

May God grant you always -
A sunbeam to warm you
A moonbeam to charm you
A sheltering angel to always protect you
Laughter to cheer you
Faithful friends near you
And whenever, you pray heaven to hear you....

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Celebration of New Ministry

Diocesan Welcome for our Reverend Nick Parker

On Wednesday, April 13th, 2016 Bishop Melissa Skelton presided and celebrated at the Celebration of New Ministry Eucharist, installing our Reverend Nick Parker as Vicar of the Parish.

Though he has been serving here as our regular Sunday Supply priest for over a year, it was moving to have the Bishop and people from the Diocese witness the community support for Nick's ministry in Squamish, filling the church on a weeknight.



Episcopal Blessing with Bishop Melissa Skelton and Reverend Nick Parker.

It was also important for our congregations to formally welcome Nick through a liturgy where people from the

church presented him with various elements of ministry, such as baptismal water, the bread and the wine.

It was perhaps most wonderful to have Bishop Melissa so graciously welcome Squamish United Church congregation to a journey of joint worship with us, and for the Reverend Karen Millard to be included in the eucharist as well as in the presentation of the Bible to Nick.

Pam Tattersfield
Vicar's Warden

Easter at St. John's with Squamish United Church

Welcome Happy Morning! What a happy Easter morning it was! Our church was filled to overflowing with our two congregations as well as several visiting folks. Nick and Karen led us in a joy-filled service, complete with a choir led by Ian Brown, and well-loved Easter hymns played by Linda Halvorsen. Karen brought the new Light of Christ up to the altar and Nick carried the large cross into the sanctuary and invited everyone to help decorate it with fresh daffodils. After our service the decorated cross was put outside in front of the church for all to see and reflect on the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Annual Spring Fling—May 7th



Devry Greenhouse
hanging planter
\$30.00



*“For God is not unjust; he will not overlook your work and the love that you showed for his sake in serving the saints”
Hebrews 6:10*

Each year, on the day before Mother’s Day, tables are set up on the grass at the front of the church so that we can catch all the people passing by. We will be doing this again this year. The tables are covered with plants that our members and friends have grown either from seeds or clumps of perennials that have been split up. We end up with quite an interesting assortment for sale. Rita Carey & Eve Brealey will be

there to assist. We also have plants from Devry Greenhouse including hanging baskets, patio planters, strawberry plants, herbs and annuals. Dorothy Bruce is coordinating this as most of these are pre-ordered and ready for pick up on the 7th.

There will also be a table stocked with baked goods donated by our good bakers, under the watchful eye of Alice Christie. Ruth Fenton will have a selection of fabric remnants at her table for all

the sewers and quilters.

We always seem to have a good assortment of books for sale and there will be coffee, tea and muffins available to be enjoyed in our “tea room” in the church hall. Do come and have a bit of fun and help raise funds.

Don’t forget the following day, Sunday, May 8th is Mothers Day so you can pick up some hanging baskets or patio planters for that special lady.

Thank you to Lyle Fenton

Fences are meant to stay up. It is part of their purpose...to delineate property, offer privacy and a modicum of security. Yet one day, months ago, our fence to the rear of the church property collapsed in unfettered abandon. Lying on the ground, a now corrupt fence was less than a pretty sight! Twisted and torqued out of shape, the old fence was beyond redemption. No amount of prayer was going to resurrect the old ten foot high beast. Options were sought, quotes received, and band aid solutions were bandied about but, in reality, all seemed lost. Then out of nowhere...like, from next door, he came. Friendly & confident, a man of action with the skills & the knowledge to back it up, strode onto the church property. It was like “howdy ho” neighbour, our “sent from God” hero had arrived.

As the days went by, hand-milled, dimensional cedar arrived for the new creation. As the old disappeared and the new emerged, the fence was reborn. Six feet tall, handsome & strong, the fence was a thing of beauty. To a new found friend, to a great neighbour, and to a ‘heart of gold’ kind of guy...many, many thanks Lyle. But then, one would expect nothing less from a Fenton!

From the Rev’d Nick Parker and all of us at St. John’s, Squamish.

St. John’s Art Gallery



Barbara enjoyed painting as a child but it wasn’t until 1971 that she pursued oil painting while living in Victoria. After moving to Vancouver in 1978, she took a bit of a break as she was caring for her husband & 3 children while working 3

jobs. In the mid 90’s she returned to her love of painting and continued for 3 years while living in Sechelt. Now in Squamish, she painted murals with acrylics for West Coast Railway and is now a member of the Squamish Valley Artists Society.

Let's Eat !!

This breakfast club is the efforts of the Squamish United Church men to facilitate a laid back means of keeping them involved in a variety of subjects that impact them locally as well as internationally. The group is headed up by Walter Huber who plans the meeting subject, in consultation with the group. Walter is also the chief cook and relies on the help of the whole group to cook the pancakes, bacon, scrambled eggs, coffee, and fresh fruit. Attendance varies, but averages 12



to 15 men that meet once a month on a Saturday at 8:30am in the church hall. The meetings are open to men of any faith, but a confirmation of attendance is required.

On Saturday, June 11th we will be holding our first summer potluck dinner. This is a great opportunity to come out and meet some new people and enjoy a bevy of delicious food. We hope to have music accompaniment and we will have some local wine available for purchase. If you would like to assist or have an ideas you would like to share for this event, please contact Lisa at the office.

Don Christie, People's Warden

“Love measures our stature; the more we love, the bigger we are. There is no smaller package in all the world than that of a man all wrapped in himself”

William Coffin

United Church Women's Chicken Sale



Squamish United Church Women (UCW) will be hosting a Spring Chicken Sale fundraiser. Order forms will be available in early May, with orders due by Sunday, June 5. Pick up date is Wednesday, June 8 at St. John's Anglican Church between 4:00-6:00pm.

There are many varieties of chicken, from large roasters to boneless-skinless breasts and ready-to-go honey garlic wings.

For further information, please contact Vicki Haberl at vhaberl@shaw.ca.

Hope Bear - Anglican Foundation

New to the Anglican Foundation of Canada in 2011 was the Foundation of Hope Bear. For a \$20 donation to the Foundation, you can have your own Hope Bear as a reminder that the Anglican Church cares about kids in Canada. All donations will be placed in a Fund called Kids Helping Kids – a fund that is currently being established to help kids in need right here in Canada.

One in seven children in Canada lives in poverty, and hundreds will never have the chance to thrive or contribute due to poverty and social deprivation. The Anglican Foundation of Canada wants to help make a difference.

KNOW ANYONE GRADUATING THIS SPRING? You can order a Hope Bear with a custom scarf

made in school colors. If you already have a Hope Bear, a complimentary scarf with school colors will be provided. Your donation will have an impact on a child's life right here in Canada! \$20.00 each
Order at: <http://www.anglicanfoundation.org/hope-bear/hope-bear/>





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Heresy by Reverend Nick Parker

Someone once said that “heresy” was saying the right thing at the right place at the wrong time. Having been asked to write something about the church, I thought perhaps the lighter side of life would be appropriate. So, from your non-resident priest, here goes...

Have you ever scratched your head while sitting & pondering the church? All that happens is that your hair falls out and you never get in touch with your roots. I mean it is really sad; so many issues to grasp and you're scalped before you start because of wrong attitudes. It's tough: to try to brush up on current theology, come through the tangles of life, and be conditioned for the unexpected.

Yet, you're always frazzled, splitting ends, trying to fit Christianity into a nice neat package.

We really try to dig in the nails and massage the issues into shape, but there is always the catch, the flaky statements that peel off and mar the surface. Sure, when you are wet behind the ears and everything is in a mess, anything looks good, but you are damp and there is no shine, no body to the stuff. So what do you do?

You have to tease the issues and separate the strands of thought so that all the matter is straight. But that is not all, you have got to ensure that while you are styling the content,

and blowing it into shape, it does not dry out. You have to capture the bounce, the beauty, the softness and color of the image and message you want. Naturally, sometimes the state of the art is less than perfect and the resulting product is washed out.

But then that is life in the church, for when God is left out of the picture, or if we lose the spirit of trust & adventure, we cannot span the gap and we get a hack job - “Heresy”.

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