

Minute for Mission: Nine Elders represent about half of fluent Haida speakers today.



Credit: Haida Gwaii Skidegate

Take a moment to think about your favourite story.

Now imagine that story being at risk of disappearing because the language it's written in is

endangered. This is something that nine Elders from Haida Gwaii, British Columbia, are passionately trying to change.

Once there were over 15,000 fluent speakers of Haida, but today, because of assimilation tactics like residential schools, almost all Haida people speak English at home. The nine Elders—with an average age of more than 80—represent about half of the fluent Haida speakers who remain.

With partner support, the work of these Elders in a research-based revitalization project keeps the Haida language alive and growing. The Elders teach students the words, phrases, songs and stories of their ancestors. The response has been empowering, with language learners near and far dedicating themselves to study. Lessons are given through the Longhouse of Skidegate village, but the program reaches much further, with more than 120 online lessons available. The opportunity to connect across the globe has allowed Haida language, stories, and culture to be shared broadly.

The program also gives young people from the Haida Nation the opportunity to connect with the Elders to nurture their cultural pride and understanding. "I appreciate the work the Elders are doing with our language and culture," said one young student. "They work very hard every day so that my generation can remember."

The Haida language is not the only Indigenous language that has been endangered. Your gifts to [Mission and Service](#) support programs and partnerships for Indigenous cultural revitalization around the world.

**BEAVERLODGE-WEMBLEY-HYTHE
PASTORAL CHARGE
PHONE: 780-354-2016
March 24 – Palm / Passion Sunday**

Scripture Readings for those who would like to read them in advance:

March 31 – Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34–43

Peter preaches, "God shows no partiality."

or Isaiah 25:6–9

God provides a rich feast.

Psalms 118:1–2, 14–24 (VU p. 837 Part One, Two, and Three)

God is my strength and my song.

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

An account of Jesus' resurrection appearances.

John 20:1–18 or Mark 16:1–8

The resurrected Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene.

Minister information

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- **Stat Holiday - Friday, March 29**

Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge

Bible Study: No Bible Study on Wednesday March 27, and April 3. Will resume on Wednesday April 10.

Confirmation Course: Confirmation enrollment kicked off on

Saturday, March 2. We will keep you updated in case the venue changes because we have Wembley too. Those that are willing to have their children baptized, or as an adult, please register with Neva as well.

Lent: Lent is here! Think about giving something up and instead give up 1 dollar or extra coins every day for 40 days, starting from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday then bring your savings on Easter Sunday for Blessings. The saving is meant for charitable domination and church needs. *A basket will be put in the Narthex for those who want to donate their contributions in advance and can continue adding the coins until the last day.*

Prayer: Those who need prayer and support may visit the Minister on Thursday at 1 pm or call for face time prayer.

Soup for the Soul: No Soup on Thursday March 28, join us on April 25

Maundy Thursday: March 28, at St. Luke Anglican Hall. Led by the United Church at 6 p.m. Seder Potluck Supper will be served after the Seder worship.

Good Friday: Way of the Cross, Friday, March 29, 10:00 am, led by St Mary's refreshments to follow at Anglican Hall.

Sunrise Service: Easter Sunday, March 31, Research Station, 7:30 am. Service lead by United Church. Refreshments and cinnamon buns at the Alliance Church to follow.

Confirmation and Communion: Easter Sunday, March 31 for a **One Service Sunday**, both Wembley & Beaverlodge will worship in Beaverlodge at 11:15am. **Potluck Lunch** to follow

Tea on Tuesday: Tuesday, April 2, 10:00 am All are welcome to join an informal gathering of fellowship, tea, coffee and art enjoyment at the Beaverlodge Cultural Centre from 10 a.m. to noon on the first Tuesday of each month. Feel free to bring a friend. (A small donation to the Cultural Centre is always appreciated.)

Wembley United Church

- Wembley Sunday Service 9:30am
- **No Service** in Wembley on Sunday March 31
- **Wembley Thrift store:** Thrift store hours - **Second Saturday** of each month from 10:00am to 1:00 pm in the Church basement. Facebook Page is **Wembley Thrift Store**, check out our page for updates and specials.

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Beaverlodge United Church

- Beaverlodge Sunday Service 11:15 am
- All are welcome to come for refreshments downstairs after the worship service. Thank you to the Ushers for helping with the Ushering and kitchen duties. Much appreciated.

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