

## Thoughts for the Day

### The Lord is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

These words echo around the world as Easter dawns. They speak of hope in the face of horror. They speak of the possibility of joy and peace even in the darkest places of the world.

As Canadians remember our forebears who felt called to the trenches of Europe during the First World War, we give thanks for the many Christian leaders who saw their role as bringing hope in the form of the Body and Blood of Christ to soldiers living in muddy cold trenches. May their witness continue to call others to the difficult task of building a world of justice where peace and joy reign.

*The Ven. Dr. John Bailey*

#### DATES TO NOTE

Tues. Apr. 18	Church Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm, Fireside Room
Wed. Apr. 19	Endowment Fund Meeting, 4:30 pm, Upstairs Meeting Room
Wed. Apr. 19	Alt. Vespers, 7:00 pm, Church
Sun. Apr. 23	Chapel Committee Meeting, 11:30 am, Chapel
Tues. Apr. 25	Senior's Café, 10:00 am, Fireside Room
Sat. Apr. 29	Rummage Sale, 9 am to noon



#### 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.



#### RUMMAGE SALE

Lawn signs and posters for the Rummage Sale are available for pick-up in the gym after the service. There is also a volunteer sign-up sheet, any help you can give before, during or after the Sale is much appreciated.

The Rummage Sale will be April 29, 2017 from 9:00 am to noon.

**Please do not bring items until Tuesday, April 25!** We are an active Church and storage is limited!

We will be sorting and setting up from Wednesday April 26, morning on so if you have an hour or two during the week, please come and give us a hand.

The Fall and Spring Rummage Sales and the Christmas Fair are our major fundraisers and we rely very much on the proceeds from these events. All help received is very much appreciated.

#### COMPANION DIOCESE

The Diocese of New Westminster has developed a companionship with the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines (EDNP). Our Partner Parish is Parish of St. Hippolytus of Rome, Ambagiw, and St. Philip, Gueday. The Liaison in the Northern Philippines is Gladys Pag-ang. We have been asked to select an individual who will act as a point person and liaison in commencing and sustaining this relationship with your companion parish. Your parish liaison will be responsible for facilitating the compilation of a parish biography in electronic format, also be responsible for initiating and maintaining contact with the parish in EDNP and keeping your parish informed of how the companion relationship develops. Our liaison must be named by April 26, 2017. If you are interested in being our liaison, please notify Beth Vondette in the Church office.

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday May 24, 2017 Trendell Lounge, St. John's Shaughnessy Parish 1410 Nanton Street, Vancouver (corner Granville & Nanton) 7pm-9pm Light refreshments provided.

## REFUGEE NEWS

There have been some recent positive developments in our refugee sponsorship process.

The application to sponsor Lama and her four children, refugees from Syria now in a camp in Lebanon, has been approved by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). Apparently this means that the application itself was satisfactory, we are approved as sponsors, and the file will be sent to the Canadian Visa Office in Lebanon for further processing. This will include an interview of Lama and family and will take about ten months. The final decision as to whether Lama and her children can come to Canada rests with the Visa office, although we do not anticipate a problem.

The Refugee Fund has received a wonderful memorial donation of \$10,000 from the family of Howard Lear who wished to cover the sponsorship of Lama's parents, the grandparents of the family.

We have also received a wonderful pledge of support from St. Faith's Anglican Church. They have pledged \$5000 when our refugee family arrives and another \$5000 to help with the transition at the end of the one year sponsorship period.

Lama's parents asked if we could include their youngest son, Ward, who is 23 years old, and has a little work experience in construction. Lama, her children, her parents and Ward have been living together in the camp. With the recent donations, we feel confident that we can cover the costs of sponsoring him as well. The applications for Lama's parents, Nasriddin and Fatmeh, and Ward are essentially complete. We are awaiting permission from IRCC to submit them.

It is expected we will need to raise at least another \$15,000. If you wish to donate, please make cheques payable to St. Philip's and write "Refugee Fund" on the envelope as well as on the memo line. For more information please contact Mary Lymburner, 778-898-5117 or [kmarylumburner@telus.net](mailto:kmarylumburner@telus.net)



## REFUGE CONCERT

Sixty years after the Hungarian Revolution. On April 30, 2017 at 4 pm St. Philip's Music Concert Series presents Refuge - Music to celebrate Vancouver's Refugee Heritage. The concerts will include original music for tárogató by BC composers and feature classical Hungarian works with performances by: Jason Hall, tárogató; Corey Hamm, piano; Erik Kallo, tenor; Gergo Peter Eles, shepherd's flute; Michael Murray and members of Abendmusik. Admission is by donation. Suggested donation: \$20. Money raised will go toward the Refugee family.

## SENIORS CAFÉ

Seniors Café continues on alternate Tuesday mornings in the Fireside Room from 10:00 until Noon. Join us for tea, coffee, refreshments and friendly conversation or find a partner for a game of crib or Scrabble. We also feature arts activities and sometimes a local speaker or musician. This is a community-focussed program and everyone is welcome – please reach out and invite a friend or neighbour to Seniors Café.

## SENIORS CAFÉ – CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Seniors Café would benefit from having several more volunteers to help set up the Fireside Room and greet visitors. Come and share some laughter and great stories around the café tables. If you could contribute an hour or two on a Tuesday morning this spring, please contact Ann Kent at [ann@catkinggardens.ca](mailto:ann@catkinggardens.ca).

## CAMP ARTABAN CREAM TEA

Camp Artaban will be having their annual Cream Tea fundraiser on Saturday, April 29 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm at St. Augustine's Anglican Church. A traditional English tea with bake sale, raffle, book sale and more! Tickets are \$5 at the door. Raffle tickets \$2 or 3 for \$5. St. Augustine's is located at 8680 Hudson Street, Vancouver.

## PARISH PROFILE

The Canonical Committee is very pleased to advise that the Parish Profile has been submitted to and approved by the Bishop and is now posted on the Diocesan website. The posting for our new Rector will close on May 10 with the selection and interview process to follow. We will keep the parish updated on the process over the next few months as we are able. Thank you all for your continued support of the Committee.

## ENVELOPE VOLUNTEERS

The two ladies who ensure that there are envelopes in the pews are retiring. Thank you for your years of service. If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact Beth Vondette in the Church Office.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY: PACKET WISH LIST

Boost or Ensure Nutrition Drink; Tinned Meat; Juice Boxes; Socks; Disposable Razors; Fruit Cups and plastic spoons

*Avoid items with nuts and raisins, as they are hard on the teeth. Please, no expired items*

## NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

We met up as usual Vicki, Heather, Don & myself. Pitman sent us off with a prayer & a blessing.

We headed to St Anselms & were met by Kin who sent us off with packets, fruit, clothes, shoes & socks. Also a big bag of Easter eggs.

Then we went first to 4th & Highbury & picked up Peg who we had missed on the original pick up. Stopped there a while to chat to P, T, B, M & W. As usual there all in good spirits & seemed to enjoy a chat. M we had seen at Kits showers earlier. We stopped at the United Church - B was not around but we left him some food.

On to see M at the hostel. He had recently been discharged from St Paul's. Janet had given Vicki some Meds that she thought would help & also nourishing drinks. Apparently he is at the top of the housing list but we all felt meanwhile he needs some TLC. Thankful for K, who keeps a close eye on him. On along 4th where P the Megaphone man enjoyed a chat & some food. No sign of anyone else around. On Granville we met a man on his own drinking coffee. Did not appear homeless but was grateful for food.

Further on Granville - two more guys, S and G. They were in good spirits in spite of the weather & their belongings looking rather damp. Had a chat & gave them the food they chose. Then back along Broadway. On Maple we met D and T, who had also been to Kits showers. They chatted to Vicki & Don for a while and gladly accepted warm gloves.

S was outside London Drugs. He looked & sounded very dejected. He was cold, his hands looked swollen & quite sore. He really wanted money. J was not outside Safeway & no sign of J along further. A busy morning a bit cold & damp by the end.

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