

TODAY, SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Some of us recall the last Sunday in our Christian calendar under an old name: The Sunday next before Advent. The Prayer Book Collect for this Sunday begins: Stir up O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people and the sound of these words drove members of the parish into their kitchens to begin their Christmas baking. Today that collect has been transferred to the Sunday after Labour Day as a call back to Church from summer vacations. As our Christmas Fair approaches let us remember the old way and bake up a storm for the good of the parish and the graceful work that marks the story of the people of this place. *The Venerable Dr. John Bailey*

REFUGEE UPDATE - MEETING TODAY AFTER THE 10 AM SERVICE

Unfortunately we are not going to be able to sponsor the Zirak family from Iraq, now in Turkey, as we had planned. Through very generous donations from the parish, we have just over \$25,000 in our Refugee Fund. A representative of the Diocesan Refugee Unit has presented us with some options for refugee sponsorship. These were discussed at the Outreach Committee meeting on November 14. Anyone interested in hearing more about these options and helping us reach a decision is invited to a meeting in the Fireside Room after the 10 am service today, November 20. If you have any questions, please speak with Mary Lymburner, 778-898-5117 or kmarylymburner@telus.net

ANGLICAN CHURCH CALENDARS FOR 2017 ARE NOW AVAILABLE - they will be for sale in the gym during coffee, or in the office - 9.00 - noon, Mondays to Fridays. \$6.00.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH MANAGER - BETH VONDETTE

Today Please help us welcome Beth Vondette to the role of Parish Manager at St. Philip's. Beth has been a member of the parish for many years and brings a wealth of talents to the role. Beth and Anne Richards will be working together until the end of November. Please welcome Beth to her new role at St. Philip's!

ANNE RICHARD'S RETIREMENT

Next Sunday. After more than 30 years of dedicated service to St. Philip's, Anne Richards is retiring at the end of November. Please join us after the 10AM service on Sunday, November 27 to celebrate Anne's retirement and her work with us.



The Christmas Fair is next Saturday!

Elves are needed for MANY roles this week and during the Fair. We need you!. Contact Marian Boyle to volunteer. marianboyle@shaw.ca.

- ♦ Decorate the Gym Tues. Nov. 22, 9:00 - 12:00 Six volunteers
- ♦ Skirt tables & set-up from Nov. 22 onwards Conveners et al
- ♦ Bring up all items from the basement that have been saved for the fair.
- ♦ Silent Auction: bring in donations ASAP from businesses and friends.
- ♦ Bring in early items for the fair and leave them in blue tubs on the stage.
- ♦ Lawn signs and posters: blanket the West Side this week.
- ♦ Bankers Accounting & security, running change to stalls
- ♦ Sellers Sat. Nov. 26, 10:00 - 2:30 contact Convenors
- ♦ Greeters/Security " 10:00 - 2:00 sidesmen, et al
- ♦ Take down, clean up" " 2:00 - 3:00 All hands on deck!

Stalls

- Silent Auction: gifts, tickets, services, dining, art
- Raffle: Weigh-to-go gift basket, Christmas treats or *Mary Poppins* on Dec. 17 \$20/book
- Handcrafts for everyone, of all ages:
- Kitchen Gourmet: jams, chutneys, nuts...
- Christmas Cakes:
- Bake Shop: loaves, cakes, shortbread, gingerbread...
- Small Gifts & jewellery (new, or as good as)
- Christmas Table: festive ware (no lights or boughs!)
- Bottle Tombola: sauce, juice, wine, shampoo, pop...
- Tea Room:
- Hot Dog BBQ:
- Attic Treasures: silver, fine china, linens, crystal

Convors

Glenna Geddes

Team Gregg

Marilyn Pomfret & Diana Bragg

Carol Simpson & Penni Stock

Trina Wilson & Joanne Vondette

Laurie Cassie

Elizabeth Knox

Diane Driscoll

Team Wilson

Mary Pollock & Ursula Bell

Team Tomita

Ann Kent

Debbie Matheson debbiematheson@shaw.ca 604-202-6196

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AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR (NOV 26, 2016)

We are looking for items to auction

Do you have a special TALENT or SERVICE which you could offer for auction? Could you COOK and SERVE a dinner for four; PREPARE a picnic; BAKE a fancy cake; CAPTAIN a boat trip; SERVE a cream tea; COACH a language or a sport lesson; BABYSIT; PRUNE roses; CLEAN a yard or house; or whatever else your specialty includes? Use your imagination! Use the form below to describe your offering.

Can you DONATE a pair of season ticket for the symphony, hockey, theatre, etc. that you might not use? Could you consider asking your favorite business or retailer to donate Gift Certificates or goods?

Please indicate your offer below and return this slip in the collection plate, or drop it off at the church office as soon as possible so that we know how to prepare.

For more information please call Glenna Geddes (604-224-5495 or glenna.geddes@telus.net).

PLEASE ATTACH THIS FORM to ALL items donated
so we have your contact information and the value of the item

Silent Auction: I can offer

Item or Service Description (what? how many? for how long? when? any special conditions?)

Value (what would you expect someone to pay for it/ how much would it cost to buy?)

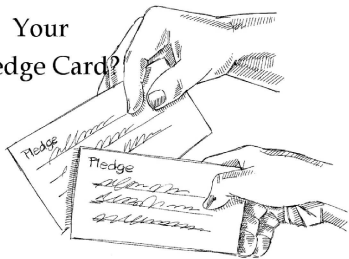
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Phone/e-mail

DATES TO NOTE

- Tue. Nov. 22 **Deadline for Christmas Issue of Parish POST**
Sat. Nov. 26 **Christmas Fair** 11.00 - 2.00. See back page for ways you can help with this major event in our parish.
Sun. Nov. 27 **Advent Sunday**
Tue. Nov. 29 **Seniors Café** Fireside Room, 10.00am to noon.
Sun. Dec. 4 Advent Carol Service. 4.00pm
Sun. Dec. 11 **Christmas Carol Sing-Along**, 4.00pm
Mon. Dec. 12 **Altar Guild** meets in the Fireside Room, 2.30pm
Wed. Dec. 14 **Seniors' Eucharist and Lunch**, 11.00am

Returned
Your
Pledge Card?



Many of you have already returned your pledge cards, indicating your financial support for the parish in this time of transition. This is an enormous help to our finance committee as they prepare for the year ahead. Remember that pledges may be changed any time during the year if your circumstances change. If you have not received a pledge card, please call the office (604 224 3238) or go to our web page, www.stphilipsdunbar.com and click on the Stewardship page.

Please help our leaders plan our budget for the coming year.

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.

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN IN THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

Eucharist and Dinner at St. John's, Shaughnessy.

November 30. Eucharist 6.00pm, Dinner 7.00pm.

Bishop Melissa Skelton, celebrating, the Venerable Barbara Clay preaching.

Dinner is \$30.00 per person,

and you must register by emailing eileen.nurse@gmail.com by November 25.

Neighbourhood



Ministry

WALK FOR SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12.

Peg, Pauline, Heather and I (Vicki) set off from McBride Park this morning, sent off with a blessing from Rev. Pitman and lovely packets, sandwiches, fresh fruit and a variety of clothes, supplied by Irene from St. Helen's. Thank you Irene! We were blessed with dry skies, at least at the beginning, a departure from what most teams have experienced this Fall.

We started our day down at Jericho, where E accepted everything we offered. On to M, at the hostel, who was in good spirits and was happy to receive packets, fresh food and a new sweater.

At the 4th and Highbury corner were T, M, W, W, B, B and a french fellow who was familiar, but we didn't catch his name. Heather noticed B's glasses were in disrepair, and has offered to help him get a new pair. Thank you Heather! B told us about C, who was homeless, then at Dunbar, then got a basement suite, and now is homeless again. He said he felt lonely living in the basement suite. This unfortunate story serves as a reminder of the value of companionship - on and off the streets - and reinforces to me the importance of our street ministry.

We headed east down Broadway and found D, a young man new to us, near London Drugs. He was happy to take all we offered, but wasn't interested in housing at this time, especially if it meant returning to the DTES. He's trying hard to stay clean.

On Granville were S and G, who were happy for the packets and especially fresh food.

We looped around to 4th avenue, and with our last packet and food, found P, the First Nations Megaphone seller who is almost always at the Whole Foods corner. P was honoured by his peers with the Vender of the Year award, and he proudly showed us the plaque. If you are by the Whole Foods, feel free to stop and congratulate him.

The four of us had a very good morning between street visits chatting about the street work we do, the new Mobile Care Unit project, etc.

In closing...can I ask that everyone put a call out to their churches/friends for winter wear. In particular, warm, waterproof gloves, fleece tops and bottoms, long underwear, rain gear. Thank you so much!

Vicki

ALT VESPERS

Alt Vespers is our contemplative evening prayer service held on Wednesday evenings. Join us in the church for a casual, contemplative, and concise service with beautiful music and time to respond creatively to Scripture. Doors open at 7pm for quiet reflection with music, and the service itself begins at 7.30pm, ending at 8pm. Learn more at altvespers.wordpress.com and find us on Facebook.

A REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Total revenue for St Philips through end of September is \$331K, slightly ahead versus budget and year ago. Receipts from identified givers (pledges) are slightly behind budget (-2%). Improved rental income and increased weddings and funerals have helped make up the difference.

Despite significant staff change and building maintenance costs incurred, expenses through September have been well managed by clergy, staff and committees, coming in 6% below budget. We have also benefited from a rebate in the amount we submit to the diocese, which has the bottom line deficit shrinking from a budgeted - \$55k (through Sept.), to the actual of -\$ 24k. If identified givers revenues finish the year as forecast, and costs continue to be well managed, we anticipate a year end deficit of - \$14k.

It is important to note that the parish did approve a budget with an operating loss of \$34k, and we have done well to shrink that loss, but we must continue to manage cost and achieve our forecasted revenues in order to minimize the use of parish investments to bridge the deficit gap.

Please assist your finance committee by remaining up to date on your pledges.

Paul Clinton, Treasurer

PARISH WEEKLY INCOME UPDATE

- 2016 operating budget revenues are \$470,114 in the approved parish budget
- 72% of operating budget revenues (\$338,284) is expected from identified givers
- Based on 2016 pledges, we expect an average of \$6,505 per Sunday from identified givers
- At the end of October we had averaged \$5,980 per Sunday from identified givers.
- Last Sunday we received \$5,107.

SENIORS CAFÉ – FALL EVENTS

Seniors Café continues on alternate Tuesdays through December 13. Please join us in the Fireside Room from 10.00am to noon. Everyone is welcome for refreshments and friendly conversation.

Tuesday November 29: the watercolour group will continue to explore painting and mixed media techniques with artist Tammy Delaney.

SENIORS CAFÉ – CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Seniors Café would benefit from having several more volunteers to help set up 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 fall please contact Ann Kent at ann@catkinggardens.ca

THE KITCHEN GOURMET

All contributions for the Kitchen Gourmet stall can be brought to the church and left under the mailboxes by the hall. Many thanks for all the contributions and your hard work. Carol Simpson and Penni Stock.

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:

Christmas Hampers



Sunday November 20	Food for Lunch
Sunday November 27	Food for Dinner
Sunday December 4	Treats
Sunday December 11	Any items still needed - organizing and packing of hampers
Monday December 12	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.

Cash donations: These help with the purchase of turkeys, meats, mandarin oranges and other extras that complete the hampers. You may add your donation to your offering envelope, clearly marking it Christmas Hampers (use one of the envelopes in the pews if you do not have offering envelopes) and place in the offering plate on Sundays, or mail or deliver to the Church Office.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. PHILIP'S

Wed Dec. 21	10.00am	Blue Christmas Eucharist
Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Simple Eucharist for families. Prior to the 5.00pm service, a very simple and short Eucharist will be offered in the Fireside Room.. It will be 30 minutes maximum and is intended for children and their families.
	5.00pm	Children's Christmas Tableau Service
	7.30pm	Holy Eucharist
	10.00 pm	Candlelight Eucharist (Note change of time)
Christmas Day	9.00am	Christmas Eucharist

