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**Christmas Day  
Wednesday, Dec. 25**

**Christmas Day Service:** 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist at St. Alban's Church, 537 Main St., Glen Williams. All are welcome. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christmas Fellowship Dinner:** 1 p.m. at St. Alban's Parish Hall, 537 Main St., Glen Williams. A community Christmas Dinner open to all to share fellowship with those who are alone or if your families are far away. Please call the church for a no-cost dinner reservation at 905-877-8323.

**Boxing Day  
Thursday, Dec. 26**

**Bruce Trail Hike:** Level 2, 7-8 km carpool loop hike. Depart at 1 p.m. from the small, separate area of the parking lot south of the Georgetown Professional Arts building, 99 Sinclair (Guelph & Sinclair). Hike the Silver Creek, Roberts Side Trail. There are numerous cracks and crevices along the trail. Very rocky sections as well. Dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear. Bring your icers, water and snacks. Leader: Angelika, 905-877-7805 asgk.canada@sympatico.ca

**Willow Park Ecology Centre celebrates Winter Solstice**

By **CAROLYN MARTIN**  
WPEC

The longest night of the year is fast approaching. Last year, on December 21, Sheila Black guided a beautiful ceremony and a prayer with a multitude of people who came to share in the end of the Mayan Calendar (check out last year's 90 photos at <http://www.meetup.com/Sacred-Sevens-Sharing-Circle/photos/12341022/#190962552>).

This year, Sheila will again facilitate the ceremony in Willow Park while our drum circle leader, Anthony Barr will be on the rim of the Grand Canyon. Exactly at 7 p.m. EST and 4 p.m. PST, Anthony and Sheila will quote the global prayer while being joined by many other ceremonies and individuals across the planet.

All over the world, at the midnight hour at Stonehenge (GMT), groups are celebrating the beginning of a new year as the days will start to gradually increase in length and the nights grow shorter. Willow Park Ecology Centre is part of this worldwide celebration as host for our ceremony.

The Sacred Fire will be started in Willow Park Ecology Centre at 6



Winter Solstice Ceremony celebrated last year at WPEC.

p.m. and Steve Winterhawk of Four Colours Drum Circle in Brampton will be rejoining us as the fire keeper for this night's sacred ceremony. Join us singing some Sacred Sevens songs as well as other earth mother songs and help us to send out prayer and gratitude one heartbeat, one drum beat, we are all one.

When the welcoming in of the new cal-

endar takes place at the TOR in Glastonbury England, it will be 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 21 local time. To ensure that we all take part in the ceremony at exactly the same time, please ensure that you arrive a little before 7 p.m. so that we can smudge everyone and have the sacred fire ready for the prayers to be shared at the same time.

Please dress warmly and bring a flashlight as this is an outdoor event.

If you joined with us before, or if you missed the previous events, please feel welcome to join with us on this momentous occasion in a place that was well used by the First Nations in this land. Children are welcome and encouraged to participate.

For more information check out [www.willowparkecology.ca/current](http://www.willowparkecology.ca/current) and <http://www.meetup.com/Sacred-Sevens-Sharing-Circle/events/152514472/>

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