

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.

February 16th, 2025

Hilden & Old Barns Worship Service

Led by Rev. Phillip Kennedy

Music provided by - (H & OB) Choir Members

Readers - (H) , (OB) Laurie Sandeson

Prelude

Welcome

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)

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

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

Life & Work of the Charge

Celebrations and Birthdays

Greetings

Call to Worship

Come, let us seek healing and instruction from Jesus.

We seek blessings and hope for radical change.

Come, let us seek a deeper discipleship.

We seek to follow the way and truth of Jesus for life abundant.

Come, let us celebrate God's presence together.

Hymn (MV #127) *"I Saw the Rich Ones"*

Story Time (OB - Gary Saunders)

Special Music (H) *"Come Touch Our Hearts"* (MV 12)

(OB) *"The Beatitudes"* Avery & Marsh/Wilson, © 1981 Hope Publishing Co.

Prayer for Illumination (VU #815 Vs 4) *"Come, Worship God"*

Scripture Luke 6: 17-26

Sermon *"On the Level"*

Hymn (VU #702) *"When a Poor One"*

Centering Prayer (VU #400) *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Focus on Giving

Offertory Prayer and Musical Response (VU #417 Vs 4)

"God, as We Rise to Leave"

A New Creed (VU #918)

Hymn (VU #699) *"Live into Hope"*

Commissioning / Benediction

Sung Response (VU #87, Ch, vs1, Ch) *"I Am the Light of the World"*

Postlude

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 2025 Financial Report

Hilden United Church

Bank Balance Jan. 1/2025		56,168.91
Receipts	2,469.37	
Expenses	<u>34,097.83</u>	
Bank Balance Jan. 31/2025		24,540.45

Hilden Games & Cards

Feb. 21st (Fri) 1:00 p.m.

OLD BARNS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Old Barns Bible Study ~~on Thursdays 9:45 a.m.~~

May continue following Rev. Phillip Kennedy's return from vacation.

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Phillip Kennedy will be *off for a week study leave and two weeks vacation* following the **Joint Annual Clifton Pastoral Charge Meeting**.

February 16th - Sunday (TODAY), 2:00 p.m. The **Clifton Pastoral Charge Annual Meeting** is rescheduled for Sunday Feb. 16th in Old Barns. If cancelled due to weather, the-rescheduled date is March 16th. 2:00 p.m.

February 20th - Thursday, 1:30 p.m. at the Hilden Church Hall. *The Future Visioning committee* has invited **David Hewitt, Regional Minister**, Bermuda Nova Scotia Region, to present information and discuss different models of Pastoral charge relations for Clifton Pastoral Charge. Please note this is for information and discussion only. No decisions regarding Pastoral relations will be made at this meeting. All are welcome to attend and participate.

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

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

*Messages/announcements are not being shared amongst churches and surrounding communities.

*More/ better connection amongst committees/groups.

*Feel as part of the church community.

*Draw the circle wider in our communities and church family.

February 23rd - Sunday, **10:00 a.m., JOINT SERVICE in Old Barns** led by *Bruce Varner*.

February 23rd - Sunday, **Soup Drive** - \$12 litre, Hamburger, Pea Soup, Apple Squash and Corn Chowder. **Prepaid only**, please order by *February 19th* with the Truro First United Church Office. (902) 895-8098

March 4th - Tuesday, **Shrove Tuesday, Pancake lunch/supper** at the Truro First United Church Memorial Hall! \$12 for adults; \$6 for children and Take-Out too! - **Pre Order with Church Office** – tickets available from the Church Office. (902) 895-8098

Lectionary Readings Next Year - February 23th, 2025 **10:00 a.m.**
Joint Service (*Led by Bruce Varner*)

Scriptures:

Theme:

Worship Services Schedule

Feb 23 - 10:00 a.m. **Joint Service** in Old Barns *led by Bruce Varner*
Mar 2 - 10:00 a.m. **Joint Service** in Hilden *led by Rev. Larry Harrison*
Mar 9 - 10:00 a.m. **Joint Service** in Old Barns *led by Rev. Larry Harrison*

Bookings -

Old Barns - contact Reg Henderson at 902-895-0740 or
rlhenderson8@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 - *Position to be filled.*

Hilden - *Position to be filled.*

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 e-transfer 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 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.