

Celebrant: The Rev'd. Andrew Pike Preacher: The Rev'd. Andrew Pike

Rev. Munn, the priest in charge, is in Vernon this weekend to take the funeral of Bernice Young, who, as a courageous student nurse, saved his life when he was born. Harold was admitted this week, by the Bishop of Manchester who is a mathematician and the episcopal Visitor, as an associate of the International Society of Ordained Scientists. Thanks to Marilyn who encouraged Harold in this!

DATES TO NOTE

Mon. Jan 15	Outreach Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm, Upstairs Meeting Room
Tues. Jan 16	Church Committee, 7:30 pm, Fireside Room
Wed. Jan. 17	Sacred Sanctuaries Presentation, 7 pm, Fireside Room
Thurs. Jan. 18	Annual Reports due for Vestry
Sat. Jan. 20	All Parish Open Gym (APOG)
Sun. Jan. 21	Intercessors Meeting, 11:30 am, Church

SERMONS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

An audio recording of last week's sermon is available on our website. To access the audio file, please go to our website: <http://www.stpdunbar.com> and click on the heading "Sermons" on the top right of the screen. The sermons will continue to be recorded and posted by Monday of the following week.

CHILDREN AT CHURCH - EVERY SUNDAY

At the 10.00am service there are Church School classes for all children who wish to attend. Children are encouraged to come to the front of the church for the "Children's Focus" and then leave for their classes, returning during the Peace. The youngest (newborns to two years old) can use our "Noah's Ark" room (just off the side of the church) under parental supervision.

LENTEN SERIES

Our Lenten Series will begin on February 14th at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. The dates of the series are as follows: Wednesday, February 21st, Wednesday, February 28th; Wednesday, March 7th; **Tuesday, March 13th**; Wednesday, March 21st. The series will focus on the spirituality of a variety of traditions.

The first Lenten series presentation will be led by the Rev'd Canon Dr. Harold Munn on Ash Wednesday, after the Imposition of Ashes service, on the subject of Daily Office Prayers.

On Feb 21st: Lenten series #2: Patricia Vickers will speak on First Nations spirituality, "Ceremony and Healing the Soul". Patricia Vickers is of mixed heritage with ancestral roots in England, Heiltsuk (known to English speakers as Bella Bella) and Tsimshian (known to English speakers as Skeena) First Nations. She is currently Director of Mental Health and Wellness with First Nations Health Authority. She completed a doctorate degree in the transformative aspects of the Ayaawx (Tsimshian ancestral law).

Feb 28th: Lenten series #3: Aliya Hirji - Remembrance of God (Zikr) in Islam: Modes of Spiritual Reflection Aliya Hirji is an African-Indian-Canadian Ismaili Muslim woman with a BA in Family Studies with an interest in inter-generational transmission of religious values and traditions. Fulfillment to her since 2001 was, and continues to be, building relationships with communities around her on a personal level and travelling the world visiting places of worship in these areas.

March 7th: Lenten series #4: Laura Kaplan, Jewish Rabbi, speaks on Jewish spirituality: "God in Jewish Thought and Experience".

Rabbi Laura Duhan Kaplan is Professor of Jewish Studies and Director of Inter-Religious Studies at the Vancouver School of Theology. Her Ph.D. in philosophy, decade as a congregational Rabbi, and studies in Kabbalah have enriched her own experience of the Divine.

March 13th: (Tuesday) Lenten series #5: Bishop Skelton speaks on Anglican-Benedictine spirituality

March 21st: Lenten series #6: Harold speaks on current interpretations of the cross and resurrection.

HIKING IN PATAGONIA - NOT A WALK IN THE PARK

The Rev'd Dr. Marilyn Hames will be offering a slide show presentation on her recent trip to Patagonia on Sunday, January 28th after the 10 am service in the Fireside Room.

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS WANTED

The Church School is actively recruiting new teachers. If you feel called to this ministry, training will be provided. Please speak with Deb Hamilton if you are interested.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The deadline for annual reports is Thursday, January 18th. Please submit your committee reports to the office no later than noon, so that Beth may begin compiling the report. This deadline is firm. Thank you.



FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

We are happy to report that donations from Identified Givers, the backbone of our budget, are doing well to the end of November. However, some long time parishioners are no longer with us and this has reduced the number of contributions. Although we started the year with a significant budget deficit, we are on track to be able to balance the budget by year end if pledged giving is at least maintained. The deficit has been reduced due to a combination of: controls on spending, increased rental revenue, and a generous donation from a parish family. Thank you for your support of St. Philip's throughout 2017 and please continue to meet your pledge to the end of the year.

REFUGEE NEWS- MOST IMMEDIATE NEED IS FOR STORAGE SPACE

Lama and her children have had their medical examinations and interviews with the Canadian Visa Office in Beirut, and are awaiting the Visa Office's decision as to whether they will be accepted to come to Canada.

We have had offers of furniture from a couple of households who are moving. It would be good to be able to accept this furniture for the use of our refugee family when they arrive, but we have no storage space. So if anyone has storage space to offer, that would be very useful. Please contact Mary Lymburner at 778-898-5117 or kmarylymburner@telus.net.

Brenda Harrison is setting up a registry of furniture and household/personal effects that you might be able to contribute. If you are not moving, we request that you hold on to these items until they are needed. Please contact Brenda with a list of what you can contribute along with your contact information at brendaharrison@shaw.ca or leave a note in the "H" slot outside the Totem Room.

ST. JUDE'S ANGLICAN HOME FUNDRAISER

St. Jude's Anglican Home is putting on a fundraiser to raise funds to refurbish their bathrooms by putting on a play at the Metro Theatre located at 1370 S.W. Marine Drive on Wednesday, February 7th. The performance of "Murder by the Book" by Duncan Greenwood and Robert King begins at 8 pm, but there will be a silent auction and light refreshments at 7 pm. The tickets are \$50 each, but a \$25 tax receipt is available upon request per ticket. Beth Vondette has 8 tickets available for purchase in the office.

SACRED SANCTUARIES: DELPHI TO JERUSALEM

On Wednesday, Jan. 17th @ 7pm, at St. Philip's Church (located at 3737 West 27th Avenue), Derek Simpkins will be offering a lecture and slide presentation on "Sacred Sanctuaries: Delphi to Jerusalem". Both he and Linda, together with Jocelyn Gardner, recently completed a voyage around the Eastern Mediterranean, where they were able to visit some outstanding "sacred sanctuaries".

In addition to his lecture on Jan. 17th, Derek and Linda will introduce their new book, "Jerusalem the Golden".



HELP FINDING A LOCAL RENTAL HOME FOR OUR RECTORY TENANT

Do you know of a home rental opportunity? After 8 years renting our rectory, our tenant will be seeking new accommodations in this neighbourhood - ideally West of Granville. Occupation would start April 1, 2018. If you know of an opportunity with 4 bedrooms, please pass the information onto Beth via manager@stpdunbar.com. Note: that they do **not** have any pets.

ARE YOU READY FOR TOMORROW'S DECISIONS? – *Conversations about Advance Care Planning to increase your comfort in discussing ACP with family and health-care providers.* Join us **Sunday February 4th, 2018** beginning with a light lunch at 12:15, session from 1-3pm at Dunbar Ryerson United Church 2195 West 45th Ave. Preregistration required: swg.vancouver@gmail.com or 604-731-6307

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

On Saturday, January 6, Caroline and Mary from Team 4 and Charlotte, one of the social work students with the Mobile Care Unit, met at St. Anselm's where we were sent off by Marian Slater with lots of packets, hard boiled eggs and lots of clothing and blankets. We had brought some sandwiches. At 10th and Discovery we were joined by another team 4 member, Rhona.

At 4th and Highbury we met a particularly large group. B, T, D, M and J all have housing. S, R and D are still living outdoors, but hoping to get a place in Marpole when it opens. S says he stays outdoors by choice. We had met him previously on Broadway by the Safeway. All were happy to take food and J found a good coat among our supplies.

We went down to Jericho and Locarno beaches and by the Jericho Hostel but saw no one.

At 4th and Vine near the SW corner we met M. He used to be a regular in that area, but our team had not seen him for a long time. I gather the other teams have seen him recently. He has spent long periods in hospital in the last year, but does not look much changed. He is living outdoors despite some efforts by hospital social workers to find him a place. He is, as always, a bit rambling. He was happy to take food, and also a pair of gloves. On the NE corner we met P selling the Megaphone. He was cheerful as always and happy to take some food. A bit further along in front of Whole Foods we met N. He took one of our blankets as well as the food. He is living outdoors, says he has no ID, and is not a Canadian citizen, so believes he would not be eligible for housing. Charlotte is going to check what he would need in the way of documents to apply for the Marpole units.

We looked around the corner of Maple and 4th for R, but did not find him.

On the west side of Granville near 11th we met G. He seemed to have lots of bedding but seemed down and not very talkative. He said S had just gone away briefly. We left food for both of them. We did not see anyone else along Granville or the adjacent side streets.

On Broadway in front of London Drugs we found S. He looked cold but declined a blanket. He would like a better sleeping bag. He took some food.

We left some food for B on the porch of the United Church.

The leftover perishable items, mainly some fruit, were dropped off at the 17th and Dunbar building.

Mary Lymburner for Team 4