

Clifton Pastoral Charge

Old Barns and Hilden United Churches

We are Affirming Churches in an Affirming Pastoral Charge

Organist: Old Barns – Beckie Burrows | Hilden – Edith Selwyn-Smith

Bulletin Secretary: Mallery Thomas

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

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April 12th, 2026

Minister Rev. Dr. Darlene Brewer

Introit: ‘Jesus Stand Among Us’ VU #396

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations

Lighting of the Christ Candle

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:

One: As we enter into this time of praise and thanksgiving, we journey into this Easter season; we seek the Risen Christ.

All: In our joys and happiness, in our doubts and uncertainties, we trust that Christ is with us. May we imitate Christ in all we do.

One: We come rejoicing, full of anticipation, wondering what the road will hold for us.

All: God centers us and invites us into the here and now; to enter into contemplation and prayer in this time and place.

One: May the Risen Jesus dwell among all pilgrims, including us in this worship time together, in this place. Amen. Alleluia!

Opening Hymn: ‘Christ Is Alive’ VU #158

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Musical Response: ‘Trust These Words’ TLUS, 78.

Lisa Waites, 2021.

Time for All Ages – Rev Darlene

Scriptures: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

Sermon: ‘The Gift of Doubt: Cultivating the Beginner’s Mind’

Hymn: ‘Called by Earth and Sky’ MV #135

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.

Choir Anthem: ‘Doubters’

Linnea Good. 1992. Borealis Music. www.LinneaGood.com From Sunday Sessions & The Good Book. Commissioned by the Whole People of God.

Minute for Mission/Focus on Giving

Offering Prayer

Musical Response: ‘There’s Enough for All, TLUS, 60.

Bryan Moyer Suderman, 2024.

Community Prayers

Closing Hymn: ‘Sing a Happy Hallelujah’ VU #224

Benediction/Blessing

Sending Music: ‘Hey Now, Singing Hallelujah’ MV #121 verses 1 & 5

Booking

Rev. Darlene Brewer – dr.dbrewer2008@gmail.com

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 – Barb Miller

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)

Visitation: Please contact your pastoral elders
Hilden - April Canton-Austin and Sheila Marshall
Old Barns – Karen Archibald-Waugh and Barb Miller

Clifton Pastoral Charge, Joint Announcements

Old Barns Cemetery Corp:

- Cemetery Clean Up: Saturday, April 25th, 2026 at 9:00am (Rain date, May 2nd, 2026); all are welcome; snacks provided; pls bring your garden tools! (Rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc)

- Annual Shareholders Meeting: May 6th, 2026, at 7pm; Location is Old Barns United Church

We hope to see you there, for more information please contact L. Yuill at 902-893-3797, or any other member of the board of directors

Hilden United Church

Cards and Games will be held at the following times. All are welcome to join. Wednesday, April 8th at 10:00am & Friday, April 24th at 1:00pm

Hilden United Church is having their annual Baked Beans & Brown Bread Take Out April 17 & 18 at the Hilden Church Hall.

And on May 2nd, there will be a Yard Sale at the Church Hall.

Follow “What's Happening in Hilden” for more details.

Other Announcements

Friday, May 8th 2026 , 2pm-4pm Tickets \$15

Mother’s Day Tea, supporting the Hospital Auxiliary will be held at the First United Church (711 Prince St). Tickets may be purchased at the Colchester Hospital Coffee and Gift Shop Monday thru Friday from 9am – 2:30pm For more information, please contact 902-895-6936 or 902-899-5934

Saturday, May 30th, the IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer’s returns. Registration opens at 3pm on the day of, and walk will begin at 4pm. You can register your team in advance, at <https://alzheimer.ca/ns/en/walk>

Upcoming Church Services

April

April 19th, 2026 – 9:30am Hilden, 11:00am Old Barns

April 26th, 2026 – 9:30am Hilden, 11:00am Old Barns

May

May 3rd, 2026 – 9:30am Old Barns, 11:00am Hilden

May 10th, 2026 – 9:30am Hilden, 11:00am Old Barns

May 17th, 2026 – 9:30am Hilden, 11:00am Old Barns

May 24th, 2026 – 9:30am Hilden, 11:00am Old Barns

May 31st, 2026 – Joint Service in Hilden at 10:00am

June

June 8th, 2026 – 9:30am Old Barns, 11:00am Hilden

June 15th, 2026 – 9:30am Hilden, 11:00am Old Barns

June 22nd, 2026 – 9:30am Hilden, 11:00am Old Barns

June 29th, 2026 – 9:30am Hilden, 11:00am Old Barns