

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.

October 26, 2025

Joint Service – Old Barns and Hilden

PRELUDE

INTOIT- VU 236 Now thank we all our God vs1&3

WELCOME& LIFE& WORK OF THE CHARGE

CELEBRATIONS AND BIRTHDAYS

GREETING YOUR NEIGHBOUR

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION MOMENT

(Restitution?)

All My Relations

LIGHTING OF THE UNITY CANDLE, CHRIST CANDLE,

SILENCE, PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Come let us acknowledge our imperfections before
God

ALL; “All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God”

ONE: Come, let us seek reconciliation with God and
neighbour

**ALL: We seek the transformation and renewal of our
spirits.**

ONE: Come let us worship God, the Source of all life and love.

HYMN VU 222 Come Let Us Sing

STORY TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC : VU 661 Come To My Heart

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION – MV 21 “Open our Hearts” x2

SCRIPTURE: Luke 18: 9-14

SERMON – “Humility: the first step in transformation”

HYMN 364 Forgive Our Sins

FOCUS ON GIVING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE vu 293 “We Praise You” vs 1

A NEW CREED – VU 918

Music before prayer: **VU400 Lord, Listen to your Children Praying**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father or 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

HYMN VU 288 Great is thy faithfulness

COMMISSIONING / BENEDICTION

SUNG RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Joint Announcements

A Message from Rev. Phillip Kennedy:

“It is with mixed feelings that I need to tell you that, due to family physical and mental health reasons, I (Phillip) will be retiring at the end of December 2025. I will still be with you until then and will help you any way I can with the preparation for the next leg of the journey. I have notified the chair and secretary of the Official Board and: David Hewitt, Bermuda/Nova Scotia Regional personnel minister and Andrew Richardson, Atlantic representative of the Ministry of Vocation of the United Church of Canada.”

Official Board dated Sept. 23 decided the opportunity for Reverent Phillip to present the report of his Sabbatical on Oct. 26. *This report was emailed out to members and adherents on October 6.*

Please read the report so you will be prepared for discussion following the Joint Service at 10:00 a.m. in Hilden, Oct..26.

If you would like a copy [long and short are available], please contact
Old Barns: Gordie Miller 902-895-6833
Hilden : Trish Reynolds 902-956-8343

Wednesday, November 5th: Old Barns UCW will meet in the Russell Room at **9:30am**

Official Board Meeting, November 5th, 7:00pm in Old Barns

A special meeting of the Official Board has been called to receive that ‘change in pastoral relations’ letter from Rev. Phillip Kennedy, and to discuss our next steps as a pastoral charge.

If anyone would like to purchase their own copy of **“Then, Let Us Sing”**, we will be sending an order soon. We need about 8 more copies to get the discount, and shipping will be free. Each book cost is ~\$40. Please let Edith or Beckie know A.S.A.P. Thank you.

The recent “**Water of Life**” walk received roughly \$4,500 in donations, for a total of \$8,000 this year. The current campaign will be accepting donations until the end of the year. Cheques can be made to “Hilden United Church” or “Old Barns United Church”, with “Water of Life” noted on the memo line.

Church Calendars - If you would like a Calendar (or two), please let Leslie know by November 5th. Cost to be determined once shipping fees are applied. Best guess will be around \$15.

McCulloch United Church will be hosting a Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction on **Thursday, October 30 at 5pm**. Tickets presold for \$10. Phone Norma at 902-895-2008. **3321 Camden Road**
[Corner of Harmony and Camden roads, Truro]

YARD/CRAFT SALE November 1st – Church Hall, Irwin Lake Road in Hilden. **8am – 3pm**.

*To reserve a table (\$10) or have donations for the Church’s Sale Table, please call Diane (902-897-4493) or Beth (92-981-8028) or email

TreasurerHildenUnitedChurch@outlook.com

No Admission fee, but any donations greatly accepted. Tea, coffee and muffins for sale while you browse. Please drop off any donations Thursday, October 30 after 6pm, or Friday, October 31 between 1-3pm at the hall.

Jam Sessions will begin again in Hilden on October 19, 2-4pm. All are welcome to join.

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

The following will be updated in the bulletin next week:

Booking of Hilden Church Hall : Diane Creelman 902-897-4493

Hilden Social Committee: Glenda MacDonald 902-897-6123

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

Bulletin Announcements - contact Mallery Thomas @
mallerygthomas@gmail.com

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

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