

*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 Loughhead

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

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**April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Worship Service**  
**Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy**  
**ACT I Palm Sunday**

**Music provided by - (OB&H) Choir Members**  
**Reader - (H) , (OB) Laurie Sandeson**

**Prelude**

**Introit (MV #128- all verses)**

*"When They Heard That Jesus Was Coming"*

**Welcome & Life & Work of the Charge**

**Celebrations and Birthdays**

**Congregational Greetings**

**Land Acknowledgement**

As we begin, we acknowledge that the first peoples to pray and sing songs, to craft rituals and share stories, to worship and celebrate the presence of the Creator in this beautiful land are the Wabanaki peoples, for us the lands of the Mi'kmaq.

We gather on land that is, by law, their unceded territory. With gratitude, we acknowledge the elders, past, present and emerging. We seek to live in right relationship with our neighbors and to walk with respect in creation. (Regions East)

**ALL MY RELATIONS.**

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

**Call to Worship**

Come and see. The Messiah is coming!

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Come and give thanks and praise to God, for our Liberation is upon us!

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Come, let us cut and wave palm branches; let us lie down our cloaks for the King of Israel, the Son of David has arrived.

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Hymn (VU #123) "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

**Story Time (OB-Barb Miller)**

**Special Music (H) "Hosanna, Hallelujah!"** Words and Music © 1967 by Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marshall

**(OB) "Blessed Is He"** Words and Music by Dave and Jean Perry, © 2003 by Alfred Publishing Co., Inc.

**Prayer of Illumination (MV #15) "Holy Sacred Sprit"**

**Scripture** 1 Samuel 8  
Luke 19: 28-40

**Sermon "The Commonwealth of God"**

**Hymn (VU #122) "All Glory, Laud and Honour"**

**Music before Prayer (VU #664 Vs 1) "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

**Focus on Giving**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Hymn (VU #127-Tune VU #108) "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"**

**Commissioning / Benediction**

**Sung Response (VU #126 Vs 3) "Ride On, Ride On, the Time Is Right"**

**Postlude**

## HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Hilden Financial Report

March 1/2025 Balance		\$21,206.38
Receipts	\$2,911.90	
Expenses	- 3,732.61	
Balance as of March 31, 2025		\$20,385.67

**Hilden Cards and Games:** (all are welcomed)

April 25 (Fri) @ 1:00 p.m.

## OLD BARNS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**April 26<sup>th</sup>** - Saturday, 9:00 a.m., **Cemetery Clean-up.**  
(Rain date May 3rd)

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** - Monday, 6:00 p.m., **Church Clean-up.**  
(Rain date May 12th)

**Old Barns Session** is inviting interested folks to become part of a **'Visiting Team'** to check in on *community/church members* who may enjoy a visit from time to time. Please contact a session member (Laurie Sandeson, Karen Archibald-Waugh, Barb Miller, Phillip Kennedy) to add your name to this list. When we have some interested people, we will meet to go over the details.

### March 2025 Financial Report

#### Old Barns United Church

Bank Balance Feb 28,2025		24,324.25
Receipts	7,682.70	
Expenses	11,056.28	
Bank Balance Mar 31,2025		20,950.67
M&S	963.00	
World Development	245.00	

**Lent** has begun and we invite you to be part of our Lenten **"Spare Change to Make a Change"** project. Please put your spare change in the pill bottle during lent and put it in the offering on Easter Sunday. (The Treasurers would prefer a cheque to a bottle of change) Let's see how much our "leftovers" multiply. Thank you for your support. -*The Stewardship Committee*

## JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

A committee has been formed to develop a **profile of the Clifton Pastoral Charge**. Thanks to *Trish Reynolds, Wayne Fisher, Lorne Burrows, Beckie Burrows, Heather McCurdy and Gordie Miller* who will form this committee, with the power to add the expertise of others through this process. The Visioning Committee will pause during this time.

**CONCERTS at Truro First United** - See email on bulletin board.

**April 17<sup>th</sup>** - Thursday, **7:00 p.m.**, Maundy Thursday Service is in Hilden.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>** - Friday, **11:00 a.m.**, Good Friday Service is in Old Barns.

**M&S Report for March** is \$1,528 which includes \$245 World Development & Relief and \$75 U.C.W. A Total of \$4,799 which is down \$601 from last year. We received \$481 in special donations last March, so our regular givings are down only \$120. Please remember your Lenten "spare change" donation this month. Thanks for your support. - *The Stewardship Committee*

**The Book** - "*How We Learn to Be Brave*" by Mariann Edgar Budde. For those who may want to purchase this book, it can be found through **Indigo** (a Canadian company). There will be one book available in the church library.

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** - Saturday, Noon - 2:00pm, **Mother's Day Tea**, Brunswick Street United Church. (See poster on bulletin board).

**May 12-15** - Atlantic Seminar in Theological Education 2025, Tatamagouche Centre, Nova Scotia, **Coming Home to Earth: Embracing Kinship, Creation, and Community**. See bulletin board for more information.

**May 24<sup>th</sup>** - Saturday, 4:00 p.m., **IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's** is coming up at Civic Square in Truro. We know there are many people in our communities (and our churches) who are on the dementia journey, and many more who care for them. The Walk is one way for us to raise awareness and offer support to those affected by dementia. **Why not get a church team together to walk?** You'll find all the information you need at: [www.walkns.ca](http://www.walkns.ca). (See the Poster on the Bulletin Board)

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** - Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., **Trinity United** is planning to hold a **Special Service** celebrating the **United Church of Canada's 100th Birthday**. This email is being sent out to gain an idea of what your interest in this service might be. Of course all local Churches are invited to attend this service, even taking part if so desired. Any way you would like to participate, joining the choir, reading scripture, etc., would be fine. Please share this information with your congregation and get back to us about any interest you may have, and how many might be attending. You can reach us through email at [trinityunitedob@gmail.com](mailto:trinityunitedob@gmail.com) or by phone (902) 895-4188.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Alexa Hoyt, Office Administrator

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**Lectionary Readings Next Year** - April 20<sup>th</sup> , 2025 Easter Sunday,  
*Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy*

**Scriptures:** John 20:1-18

**Theme:** Easter Sunday

**Worship Services Schedule**

Apr 17 - **7:00 p.m.** in Hilden, *Maundy Thursday Service*

Apr 18 - **11:00 a.m.** in Old Barns, *Good Friday Service*

Apr 20 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns - *Easter Sunday*

Apr 27 - 9:30 a.m. in Hilden, 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns

**Bookings -**

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

[rlhenderson8@hotmail.com](mailto:rlhenderson8@hotmail.com)

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

[georgecreelman@hotmail.com](mailto:georgecreelman@hotmail.com)

**Bulletin Announcements** - contact Judy at 902-895-7243 or  
[lougheadjd@gmail.com](mailto:lougheadjd@gmail.com) by Wednesday evening.

**Charge Website** - [cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](http://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** - *Position to be filled.*

**Hilden** - *Position to be filled.*

**Minutes for Mission** playlists at [www.youtube.com/unitedchurchofcanada](http://www.youtube.com/unitedchurchofcanada)  
stories and photos on [www.united-church.ca](http://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](mailto: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 [phillip.kennedy@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca](mailto:phillip.kennedy@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca)

**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.