

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 30th, 2025

Advent I, Hope

Introit: “O come, O Come Emmanuel” vs 1

Welcome, Life and Work of the Charge

Celebrations, Birthdays, Prayer Requests

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

First Sunday in Advent “Hope”

Advent 1 – Hope

[Old Barns reading by Mallery and Bradley Thomas]

[Hilden reading by Trish Reynolds]

Today is the first Sunday in Advent, and we light the first candle in our Advent wreath, the candle that represents hope. We live in a world where people desperately look for hope: We see it in those who are searching for cures to diseases; We see it in those who are looking for inclusive love and an end to exclusion, and we see it in those who live in despair over climate change.

**Knowing the need for hope in all of our lives
and in this despairing world, we light this candle as
a symbol of the hope promised in the coming of
Jesus and the kingdom of God.**

(The first purple candle is lit)

HYMN VU 7 Hope is a Star

Story Time

Special Music – A Journey Just Begun

Words and Music: Jim Strathdee
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Prayer for illumination MV 172 “God Says” vs 1

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 2:1-5

[Hilden reading by Gail Sexsmith]

SERMON: “Hope for peace

HYMN; VU 5: All Earth is Waiting

VU 400: Lord Listen to Your Children Praying

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Focus on Giving

Offertory Prayer

Response VU: 81 As with Gladness vs 3

HYMN VU 29 “Hark the Glad Sound”

Commissioning, Benediction

Sung Response MV 172 God Says vs 4

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2025

Please come join us as we joyfully celebrate the Advent/Christmas seasons together beginning November 30th.

Here is a list of some of the services and events;

Advent, I Hope – November 30th

9:30am Hilden; 11am Old Barns

Tree Lighting and Carol Sing – December 2nd,
6:30pm at the Spirituality Circle [Old Barns United Church]

A Clifton Family Christmas Celebration December 5th

7:00pm in Old Barns

Advent II; Peace – December 7th

9:30am OB; 11am Hilden

Advent III; Joy – December 14th

9:30am Hilden; 11am OB

Advent IV | Christmas Sunday; Love- December 21st.

9:30am Hilden; 11am Old Barns

Christmas In The Barn – December 21st

6:30pm Archibald-Waugh Farm, 3442 Highway 236

**CHRISTMAS EVE- Lessons and Carols – 4:30pm
OB; 7pm Hilden**

First Sunday After Xmas, December 28th -

Joint service and Communion 10 am or Hilden- Charge
Potluck to follow

Merry Christmas!

-Rev. Phillip Kennedy

Announcements and Events

****Please note that there is a correction to the Christmas Advent Schedule. On December 21st, Hilden will be at 9:30 am, and Old Barns will be at 11am. There is a copy of this updated schedule in the Bulletin.****

Connect: Community Game and Craft Night
6:30-8:30pm 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 at 10:00am – December 17

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

Hilden United Church

The annual Hilden Mitten Tree will be up for the next two weeks for all those warm knitted articles you may have to donate. Items are greatly appreciated.

Hilden U.C.W. will be held on Tuesday, December 2 at 1:30pm, in the church hall.

Hilden Baked Bean and Brown Bread take-out supper will be held Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6. Pick up from the hall between 2pm and 5pm. Price \$15

Old Barns United Church

"A CLIFTON FAMILY CHRISTMAS" - Friday December 5th @ 7pm. Led by Highway 236 featuring special guest performances and a special visit by Santa! Fun for the whole family! Free-will offering.

All proceeds from this concert will go to the Colchester Food Bank. Any donations of \$20 or more will be issued a tax receipt. Please place your donation in an envelope including your name and place in donation plate at the concert or give to Leslie or Reg ahead of time. Donation cheques can be made out to the Old Barns UCW

The Old Barns UCW are once again collecting monetary donations for the Christmas Index Program. If you would like to contribute, place donation in an envelope with UCW and your name on it. Place in collection plate on Sunday or get to Leslie by December 7th. Cheques to be made out to Old Barns UCW.

Wednesday, December 3 at 5:30 for 6:00 p.m. Old Barns UCW Christmas Pot-Luck Party. Women of the Clifton Community and from the Hilden United Church are invited to join us as we prepare for Christmas.

Saturday, December 13th: Old Barns UCW is asking for 2 doz. crisp cookies for the Christmas Cookie Trays. Please leave the cookies in the Bayview Room by noon on Saturday, December 13th.

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

First United Church, Truro

Recognized as a hub of concert activity in the Truro area, they are looking forward to hosting six concerts in the month of December. Mark these dates on your calendar. [Tickets available online or at the door]

Saturday, December 6th at 7:00pm
A Candlelight Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 9th at 7:30pm
Christmas At Home with Measha Brueggergosman-Lee

Saturday, December 13th at 7:00pm
Winter Songs (Cantabile Society)

Wednesday, December 17th at 6:30pm
Brenna Conrad Voice Studio Christmas Recital

Friday, December 19th at 7:00pm
A Brigid Christmas

Saturday, December 20th at 3:00pm
Our Canadian Christmas (Creative Voices)

Cobequid United Church

December 7th at 6:00pm Tree Lighting

Make a Tree Shine Donate \$10 to place a light in memory of or in honor of someone special to you. Names will be read at the lighting of the tree (weather permitting).

Proceeds for local outreach ministry. Come and enjoy this special event with us. Hot chocolate & carols. Contact Rev. Marty 902-893-7585, Millie 902-986-1176; Ellen 802-890-3199 to make donations.

Lectionary Readings

Scriptures: Isaiah 2: 1-5

Theme: Hope

Worship Service Schedule

Holiday Schedule on Bulletin Insert

November 30 – December 31, 2025

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 elders or Rev.

Phillip Kennedy

Hilden - April Canton-Austin and Sheila Marshall

Old Barns – Karen Archibald-Waugh and Barb Miller