

Celebrant: The Rev'd. Stuart Hallam
Preacher: The Rev'd Stuart Hallam

DATES TO NOTE


Nov. 24	Marilyn's Farewell Party, 5:00 pm, Gym
Sat. Dec. 1	Christmas Fair, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Sun. Dec. 2	Advent 1: Family Service, 10:00 am, Church
Sun. Dec. 2	Advent Wreath Making, 11:30 am, Gym
Sun. Dec. 2	Abendmusik Advent Vespers, 7:30 pm, Church
Mon. Dec. 3	Jones Girls, noon, Fireside Room
Sat. Dec. 8	St. Philip's Youth Group Progressive Dinner, 6:00 pm, Various Locations
Sun. Dec. 9	Advent Carol Service, 4 pm, Church

OUTREACH FAMILY CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

The season of Advent is fast approaching and, once again, St. Philip's Outreach is sponsoring our family Advent and Epiphany Fundraiser. This year, we are raising funds to purchase pigs to help farmers raise protein for themselves and their villages. \$30 will purchase a pair of pigs. The funds we raise will be matched by the federal government. We welcome all donations in any amount until the end of Epiphany (January 6). Thank you for continuing to support the family Advent fundraiser. Any questions, please speak to Penni Stock, Outreach co-chair. **Please write "Advent and Epiphany Fundraiser" on the memo line of the cheques and on your envelopes. Thank you.**

FAREWELL CARD FOR MARILYN

There will be a card for people to sign available every Sunday up to the November 25. If people aren't able to be there on the Sundays they can email Amanda Holley at thistlesnaps@gmail.com or come to the office during the week. Amanda is looking for 4-6 photos of Marilyn for the card. She will need them by Sunday November 18 in order to put card together.



A Fond Farewell

Invitation to Marilyn's Farewell Party,
November 24, 2018 5:00pm to 8:00pm

You are cordially invited, as current and former parishioners, to come and share a special evening celebrating Marilyn and her service with us here at St. Philip's on the evening of Saturday, November 24th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be some songs, a poem, some photos and perhaps a chance or two to share memories and stories of Marilyn's time here with us. If you are coming, please bring a Plate for Eight of appies or hors d'oeuvres to share--dessert goodies and baking along with liquid refreshments will be supplied. If you wish to pay respect to Marilyn's love of dress-up, please come wearing a tiara, fascinator, hat or ??? This is optional.

There is a card available in the gym during the November coffee times for you to add your thoughts, thanks and prayers for Marilyn. If you, or someone you know, wishes to add a message but can't make it to church, please send your message to Amanda Holley at thistlesnaps@gmail.com and she will add it to the card.

We will also be having a special coffee hour following Marilyn's last service on Sunday, November 25th so please come and join us for both or either event as we say our goodbyes and send Marilyn and Andrew off in true St. Philip's style. We are also looking for help with set up and clean up on the day.

For more information please contact Penni Stock, Charlotte French or Craig Wilson

CHRISTMAS CAKE ORDERS NOW BEING TAKEN!

Interested in ordering St. Philip's famous Christmas Cake? Orders are now being taken by Catriona Wilson and Joanne Vondette. To order, please leave a note in either the "V" or "W" mailboxes. Cakes will be available for collection on the day of the Fair, December 1st, 2018 from 11 am to 2 pm at \$15 per quarter cake. Read about the history of our famous Christmas Cake and how it has become a marquee of the annual Christmas Fair: <https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/news/a-history-of-our-christmas-cake>

RECORDING SERMONS & SETTING MIC LEVELS

We're building a team to record sermons and set mic levels during the 10 AM Sunday Services. Those interested can put their names down on the sign up sheet in the gym or send Craig an email at grog.wilson@gmail.com. Craig will run a tutorial after one or more of the 10 AM services and then create a roster for the year. If you would like to see how this works right away, you are welcome to join Craig at the soundboard during a service.

2019 CHURCH CALENDARS AVAILABLE

The new 2019 Church Calendars are for sale for \$6.00 each and can be purchased from the Church Office or after Church on Sunday.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING ON DECEMBER 2

As you know, traditionally on the first Sunday of advent at St Philip's we supply the materials for people to make advent wreaths. For many years Nancy Kwasnicki has supplied all of the greenery. However, she will no longer be able to do so, therefore we need volunteers to bring in greenery- holly, fir, cedar etc.- on Dec 2nd. Please let Rhona Thornton (rhonat@telus.net) if you will be able to contribute.

It's that time again! We are requesting your help to provide Christmas hampers for families in two eastside schools.

Food for Families: We gather food for the hampers as a community. You can help by bringing even one or two items of food to church each Sunday. If you are able, please contribute to the general collection as described below. Items are collected then distributed amongst the families as part of each hamper. We have organized Sundays as follows:

Sunday November 18	Food for Dinner
Sunday November 25	Food for Lunch
Sunday December 2	Food for Breakfast
Sunday December 9	Treats
Sunday December 16	Any items still needed - organizing and packing of hampers
Monday December 17	Purchase of Turkeys and Hams. Delivery of Hampers to Schools



Please do not include:

Perishable items, such as fresh meat, fruit, vegetables, dairy products or alcohol.

Gifts for families: In addition to bringing food items which will be pooled and distributed among the hampers, individuals or families of the parish will be invited to select one of the hamper families and purchase gifts for the members of that family. Watch for details.

REFUGEE NEWS

Lama and her children arrived on September 13. All are now in school, including Lama. It is not easy for them to be away from their friends and family in Lebanon, and to be unable to communicate with those around them. The children in particular should learn English quickly. Fortunately they have relatives in North Vancouver to visit.

The applications for Lama's parents, Nasriddin and Fatmeh, and her younger brother, Ward, are being processed at the Canadian Visa Office in Beirut. They had some preliminary meeting on October 3. Their formal interview at the Visa Office is scheduled for November 13. Their arrival is likely still some months away. Lama will be very relieved to have them here. St. John's Shaughnessy agreed to sponsor Lama's sister, Hadeel, with her husband, Bassel, and three young children. St. Philip's has agreed to be co-sponsor for them, contributing some hands on work when they arrive, but not any money. Their application was received at

IRCC at the end of August. This is a more educated branch of the family, with quite young children, so should settle in more easily. This application has been accepted (the application, not the people) and sent on to the Canadian Visa Office in Beirut. It will likely be at least 18 months until they arrive. Though we have received many generous donations, there have been some additional expenses for our Refugee Family, therefore donations will be gratefully received. Cheques can be made to St. Philip's with Refugee Fund on the envelope as well as on the memo line. For more information, please contact Mary Lymburner at kmarylymburner@telus.net or 778-898-5117.



NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

The Neighbourhood Ministry is looking for another member for our indoor team to help out once a month on Saturday mornings from 8:30/9 - 10am getting items ready for the out team, this may be a good opportunity for a teen to earn volunteer hours.

We could use cans of meat, fruit, or applesauce cups, nutrition drinks (ensure), fruit juice boxes, clean underwear for men, rain pants, warm waterproof jackets, sleeping bags, sleeping mats, hats, and/or gloves.

The following is a summary of the activities of the Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood Ministry from the last two weeks, including highlights from our Saturday Street Outreach teams and our Mobile Care Unit (MCU).

The MCU team visiting St. Augustine's had a busy night! The medical team saw 3 clients and the social services team assisted 6 people.

The MCU team visited Kits Showers had a fairly quiet morning at Kits with one person commenting that it was because everyone was getting housed! There were 3 connections made on the social services side and a few on the medical side.

Neighbourhood Ministry's Team 1 made 10 connections on their route. Some usual faces, but 4 new ones as well.

The MCU team visiting M. Mitchell Place had a quiet session in comparison to the last. The medical team saw 2 clients and 3 clients assisted by the social services team.

Neighbourhood Ministry's Team 4 made 12 connections. There were 4 people that were unfamiliar to the team, though one had met the previous week's team. The cold weather gear is very appreciated.

For a full write up from the street teams and Mobile Care Unit, please subscribe to our email list by contacting Beth, our Office Administrator, at ministrymcu@gmail.com

FEASABILITY STUDY

As you may know, St. Philip's commissioned a firm to chart our building maintenance requirements for the coming years, the replacement of our roofing material being one of the most immediate needs. All the details of this study can be found here: www.stphilipsdunbar.com/news/2017-building-assessment-and-capital-plan

In addition, Stuart has encouraged us to participate in a vision for St. Philip's as described in Stuart's sermon on September 9th: <https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/blog/the-story-so-far-and-a-vision-for-st-philips>

The core message is the desire to grow St. Philip's into an Anglican Centre for Spirituality and Social Justice by building on the history of successful social and outreach programs that have been a part of this community for many years.

Maintenance and growth require investment, and to explore our needs going forward, the Trustees have retained the firm of Waller & Associates to conduct a Feasibility Study for St. Philip's. The key aspects of this study will involve Waller & Associates interviewing a cross-section of parishioners to discuss and collect insights into the vision of St. Philip's going forward, to touch on the financial requirements of that vision, and to determine if we are ready to embark on a Fundraising Campaign in 2019. In addition to one-on-one interviews with a sub-set of parishioners, there will be an online survey available to parishioners to provide their input. The information discovered during this process will be gathered into a report that will form the basis of a Fundraising Campaign.

In discussing this option with those who have experienced fundraising studies and campaigns in other parishes, it was clear that such a study leads to a sharper understanding of the financial strength of the community, greater clarity of what parishioners want, and an increase in parishioner engagement.

This process is being guided by a feasibility task group to guide the process and is comprised of Stuart Hallam, Brian Mix, Moira Bryans, Penni Stock, Sarah Burns, Sarah Howard, and Craig Wilson. Waller & Associates is a specialized firm that works exclusively with Christian and non-profit organizations. More information is available on their website [waller.ca].

The task group and Waller look forward to sharing the next steps as we embark on this important study over the next few months. Please let us know if you have any questions. Craig Wilson, on behalf of the task group.

CALLING FOR ATTIC TREASURES DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Do you have antique, vintage, or modern pieces of china, glass, or silver in good condition seeking a new home? Bestsellers at Attic Treasures over the past few years have been bone china cups and saucers and lunch and dinner sets, glass and crystal bowls, and silver-plated serving pieces. Distinctive pottery pieces and classic table linens were very popular last year as were solid brass decor items. Vintage costume jewellery items are also much appreciated.

Our small team of volunteers is already busy washing and polishing items for the Fair. Please drop off your donations to the church kitchen, in a box or bag clearly marked Attic Treasures, between 10:00 and 3:00 on Tuesday, November 27, or Wednesday, November 28. Or, bring items with you to church on Sunday, November 25, and leave them in the kitchen. One of our team will collect the items to prepare and store ready for the Fair.

VOLUNTEERS FOR ATTIC TREASURES

Our greatest need for volunteers is on the day of the Christmas Fair. We especially need two cashiers plus two people to pack fragile purchases, available from 10:30 to 2:00 on Saturday. We will also need several people to help wrap and box items that have not been sold and to carry these back to storage in the basement, from 2:00 to 3:30 on Saturday. If you have questions about Attic Treasures donations or volunteering, please contact Ann Kent at ann@catkingardens.ca. Thank you!

SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction is looking for help in obtaining items from our local Merchants.

There is a letter prepared from The Rector, outlining our event and requesting a donation. These should be given to the Merchants so they have our Charitable Donation number. If you are able to hand these letters out along a street or two in a designated area, or have a favorite business of which you would like to make a special request, please see find the letters in the "S" mail slot. Thank you so much for helping. Glenna:
glenna.geddes@telus.net or 604-224-5495

BOTTLE TOMBOLA

The Bottle Tombola is running at the Christmas Fair again this year. This is a game of chance to win something random and to generate smiles. Donations can be dropped off to the office during the week or on Sundays donations can be left with Craig or outside Beth's office. Examples include wine, pickles, jam, bottles of jelly beans, shampoo, vinegar, etc. Be as creative as you like!



Christmas Fair

Saturday Dec. 1

11:00 - 2:00 PM

Raffle: Four Tickets to The Arts Club's Miss Bennet: Xmas at Pemberley
Thurs. Dec. 13; Christmas Treats; Xmas Centrepiece from Stems @ Stongs
Two weeks remain to Create, Collect and Donate

Conveners

- Attic Treasures: silver, fine china, linens, crystal
- Silent Auction: gifts, tickets, services, dining, art

Ann Kent
Glenna Geddes

- Raffle: \$20 per booklet. Buy Sundays or in office Bruce Gregg
- Handcrafts for everyone Diana Bragg & Juliet Helliwell
- Kitchen Gourmet Sheila Butt & Dora Martin
- Christmas Cakes Catriona Wilson & Joanne Vondette
- Bake Shop: loaves, cakes, shortbread... Laurie Cassie & Lana Dolman
- Small Gifts & Jewellery Janet Brown & Cynthia Bouchard
- Christmas Table: festive ware Kira Domaschuk & Diane Driscoll
- Tea Room Mary Pollock & Ursula Bell
- Bottle Tombola: sauce, juice, wine, shampoo, pop... Kids & Youth
- Hot Dog BBQ Terryn Naumann & Youth

Elves are needed for MANY roles before & during the Fair: please help!

- o Silent Auction Solicit donations from businesses & parishioners.
- Get Silent Auction letters and Fair Posters for businesses from mailbox 5.**
- o Lawn signs & fair posters: let's blanket Dunbar St. and neighbourhoods
- o Decorate: Wed. Nov. 28, 9:00-Noon Four helpers needed
- o Set-up Tables Wed. Nov 28, 6:30-7:30 Muscle Movers Needed!
- o Skirt & Set-Up Thurs & Friday Conveners et al
- o Bankers Accounting & Security Counting Team
- o Sellers Sat. Dec. 1, 10:00 - 2:30 Sign Up, please
- o Greeters/Security " 10:00 - 2:00 Barry Smith et al
- o Take down, clean up " 2:00 - 3:00 All hands on deck!
- o Attic Treasures Pack-Up: we need a team to help Ann Kent. Volunteer!

Debbie Matheson	debbiematheson53@gmail.com	604-202-6196
Marian Boyle	marianboyle@shaw.ca	604-263-0751

~Christmas Fair 2018~ Saturday, December 1

Do you have a special talent, some spare time, or a treasure you could offer for auction?
 Could you cook and serve a dinner for four; prepare a picnic; bake a fancy cake; serve a cream tea; coach a language; write a will; do a tax return; babysit; garden/prune roses (specify length of time); clean a house (specify length of time); paint a room; whatever your skills/specialties include. If you are a season ticket holder for the symphony, hockey, theatre, perhaps you could donate a pair of tickets.

We also need material items, either donated by you, or from retailers and companies. Gift certificates are particularly welcome. Please consider asking your favourite hairdresser, bakery, clothes store, etc., for a donation.

Please indicate your offer below and return this slip in the collection plate, or drop it off at the church office by Sunday November 18.

For more information contact Glenna Geddes at
 604-224-5495 or glenna.geddes@telus.net

Silent Auction: I can offer

Donor Name: _____

Phone/e-mail _____

Item/ Service Details: (what? how many? how long? when?)

VALUE \$ _____

(This is very important to help me establish a fair starting bid)

Thank you!