

## Notices for Sunday, August 2, 2020

Lovely People of St Philip's, greetings! I hope this finds you well and that you have been able to safely enjoy the lovely summer weather?

This week saw the delivery of the first batch of our long-awaited new pews, designed, hand crafted and delivered by our wonderful new friend and local artisan, Mark Turner. Some would say that it has been a long struggle to get us to this point. The concept of having flexible seating has been around for many years. One long standing member of the congregation told me at the weekend that the church has been talking about this for so long and finally it has happened! Well, they do say that 'good things come to those who wait' and that has been borne out in the result - the new 'up cycled' pews are simply stunning...take a look! (there are more pictures on the website)



### **THE NEW PEWS HAVE ARRIVED!**

The timing of the new pews couldn't be more serendipitous. As we look to move into Phase II and reopen the church to in person worship, having the ability to flexibly arrange seating will ensure that we can easily socially distance during services, keeping each other safe and well. More importantly, it will allow us to do new services and events in this most beautiful of spaces, paving the way for church growth and greater community involvement. The struggle has been well worth it!

Struggle is central to all spiritual journeys. In our Old Testament reading this Sunday we hear the story of Jacob wrestling with the stranger. Who is this shadowy figure and why has he come? During the highly symbolic 'overnight' struggle, Jacob is transformed. He recognises that he has, in fact, been wrestling with God all along. So much so that in the morning, Jacob, which means 'the trickster' is renamed Israel, 'the one who struggles with God' and God gives him a blessing...

The world is wrestling right now with so many issues that affect us all, COVID19, racial injustice and the climate emergency to name but a few. These are exceptional times we all recognise that. Perhaps, like Jacob we too have all been tricked into believing that the world we once knew was OK? The pandemics have shattered that illusion by laying bare social injustice and inequality for all to see. We are all in this struggle together. Like Jacob, however, we need to hold on to God as we wrestle with the issues that confront us. Only then will the new dawn come when we, and the world, will be transformed into the new normal that is coming, and we will be given a new name and blessing.

**Love and Prayers,**

**Stuart**

### **STAFF HOLIDAYS**

The church, office, phone response, email replies, answering the doorbell, Zoom gatherings, these email notices, access to the Memorial Garden, and website worship will be unavailable during staff holidays from Monday, August 3 (BC Day) to Monday, August 17, inclusive. Activities resume on Tuesday, August 18. The next notices come out August 20.

We encourage parishioners to continue their spiritual practices by watching services offered by the Diocese. For service times and bulletins: <https://thecathedral.ca/worship/this-sunday/>



For virtual services: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChGfh54nYryKFzISnjvO2qw>

- There will be **no** online Website Worship from St Philip's on Sundays, August 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Coffee Hour takes a break on August 2, 9 & 16.
- Prayer, Care and Share on Zoom will not be held August 5 & 12. It resumes August 19, 10AM
- Pastoral Contact will be covered by Harold Munn while Stuart is away. Mobile 778-980-1945



**CHURCH IN THE PARK:** Sundays at 4:30 PM  
(Continues **every** Sunday)

About 25 people of all ages gathered at Chaldecott Park on Sunday, July 26 at 4:30 pm. We enjoyed seeing faces we hadn't seen in months. Church in the Park offers a socially distanced short service followed by a chance to enjoy each other's company, wearing a mask if you choose to. The play area and water park are open, which the kids enjoy together. Bring seating and refreshments of your choice for after the service. Come as you are.

Bring a friend. And calm dogs. Cancellation in case of wet weather will be posted on the website by Sunday at 3:00 PM. <https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/events/church-in-the-park/2020-08-02>

**WEBSITE WORSHIP:** on stphilipsdunbar.com  
(Except August 9 & 16)

The service on August 2 includes some of our children and young people, like our monthly traditional family service which we plan to revive. <https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/blog>



**PRAYER, CARE AND SHARE:**

(except August 5 & 12)

Resumes Wed. Aug. 19 on Zoom at 10:00 AM after staff holidays

To join the gathering by phone, dial 778-907-2071. The meeting ID is 2939572088.

On your computer, click the link at 10:00 AM

<https://zoom.us/j/2939572088>

**REOPENING ST PHILIP'S**

On July 29, the Diocese accepted St Philip's application to reopen for Phase II in-person worship which we are planning for the end of August. You will find a chart comparing the Diocese Reopening Phases in these notices.

On July 20, the Diocese announced that parishes may re-open for Phase III in-person gatherings and rentals on August 16, if and when they are ready, with health precautions, masks and social distancing in place. Rentals to some of our community groups are expected to resume in September, with health precautions in place.



Even after we choose to reopen for in-person gatherings, whether for the 10 AM and/or for other services, **Sunday's 10:00 AM Website Worship will continue to be offered online.**



### PRAYER LIST

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers at this time: Ken and Greg, Maura and Brian, Nancy, Tracy and family, Larry Hoad, Mike Lane, Brenda Harrison, Sarah Burns and Richard Fenner. Let us pray for those who have died and for their friends and family bereaved by their loss.

### MILESTONES

Let's share life's blessings with our parishioners as we recite the final prayer together.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

We are very happy to announce that we plan on resuming our street visits in August. However, our cupboards are bare so we need your help in order to be able to resume.

Please donate:

- Canned meat and fish.
- Protein drinks ie. Ensure.
- Soft cereal and protein bars ie. Nutrigrain and Pure Protein bars.
- Juice boxes.
- Fruit sauce and fruit cups.
- Men's sports socks.
- Men's & women's summer clothing.
- Travel size toiletries.

Here's how you can donate to the ministry:

- Drop donations into bins at St Philip's porch **any time, any day**, or
- Arrange for pick up. Contact [rhonat@telus.net](mailto:rhonat@telus.net) or call St Philip's, message box 304, or
- Mail a cheque payable to St Philip's with Neighbourhood Ministry on the memo line.

Thank-you very much to all of you who donated food, clothing and toiletries while we shut down. A shelter & neighbourhood house partners have been very appreciative of your gifts.



### YOUTH AGAINST RACIAL INJUSTICE

Want to make a statement as a church community against racial injustice? You may borrow one of the youths' lawn signs from the St Philip's front garden. The images on the lawn signs can be found on St Philip's website under news.

<https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/news/against-racial-injustice>

### GRATITUDE CONFETTI

Let's toss gratitude confetti on all our staff who head out on holidays this weekend. Stuart, Beth, Pat and Michael, bless you. Stay well, relax your bodies and refuel your spirits.



### Staying Close While We're Apart,

Stuart Hallam (Rector), Debbie Matheson, Brian Mix, Diana Bragg, and Suzi Noetzel (Wardens)



## The Diocese of New Westminster Reopening Phases

The Anglican Church of Canada [www.vancouver.anglican.ca](http://www.vancouver.anglican.ca)



**Phase 1**



**Phase 2**



**Phase 3**



**Phase 4**

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
<b>Eucharist</b>	Online only	Online only	In-person with restrictions	In-person, no intinction
<b>Service of the Word</b>	Online Only	In-person with restrictions	In-person with restrictions	In-person with no restrictions
<b>Filming and Live Streaming Worship</b>	YES, with restrictions	YES, with restrictions	Continue for those that cannot physically attend	Continue for those that cannot physically attend
<b>Other Services</b>	Permissible with tight restrictions	Permissible with tight restrictions	YES, allowing for physical distancing under 50 people	Unrestricted
<b>Formation Fellowship, Fundraising And Pastoral Care</b>	Online or telephone only	Online or telephone only	YES, allowing for physical distancing under 50 people	Unrestricted and some online recommended
<b>Office building use</b>	Limited Access	Limited Access	YES, allowing for physical distancing under 50 people	Unrestricted
<b>Service and Outreach Initiatives</b>	With permission from the Archbishop's Office	With permission from the Archbishop's Office	YES, allowing for physical distancing under 50 people	Unrestricted
<b>User Groups and Rentals</b>	Suspended or invited to suspend	Suspended or invited to suspend	YES, allowing for physical distancing under 50 people	Unrestricted