

St. Brice's Anglican Church Newsletter December 21, 2024.



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Something To Make Us Smile

An atheist scientist came to God and said, "We've figured out how to make a man without you." God said, "OK, let me see you do it." So the atheist bent down to the ground and scooped up a handful. But God stopped him and said, "Oh, no you don't. Get your own dirt!"



St. Brice's Visioning Scripture

"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus." Colossians 3: 14, 17 (NLT)



SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Christmas Services



Our Christmas Eve worship service will begin at 7pm. Our Christmas Day worship service will begin at 11am (traditional). On Sunday, December 29, the worship service will be held at 10:30am.

Living Nativity

We had hoped to offer a “Living Nativity” to the community this season. This would be a short outdoor worship service, with carols, a reading of Luke 2, the Holy Family (baby Jesus, Joseph, and the Blessed Virgin Mary), shepherds, and live animals. Unfortunately, we were not able to find suitable barn animals anywhere near North Bay! Keeping 2025 in mind, if you learn of any placid donkey, *etc.*, in the area, please let the parish office know.

Alpha



The Alpha course is a light-hearted introduction to, or review of, the Christian faith. The introductory session will be held on Wednesday, 8 January, beginning at 6pm. There are 11 evenings in total. The format is a light meal together, a video, and then discussion. (Participants can say as much or as little as they like during the discussion time.) Each week there is a different theme. There is no cost to participate.

If you have not taken Alpha before, or not for a long time, we encourage you to check it out.

It is helpful to know numbers in advance, for the meal preparation. If you would like to come, please leave a message at the parish office (stbrices.northbay@yahoo.ca ; 705 474-4005).

Sugar Cookies

Several parishioners gathered this afternoon to make sugar cookies, which are delicious. Some of them will be shared in the parish hall tomorrow (Sunday morning).

Christmas Food Bank Support



This past Thursday, the St. Brice's Food Bank shared a number of Christmas items. Jen and Shane Auger wrote: “On behalf of St Brice's Food Bank we would like to thank everyone who made the Christmas giveaway possible. It was a huge success.”

Cassellholme Christmas Tree

Gifts from the Cassellholme Christmas Tree will be distributed to some residents of Cassellholme tomorrow.

Financial Update

By the end of November, our deficit was reduced from the end of October.

Income, 1 January to 30 November: \$153 802.

Expenses, 1 January to 30 November: \$160 957

Deficit: \$7154.

People have been generous this month. Most of our expenses have been paid. As of last Sunday, the deficit stood at about \$8000, but there will be income from two Sundays, and Christmas services. We hope that our deficit will be erased, or nearly erased, by year's end.