

Clifton Pastoral Charge

Old Barns and Hilden United Churches

We are Affirming Churches in an Affirming Pastoral Charge

Clergy: Reverend Phillip Kennedy

Organists: Old Barns--Beckie Burrows, Hilden--Edith Selwyn-Smith

Church Bulletin Secretary: Judy Loughead

Mission Statement: To provide a friendly welcoming, caring, and safe environment to promote spiritual growth.

January 5th, 2025

Hilden & Old Barns Worship Service

Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy

Epiphany

Music provided by - (H & OB) Choir Members

Readers - (H) , (OB) Barb Miller

Prelude

Introit (VU #82, Chorus, Vs 1 and Chorus) "A Light is Gleaming"

Welcome & Life & Work of the Charge

Celebrations and Birthdays

Congregational Greetings

Land Acknowledgement

We give thanks today that we are able to worship on land that is the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq. As Treaty people, may we continue to seek ways to foster peace and friendship among all.

ALL MY RELATIONS

Lighting of the Unity Candle, Christ Candle, Silence, Centering Prayer

An Epiphany Prayer (VU #88) (in unison)

Hymn (VU #81) "As with Gladness Men of Old"

Story Time (Glenda Kent)

Special Music (H) "We Three Kings" Public Domain

(OB) "That Perfect Light" Words and Music by Ed Rush, © 2002, Harold Flammer Music

Hymn (VU #371, Vs 2 EARS) "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Scripture Matthew 2: 1-12

Sermon "Spreading the Light"

Hymn (VU #79) "Arise, Your Light Is Come"

(OB) Blessing Today we celebrate the blessing of Clifford Lee Burrows, born August 27, 2024. Clifford is the son of Hannah Burrows and the grandson of Jim and Leslie Burrows.

(OB) Blessing Song (Kent Loughead)

Music before prayer (VU #400) "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Focus on Giving

Offertory Prayer and (VU #55, Vs 4) "In the Bleak Midwinter"

A New Creed (VU #918)

Hymn (VU #91) "The First Nowell"

Commissioning / Benediction

**Sung Response (VU #87, Chorus, Vs 1, Chorus)
"I Am the Light of the World"**

Postlude

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 2nd, 2025 - Sunday, **Annual Hilden Congregational General Meeting** following the church service.

OLD BARNS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we celebrate the **Blessing of Clifford Lee Burrows**, born August 27, 2024. Clifford is the son of Hannah Burrows and the grandson of Jim and Leslie Burrows.

January 8th - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Old Barns UCW meet in the Russell Room.

January 26th, 2025 - Sunday, **Annual Old Barns Congregational General Meeting** following the church service.

The **Old Barns Session** is in need of **filling two upcoming vacancies**; one as of Jan. 1, 2025 and one as of May 31, 2025. Please contact a member of Session (Leslie Burrows, Karen Archibald-Waugh, Laurie Sandeson, Barb Miller) if you can offer to serve our church family in this way. Thank you.

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

M&S Report for December, 2024 is \$3,544.05 (\$345 World Development & Relief) for a total of \$26,039.25 year ending 2024. This was 86.8% of our goal. In addition, Water of Life received \$150 in December. Thank you so much to everyone who has supported Mission & Service this year. It does so much good here in Canada as well as in the world. We ask that you continue your support and invite others to join us in this great cause. -*The Stewardship Committee.*

Reminder - Heads-up! It is that time of year again. You may email Judy Loughead **Annual Reports** before January 10th at lougheadjd@gmail.com

February 9th, 2025 - Sunday, 2:00pm, **Joint Annual Clifton Pastoral Charge Meeting** in Old Barns.

From the *Future Vision Workshop*: Here's what **you** said:

What is a hope or wish you have for this community of faith?

- *Continue traditions while accepting change for our current time in history; keeping the 'church' in our community.
- *I would hope that somehow we could stay together as a functioning church community; other than the fire hall, it is the only place for community events and leadership geographically.

Lectionary Readings Next Year - January 12th, 2025

Scriptures: Luke 3:15-22

Theme: The Baptism of Jesus

Worship Services Schedule

Jan 12 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Jan 19 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Jan 26 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

Bookings -

Old Barns - contact Reg Henderson at 902-895-0740 or

rhenderson8@hotmail.com

Hilden - contact George Creelman at 902-897-4493 or

georgecreelman@hotmail.com

Bulletin Announcements - contact Judy at 902-895-7243 or

lougheadjd@gmail.com by Wednesday evening.

Charge Website - cliftonpastoralcharge.ca

Church bulletins & video of services are available on the website under the heading "Worship". **All Policies** - (*Funerals, Marriages, Baptisms or Blessings*) are located under the heading "About Us".

Clerks of Sessions - to contact the Session with any questions or concerns regarding the Spiritual Life of the church or to request a baptism or wedding, please contact your Clerk of Session:

Old Barns - *Leslie Burrows* 902-890-4682 or email

obsession@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca

Hilden - *Pam Henley* 902-953-1107 or email phenley@bellaliant.net

Minutes for Mission playlists at www.youtube.com/unitedchurchofcanada

stories and photos on www.united-church.ca

Need a Drive to Church (OB) - Contact Gordie at 902-895-6833

Old Barns Treasurer - regarding church business or etransfer donations contact Bob

Francis at oldbarnstreasurer@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca

Social Committee (OB) - contact Julia Blois at 902-893-2641.

The Reverend Phillip Kennedy can be reached at 902-957-4727 (cell) or by email at

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Visitation - If you, or someone you know, want or need a pastoral care visit, please contact either the Clerk of Session or the minister, Rev. Phillip Kennedy.