

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.

Order of service

November 16th, 2025

Prelude

Introit MV 84 vs 1 "In You There Is A Refuge"

Welcome and Life & Work of the Charge

Celebrations, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Greeting Your Neighbour

Truth and Reconciliation Moment

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 and Prayer

Call to Worship

Come let us gather together as church

We gather to worship God and support each other.

Come, let us hear the words of comfort and challenge

We come seeking God's Word in our hearts and minds.

Let us worship and give thanks to God.

Hymn VU 409 "Morning has Broken"

Story Time with Phillip

Special Music OB MV 83 "Let My Spirit Always Sing"

Hilden

My Hope Is Build On Nothing Less
Hymnary.org/Public Domain

Prayer for Illumination MV 21: Open our Hearts x2

Scripture Luke 21 : 5-19

Sermon “Companion for the unknown future”

Hymn MV 90 “Don’t Be Afraid” x3

Focus on Giving

Offertory Prayer

Sung Response VU 293 “We Praise You” vs 1

A New Creed VU 918

Music before Prayer VU 400 “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 286 “If you will Trust in God to Guide You”

Commissioning, Benediction

Sung Response MV 84 “In You There Is A Refuge” vs 2

Postlude

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2025

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and they shall call his name Immanuel (which means God is with us). Matthew 1:23

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid: for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour who is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2:10f

Merry Advent/Christmas to you all!

This will be my last Advent/Christmas with you as your minister and so I wanted to do something a little different than just talking about light and hope amid darkness and despair; a message that is needed for both church and the world more than ever.

While the four Sundays of Advent in order are Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, I want to focus on a reiteration of my message to you in my sabbatical report and focus on JOY.

We all need some JOY in our lives when so much is stressful! I want to suggest to you that while the joy in the Christmas story is about the birth of Jesus, the basis of deep spiritual Joy is the experience of feeling and knowing the presence of Christ in our lives!

God, in Christ, has saved, healed and liberated us in a way that empowers and makes sense of our lives, like nothing else. It is the foundation experience for all we do and are as church and without it we risk burn out. It answers the WHY of everything else built on that foundation.

My prayer for you this Advent/Christmas, and always, is that this experience of joy in God's presence and love will be real for you anew.

For those that have experienced the joy of your salvation, I invite you recall it in your memory. For those who never have experienced it, I invite you to open your heart and, like the Inn Keeper, invite the Cosmic Christ in.

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:

November 30	9:30 a.m. in Hilden	Advent I: Hope
	11:00 a.m. in Old Barns	
December 2	6:30 p.m. in Old Barns	Tree Lighting and Carol Sing at the Spirituality Circle
December 5	7:00 p.m. in Old Barns	A Clifton Family Christmas Celebration
December 7	9:30 a.m. in Old Barns.	Advent II: Peace
	11:00 a.m. in Hilden	
December 14	9:30 a.m. in Hilden	Advent III: Joy
	11:00 a.m. in Old Barns	
December 21	9:30 a.m. in Hilden	Advent IV: Love
	11:00 a.m. in Old Barns	
TBA		Christmas In The Barn at the Archibald-Waugh Farm
December 24	4:00 p.m. in Old Barns	Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols
	7:00 p.m. in Hilden	
December 28	10:00 a.m. in Hilden	Joint Service and Communion
		Charge Pot Luck to follow service

Merry Christmas from Rev. Phillip Kennedy

OLD BARN ANNOUNCEMENT

The 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

HILDEN ANNOUNCEMENT

Hilden Cards & Games

Friday's at 1:00pm – December 5

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

CHARGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. A Joint Congregation Meeting 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.

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 Mallory at secretary@cliftonpastoralcharge.ca for more information.

December 5 at 7:00 p.m. "A CLIFTON FAMILY CHRISTMAS" - 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.

Friday, November 28 6:30 for 7:00 p.m. at First UC in Truro "Experience The Midnight Clear Live!" Join Brookfield-based ukulele-cello duo James Hill and Anne Janelle for a concert full of sparkling carols and original winter songs to make the season bright. The couple has performed in 13 countries across the world, won a Canadian Folk Music Award and been nominated for a JUNO. James and Anne offer "the perfect evening of tunes, stories and musical virtuosity." Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with special pre-show music by Uccello and members of the Truro Middle School band.

December 7 at 6:00 p.m. "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 at Cobequid UC (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.

Tuesday, December 9 for Measha Brueggergosman-Lee with Aaron Davis, Mike Eckert and Steve Lee at First UC, Truro. Tickets online at EventBrite or by clicking the link at www.rockthefiddleevents.com Tickets are \$50.00 each plus taxes and service fees

December 11 and January 8 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at St. Andrews UC Truro "Connect: Community Game and Craft Night" *See poster at front of church for more details

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

Lectionary Readings

Scriptures:

Theme:

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