

Clifton Pastoral Charge

Old Barns and Hilden United Churches

We are Affirming Churches in an Affirming Pastoral Charge

Clergy: Reverend Phillip Kennedy

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

Church Bulletin Secretary: Mallery Thomas

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

November 9, 2025

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

INTROIT VU 524 O Canada

Verse 1, Soloist Meaghan McCurdy

Verse 2 [All]

**O Canada! Where pines and maples grow.
Great prairies spread and lordly rivers flow.
How dear to us thy broad domain,
From East to Western Sea,
Thou land of hope for all who toil!
Thou True North, strong and free!
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
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Welcome, Life, Work of the Charge

Celebrations

Greeting Your Neighbour

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

OPENING PRAYER

On this day of Remembrance, O God, we give thanks:
For peacekeepers and pacifists; for those who served
on the front lines, and those who protest and march;
for those who volunteered and those who waited
anxiously at home; for those who hoped that things
would get better, and those who could not stand by and
wait.

We give thanks for those who believed that the world
could be a better place.

We remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice,
trusting that others could and would carry the torch.

We give thanks for those who were once enemies who have
become friends and allies.

HYMN 527 God as the Silent Hearts

Reading of the Roll – OB – Karen Stratton

In Flanders Fields [this is printed on the back of the honour roll]

The Last Post, 2 minutes silence, Reveille

“They shall not grow old...”

The Wreaths

SPECIAL MUSIC

❖ **Old Barns – Not Without Courage**

Words to the Not Without Courage anthem written by Greta Vosper 2015.
Tune: Abide with Me Public Domain

❖ **Hilden - In Flanders Fields**

Words and Music: Pat Mayberry 2021 (With credit to John McCrae)

Arrangement: David Kai 2021

As printed in The Gathering: Music for Worship (Year C) 2022

Story time - OB – Barb Miller

SCRIPTURE: Luke 20:27-38

SERMON: “Questioning Assumptions?”

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God of life and death and life beyond life: we confess our love of quick and simple solutions. We avoid complexity in favour of simple and shallow answers; we prefer slogans to solutions. We are too prone to look back after setting our hand to the plough. We do not want to commit to the long haul.

When we reflect on our history of the things that make for peace and the things that make for war, we confess that we have resorted too quickly to violence instead of committing to the hard work of seeking just and fair solutions. At other times, we have been reluctant to hold others to account, and have ignored injustice and even cruelty. Forgive us for our unwise use of our own power and our use of your name to bolster our side in our battles.

HYMN VU 494 Those hearts that we have treasured

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father and Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven
Give us each day our daily bread
And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those indebted to us.
Lead us not into temptation but save us from the time of trial
For the kingdom, power and glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN VU 424 May the God of Hope

COMMISSIONING / BENEDICTION

SUNG RESPONSE MV214 "May God's Sheltering Wings"

Opening prayer and prayer of confession were written by

Rev. Dr. Neil Parker (military chaplain)

We would like to thank Meaghan McCurdy today for lending us her voice today, in honour of those who fought for our freedoms.

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.

– John McCrae



“Lest We Forget”

In memory of those who gave their lives in two World Wars. Today, we honour them.

1914-1918

Hilden

Alfred Archibald
W.A. Archibald
O.W. Blakeney
C.E. Bryson
L.W. Bryson
R. Gibbs
D.M. Harvey
F.A. Harvey
Fred A. Murphy
G.N. Murray
B.M.(Harry) Wynn
J. Wynn

Old Barns

A.Earle Crowe
B.Nicholas Decoste

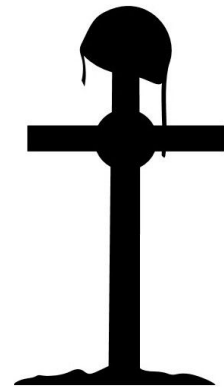
1939-1945

Hilden

Hedley Kennedy

Old Barns

Clarence M. Archibald
Robert Crowe
Willis E. Dearmond
Eric. C. Loughhead
Charles F. Rogers
Harold F. Starrett



A Joint Congregation Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at the Hilden United church. The purpose of the meeting is to decide which option of the proposals presented by the Profile committee we wish to explore. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Mission and Service – October 2025 \$2,443.00

This brings our total to date for 2025 to \$21,310.10, which is 85.2% of our goal for this year. Thank you to all supporters of M&S. It is much appreciated.

Connect: Community Game and Craft Night 6:30-8:30pm

November 13, December 11 and January 8

55 King Street, St. Andrew's United Church

*See poster at front of church for more details

Cards & Games - Hilden

Friday's at 1:00pm – December 5

Wednesday's at 10:00am – November 19, December 17

If anyone in the community (Old Barns or Hilden) would be interested in attending Chess Club [beginners, seasoned players, and all ages welcome!], please contact Mallery at secretary@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca for more information.

Measha Brueggergosman-Lee Live in Concert

Christmas at Home with Aaron Davis, Mike Eckert and Steve Lee

Measha Brueggergosman-Lee to perform at First United Church, Truro, Nova Scotia on Tuesday, December 9th, 2025

Tickets for Measha Brueggergosman-Lee's "Christmas at Home" concert goes on sale this Friday at 10:00 AM online at EventBrite or by clicking the link at www.rockthefiddleevents.com

Tickets are \$50.00 each plus taxes and service fees

If you have any announcements you would like to see in the Bulletin, please email Mallery Thomas [mallerygthomas@gmail.com]. Submissions for the week must be submitted by Thursday at 10:00am

Lectionary Readings

Scriptures:

Theme:

Worship Service Schedule

November 2 – Joint service in **Hilden** with Rev. Shannon MacLean presiding.

Booking-

Old Barns- contact Reg Henderson @ 902-895-0740 or rlhenderson8@hotmail.com

Hilden- contact Sheila Marshall at 902-893-2636 or

Diane Creelman 902-897-4493

Bulletin Announcements - contact Mallery Thomas secretary@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca

Charge Website - cliftonpastoralcharge.ca

Church bulletins & video of service 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 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 (OB)

Glenda MacDonald 902-897-6123 (Hilden)

The Reverend Phillip Kennedy can be reached 902-957-4727 (cell) or by email at phillip.kennedy@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca

Visitation: Please contact your pastoral elder [a list will be available next Sunday for each congregation], or Rev. Phillip Kennedy