

*Clifton Pastoral Charge
Old Barns & Hilden United Churches*

We are Affirming Churches in an Affirming Pastoral Charge

Clergy: The Reverend Doctor Darlene Brewer
Organists: Old Barns – Beckie Burrows; Hilden – Edith Selwyn-Smith
Bulletin Secretary: Leslie Burrows

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

Sunday, September 6, 2026

Introit MV # 7 Gather Us In

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations

Lighting of the Christ and Diversity Candles

Acknowledgement of Place

As we gather for worship, let us remember that this church is on land that is the traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

May we live with respect on this land and strive for peace and friendship with its people.

Call to Worship

God holds us close, calling us to hold one another in love.

Many are the endings and beginnings of our lives; many are the seasons through which God is faithful. Love is often not easy but is always worth it. You are worth the love of the divine, as am I.

May we dwell in that love, whether we are two or three or millions across all of Creation.

Living in a spirit of love is what Jesus teaches us.

In Jesus' name and as we worship him in God, may we see divine love everywhere. Amen! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn MV # 41 O Beautiful Gaia

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Musical Response MV # 97 Listen, God Is Calling

Time for All Ages

Scriptures Psalm 119: 105
Romans 13: 8-10
Matthew 6: 25-34

Sermon Settling in to the Season with Love

Hymn VU # 600 vs 1,3,5 When I Needed a Neighbour

Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and
others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's
presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love
and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to
proclaim Jesus, crucified and
risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Minute for Mission/Focus on Giving

Offering Prayer

Musical Response MV # 85 Take, O Take Me as I Am

Our Community Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

VU # 639 vs 1,3,5 One More Step Along the World I Go

Benediction/Blessing

Sending Music MV # 212 Sent Out in Jesus' Name

Worship Services Schedule –

Sept 13/20/27 9:30 a.m. in Hilden; 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns
Oct 4 9:30 a.m. in Old Barns; 11:00 a.m. in Hilden
Oct 11 9:30 a.m. in Hilden; 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns
Thanksgiving and Communion
Oct 18 9:30 a.m. in Hilden; 11:00 a.m. in Old Barns
Oct 25 10:00 a.m. Joint Service in Hilden
Pot Luck Sandwiches (no fish or seafood) & Sweets
following worship for Rev. Darlene's last service

The Reverend Doctor Darlene Brewer can be reached by email at
dr.dbrewer2008@gmail.com

Bookings

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

Hilden – contact Sheila Marshall at 902-893-2636 or
Diane Creelman at 902-897-4493

Bulletin Announcements - contact Mallory at
secretary@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca by Wednesday noon.

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 – Barb Miller 902-895-6833
Hilden – TBA

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
(H) – contact Glenda MacDonald at 902-897-6123

Visitation - If you, or someone you know, want or need a pastoral care visit, please contact (OB) Karen Archibald-Waugh or Barb Miller
(H) Sheila Marshall or Wayne Fisher

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charge Bulletin Secretary – Mallory Thomas has returned to fill this position starting September 7th. Please have any announcements in to her by Wednesday at noon.

Tuesday, September 15 at 1:00 p.m.

Guided Tour of the Millbrook Cultural & Heritage Centre

Cost \$5.00 per person if group of 20 or more

\$6.00 per person if fewer than 20

If you would like to join the group for this tour, please let Rev.

Darlene know by August 31st by emailing her:

dr.dbrewer2008@gail.com

If you missed the deadline, check with Darlene to see if there is still room.

September 23 – Official Board 7:00 p.m. in Hilden. A representative from each committee is encouraged to attend.

OLD BARNs ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 13 – Old Barns worship service will be outdoors, weather permitting, (otherwise Fellowship Hall). Please bring a chair, and a picnic lunch if you'd like to join us for a social time following the service. Water and juice will be provided. We look forward to welcoming folks as we move from summertime routines into fall schedules. All are welcome in this place!

September 20 – Terry Fox Walk 9:00 a.m. leaving from the church. "How to Donate" information was emailed to everyone. For further information, contact Heather at iceandadvice@eastlink.ca

September 27 – Clifton and Area Fall Market and Tea from 1 – 4 p.m. with local vendors, Tea, and Social.



A Back to School Blessing

Loving God,
parent and companion to us all,
hold the precious children and young people
in your loving care as they begin a new school year.

Nurture in them a sense of wonder.
Keep their curiosity alive, their imaginations wide,
and their hearts open to the joy of discovering something new.

May the spark of creativity, possibility, and adventure
continue to burn brightly within them.
Give them courage to ask questions, freedom to dream,
and confidence to become who they are meant to be.

Surround them with people who see their worth
and meet them with kindness, patience, and respect.

Protect them from harm, from cruelty and fear,
and from words and ideas that diminish the dignity of others.

And may they be a source of kindness, courage,
and welcome to those around them.

Bless them as they learn and grow,
as they make friends, face challenges,
discover their gifts, and find their own light.

May they shine in the ways that are uniquely theirs —
And may every child be surrounded
by the love, care, and hope they need to flourish.

Amen

