-9949, or verbally to Ken Pedlow.

NARNIA: THE MUSICAL – December 18 to 20. Aslan gives his life for a traitor and rises again in C.S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, on stage with Theatre al Dente at Denford Hall, 781 Richmond Avenue. Friday at 7 PM, Saturday and Sunday at 2 PM. All ages.
Tickets $25, seniors $23, groups of 10 or more $20 each.
Sign up for group tickets at the table in the Narthex (St.M) for the Sunday performance, or email admin@parishcs.ca by **Tuesday, November 24th**.
Tickets: https://www.theatrealdente.com/narnia

ST. MARY OUTREACH – In your offering envelope package you will find special monthly outreach envelopes. For those who do not have offering envelopes, you may bring your outreach offering in a plain envelope, marked "Outreach for Month of ____" with your name and address.

November	**Rainbow Kitchen –** Rainbow Kitchen is a hub for food security programming in the Capital Regional District providing free hot meals and facilitating food sharing to anyone in need.

ST. STEPHEN OUTREACH

November	**Christmas Hampers** – To provide grocery store gift cards to local families in need.

INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Church of England. We pray for Archbishop Sarah Mullally; the Anglican Church of Canada and Archbishop Shane Parker, Primate; John Stephens, Metropolitan of The Province of B.C and Yukon. We also pray for Archbishop Chris and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Anna, our bishop, and St. Philip, Cedar.

Regional Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the people of the **Parish of St. Margaret of Scotland**, and the people of the parish and neighborhood. Be with them as they spread the good news, the Gospel to the folk on the Island and around it. Be with their rotating clergy and Lay Assistant team**.**

Our Parish Clergy: Lon, Logan, Brett, Bob, Paul and Gil.

In our Parish: We pray for Sharon and Steve Butler, Deb Butler, and Mark and Karen Chase.

For those ill or in need of prayer: David Scarth, Bob Buchanan, Cathy Swincoe, Roche M., Rev. Gil Shoesmith, Leslie P., Karen C.

For those with long-term needs: Lynn S., Brett., Jane, Paul, and Natalie.

For friends beyond the parish: Seminarian Melanie, and postulants Gary & Richard, Rudi D., Alysha, Cassidy, Lynda T. Roger M., Courtney.

In the greater community: Justice, Violence, & Safety: We pray for those who are incarcerated, for victims of crime, and for all working toward justice, rehabilitation, and reconciliation. We pray for those affected by cycles of poverty, violence, or addiction. We pray especially for those experiencing violence or abuse in their homes or communities, and for those providing shelter, advocacy, safety, and hope.

Globally: Global Leadership & Peace: We pray for leaders of nations and all who hold positions of influence, that they may seek peaceful solutions to conflict and act with wisdom, courage, and compassion. We pray for diplomats, negotiators, and international organizations working for peace and cooperation, and for all responsible for delivering humanitarian aid. May those entrusted with power work for justice, protect the vulnerable, and build a more peaceful and compassionate world.

SCRIPTURES & READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Isaiah 64:1-9 – Brett Cane (SM) • Sharryl Pearce (SS)

Psalm 80:1-7,16-18 – Greg Robinson

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 – Jan Bergink (SM) • Lynda Clifford (SS)

Mark 13:24-37 – Lynn Schumacher (SM) • Mike Philip (SS)