

# News and Views

*for the People, of*



## St. Philip's by the Sea

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### *Services for Easter 2017*

April 9th

*The Sunday of the Passion with the liturgy of the Psalms*

*8 am Book of Common Prayer*

*10 am – Contemporary Service - Palm Procession beginning outside*

Maundy Thursday

*April 13<sup>th</sup> . 7 pm Meditation, Foot Washing and Communion*

Good Friday

*April 14<sup>th</sup>      10:00 am      "The Last 24 Hours - a service of music,  
readings and meditations"*

Holy Saturday

*April 15<sup>th</sup>      8 pm The Great Vigil held at St. Paul's, Nanaimo*

Easter Sunday

*April 16<sup>th</sup>      8:00 am Sonrise Service at the beach (at Oar Road)  
10:00 am Easter Service with the Flower Cross*

## Communication



We live in a world where it is easier than ever to communicate and yet at the same time it is probably harder than ever to communicate well. What I mean is this; there are so many ways to communicate these days. As well as the good old fashioned methods of speaking to people or writing a letter, we can send emails, or post tweets on Twitter. We can post blogs or make comments on Facebook. For those of our friends and family who live far away, we can have "face time" or Skype.

Yet, with all these ways of communicating, in many ways it is becoming harder than ever to communicate well – to communicate in ways which really connect with people. It is so easy to read a post on Facebook, click "Like" and then pass on without ever really registering what the person has said and what they really mean. Much of our communication is

superficial and trivial.

As a church, we have to be able to communicate well with the world around us. More than ever these days, people who are looking for a church to join will check out church websites and Facebook pages before they dare risk actually going to a church service. It is no use having wonderful worship and loads of activities and ministries if people cannot find out about them "online".

Whether we like it or not, our church has to be able to present itself well through a website and Facebook. People really do check us out and make decisions about whether to try us or not through such things. It is for this reason that the Parish Council made the decision to move to a new (and hopefully improved!) website, though a special offer from a company called ChurchOS. We hope that by Easter, the new website will be fully up and running and that we can present a fresh face to the world around us. There is still a lot to do and much to learn, but as I write this, things are beginning to come together.

First of all, I want to thank all the people who made special donations towards the costs of the new website. It has been really encouraging to know that so many people wanted to help with this new development for St Philip's. Secondly, I want to ask people to help us as we continue to develop and enhance the website. What information do you think should be there? Do you have any photos that might be suitable for the website? How can we make this a website that will be attractive and welcoming?

Most of all, I want to stress that the website is primarily to help us communicate with those who do not yet belong to our church. It is a method by which we can say to the wider world who we are, what we are like and what we believe in. So perhaps the most important question that we have to answer as a church is this: "what do we want to say about ourselves?" What is the message that we want to communicate? What follows is my initial stab at trying to answer that question.

We are (or hope to be) a church that is

- welcoming
- loving
- inclusive
- accepting
- generous

So what are the words that you would want to use to describe St Philip's?

Hello Everyone,

We hope all is well We recently returned from a trip to N.E. Cambodia where KIDS funds a daycare/kindergarten at the Stung Treng Women's Development Centre (SWDC). This inspiring program teaches women the art of silk weaving and their scarves and other silk products are sold around the world. Many of you know this program and many of you have purchased their beautiful scarves!



Although the weaving program is sustainable there is a great need for young women to be able to bring their children to work with them otherwise they cannot work and provide for their families. The daycare/kindergarten is a very happy place. The 60 children play, sing, do exercises, learn to read and write and receive a nutritious lunch thanks to KIDS supporters. Entering the school we are greeted with smiles, hugs, hellos and a colourful and a creative environment. The children receive a head start with their education while their mother's earn a descent living wage.



We are happy to say that this year the weaving centre is very busy and we are able to support ten more women to be trained and get full time employment. Thanks to the Compassionate Eye Foundation for partnering with us to assist more women.



Meeting these women and hearing their stories is often heartbreak; like the young woman whose father died when she was 9 and she married young and had two small children only to have her husband killed in a motor vehicle accident leaving her penniless. Thanks to SWDC she can have her children at the daycare, learn a skill and support her kids. Many of the women are able to live in on site housing if they do not have place to live. Now they have a home, work, a daily lunch program and they are part of a caring, safe and supportive community, while working only steps away from their children

Thank you for your support, compassion and helping these women and children to live with decency and hope.

**To receive a hello from the kids click the**

**youtube link below the post**

All the best to you and yours,  
Adrienne and Rick

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## HAPPY TIMES

Chez Chillman, Christmas Day usually follows a simple pattern: David comes home from the morning service and we spend some time opening gifts and organizing the dinner table, we eat and then spend the rest of the day doing whatever we feel like (in David's case, sleeping). We eat Christmas dinner early by Canadian standards but not so early that, when he messaged me to say he'd be a bit late getting back because he had to take care of a pastoral matter, it was a problem.

Being married to a priest I have learned to be flexible about this kind of thing, so I pottered about and was just about to set the table for the two of us when I heard a voice behind me say 'y'areet?'. The only people who address me like this are my children. My beautiful girl had plotted with her Dad to visit us for Christmas and New Year as a surprise for me. What a gift! David will happily show you what he took as I turned around to hug her. She had planned on turning up at the midnight service but was delayed by bad weather at Calgary and had to spend the night in Vancouver, so became the best unexpected Christmas Day gift ever (we may grumble about BC Ferries but bless them! they run a Christmas Day service).

Isobel made Christmas – which I love – even more special just by being with us, especially as she had to travel half way round the world to get here.

the video



"We are so blessed to welcome our second grandchild, a boy to carry on the Peterson name. Vaughn Hudson Moss Peterson arrived Thursday February 23, 2017, 12:20 pm into his father's waiting arms.

Big sister Ari is being very "gentle" with her brother, but anxious for him to go to the park so they can go down the slide together.

Vaughn, Ari, Kirsten and Erik, their family is now complete.

Our hearts are full.

Farfar & Farmor  
(Don & Roberta)

## FINN'S STORY



Several people lately have been interested in the fact that Finn, my grandson, often serves with me as acolyte. Finn has been coming to St. Philip's since he was 2 years old. Both he and his brother Zane have been part of many services. He started reading pretty early!



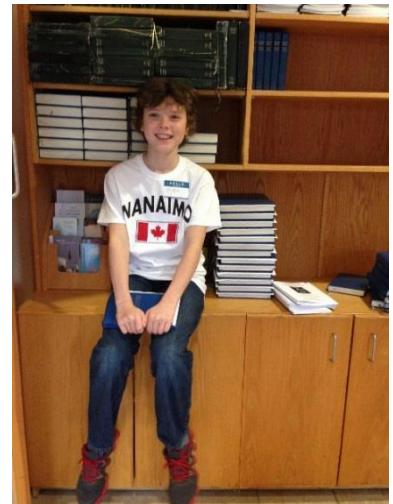
Then came the exciting day when he was allowed to become an acolyte! We say "thanks" to many that have helped him along the way



Ministers



Not only has Finn performed these duties responsibly but as both he and his brother Zane are scouts they have been part of the Remembrance Day services, plus



they have been sides people, and cooked pancakes



David welcomes the children, and as you can see, now Finn's little sister Aurora is anxious to play her part



## **FUN HAPPENINGS FROM OUR CHURCH FAMILY**



**Way to go Michael Deck and friends**

**Proceeds from the jam session went to "Laundry Love", a monthly ministry by our parish to do laundry for folks who need it.**

**Last month they did almost 300 loads on the Wednesday afternoon.**

**Best to all our friends at St. Philip's.  
Michael & Jane**

**This little angel is Lori's Granddaughter Evelyn Mai**



**This is our Great Granddaughter Elyse and our new pup Taz**





With your support, PWRDF is responding to the Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion worldwide: to seek to transform unjust structures, to pursue peace and reconciliation, and to safeguard the integrity of Creation. In 2016, over one million women, men and children, in 16 countries benefitted from a wide range of PWRDF projects.

Thank you for your prayers, gifts, and your accompaniment. We are deeply grateful to the parish staff and volunteers who account for donations to PWRDF, forward them to us, and issue tax receipts. If you are a donor through your parish, you may wonder why you have not heard directly from us. The confidentiality of this system means that your contact information is not shared with PWRDF, so we are not able to thank you more directly. Please be assured that this does not diminish the gratitude of PWRDF staff, board, volunteers and partners for your generosity, which moves us toward a truly just, healthy and peaceful world. On the back of this page we have shared many more of the results that have been achieved through your support. We hope that this can be posted in your parish, and that you will be encouraged to see the life-changing difference being made here in Canada and around the world. Please be assured that, on your behalf, we will continue to be an expression for all Anglicans of their baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace in all people and to respect the dignity of every human being.

Archbishop Fred Hiltz

Will Postma  
Primate Executive Director

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#### APWRDF 2016 – THE YEAR IN REVIEW

With your support in 2016, PWRDF and our partners touched and transformed the lives of more than 1,000,000 men, women and children across the globe. Together, we:

- Vaccinated 222,121 children in Mozambique;
- Reached 6,000 radio listeners in El Salvador with programming on HIV/AIDS, adolescent reproductive and sexual health, and gender-based violence;
- Assisted 11,102 people in South Africa living with HIV/AIDS with a variety of services, including home-based health care, psychosocial services, support groups, camp programs, and nutritional support;
- Monitored 28,959 children in Tanzania to ensure they are reaching appropriate developmental milestones and receiving adequate nutrition;
- Worked with Mining Watch Canada to advocate for public policy and mining practice changes to ensure the health of individuals, communities, and ecosystems, primarily in the Philippines;
- Assisted Refuge Egypt in its work with more than 10,000 Syrian and South Sudanese refugees, providing health care, food support, and nutrition education;

- Equipped 1100 indigenous people of Blackfoot background with workshops and training on their origins, culture and language
- Improved farming techniques and food security for farmers in the Philippines and Sri Lanka
- Provided health care and education to almost 60,000 refugees in the Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya;
- Worked with judicial systems, police, schools and community groups to stop gender based violence in Haiti and Thailand;
- Responded quickly to the needs of more than 1.4 million Haitians impacted by the devastation of Hurricane Matthew;
- Increased income of women living in poverty in Mozambique through micro finance;
- Provided emergency humanitarian relief to over 100,000 households in Nepal affected by the earthquake, including food distribution, transitional shelter, drinking water, sanitation and hygiene, psychosocial support and income restoration;
- Distributed more than 8,000 adult and infant hygiene kits, and more than 3,000 tents and sleeping bags, to Syrian and other refugees in Serbia, Greece, and Hungary;
- Installed solar panels and power in 28 Mozambique health clinics, creating better conditions from nighttime births and other health supports
- Responded quickly and generously to the Fort McMurray wildfires and the hundreds of people who were, and many who still are, displaced by the events;
- Expanded support for All Mothers and Children Count programming in Tanzania, Mozambique, Burundi and Rwanda through Government of Canada Funding, receiving a contribution of 6 dollars for every dollar contributed by PWRDF.

Thank you for your generous and prayerful support as we build a truly just, healthy and peaceful world.

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### **EVENTS FOR SUMMER AND FALL 2017**



*Bring some plants,  
Buy some plants*

**Sat. May 6<sup>th</sup> 9 am - 2 pm**  
*Bring and buy plants to glorify your garden  
In the grounds of St. Philip-by-the-Sea  
9 am until 2 pm  
Help would be greatly appreciated*





## **GARAGE SALE. APRIL 28/29TH**

12 noon – 5 pm  
9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
(Set-up 26 & 27.)

We are very sorry but we are unable to accept:  
Mattresses, Bed Pillows, TVs,  
Suitcases or Computers.

**We do accept gently used clothing and bedding.**

*Open For Donations*

Wed April 26th 9:30 am - 7:00 pm  
Thurs April 27th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

We have a truck to help with pickup of donations.

***Call Catherine at (250) 585-8309 or email [donaldcembella@yahoo.ca](mailto:donaldcembella@yahoo.ca)***

*All help is greatly appreciated. If you could spare 1 or 2 hrs. Just come in and we'll put you to work. Sorting, folding, hanging cloths, we could use a couple of men to help price tools etc.*

***Call Catherine at (250) 585-8309 for more info and read below....***

### **Garage Sale Set Up**

Wed morning 9:00 am various tasks, as in removing chairs, setting up table etc.

Wed & Thurs...9:30 am help to sort sale items. We can use any help you are able to give. Bring a can of soup, and stay a little longer !!

We will accept items for sale from 9:00 am Wed to 7:00 pm. and Thurs 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Garage Sale is Fri 28th 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and Sat 29th 9:00 am to 11:30

We will need extra help around 11:00 am on the Saturday to pack up left over items and set up the church hall.

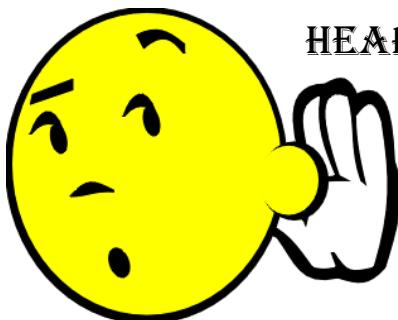
As you can see we will have a very busy 4 day. This is a very big fundraiser for our church with money going to help our Outreach program.

The Ladies Group is organizing this project but without all our Parishioners we will not be able to make this all happen. Any help on any of the days is appreciated. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail Catherine and let her know.

We will have sign-up sheets in the multi-purpose room or just drop by

**Kudos** to the many volunteers at St. Philip's that turn up year after year and help with baking, Garage Sales, Plant sales, Jewelry Sales and everything else that comes along, the funds from these projects are vital to the life of our church and often the area around. Last Feb (2016) the Jewelry sale made \$683.00. the Garage sale April \$2224.15, Garage Sale October \$ 1955.30 Christmas Tea Dec. \$ 2293.50. We donated \$

7715.00 to help the Church finances and we gave \$500.0 to PWRDF for the victims of the fire in Fort McMurray.



**HEARING** – Does everyone know the church has a sound system for anyone who is very hard of hearing? The headphones are located in the bottom cupboard behind the organ. If used, please be sure to switch them off and return to the cupboard. For more info. please call Sheila Penney at 756-3126

**VOLUNTEERS!!!** Needed in various areas, we would love some people to join us in Serving. I promise, David does not ground anyone for getting a little bit wrong, no one would be expected to go it alone, one of the servers will stay with you until you feel comfortable, just ask me for more details I will be happy to share [yvonnenedowney@shaw.ca](mailto:yvonnenedowney@shaw.ca)

We would also love to have some more greeters, now there is a lovely job, where you get to chat with everyone coming in, and then the rest of the service you simply enjoy, talk to Margaret any time or email her at [margaretfoggett@gmail.com](mailto:margaretfoggett@gmail.com)



Be a Part of  
Our Tomorrow  
Remember your local Anglican  
church in your will.

## WELCOME OSCAR!

On November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016, our son Murray and his wife Jemma welcomed their son Oscar into the world. Oscar is their first child and our only grandchild – what a blessing he is to us all.



We hadn't planned a trip to England for 2016 as we'd been there for 6 weeks in the fall of 2015. Of course, when we heard from Murray and Jemma that they were expecting, that changed our plans. We headed to England on December 11<sup>th</sup> and stayed for 6 weeks. During that time, we got to spend a lot of time with our little grandson, and it was amazing to see how much he changed over that short time.

Unfortunately, Jemma had a very difficult delivery, so she welcomed all the time that Nana was happy to hold little Oscar, and you can bet, that was a lot of time. Even though he had a difficult time coming into the world, he was such a good little guy right from the start, and very happy to snuggle with whoever happened to be free when he was awake.

Before we left to come back to Canada, Oscar had started smiling, and since then we have received some wonderful videos of him gurgling and giggling. Jemma even thinks he's starting to say 'mama', and I'm sure she's right!



When we emigrated to Canada in 1973, I don't think we quite realized how difficult it was for our parents to see us go. When Murray moved to England in 1999, it hit home to us just how hard it is to have a child living a continent away. Murray only planned to stay for one year, but he met our lovely daughter-in-law during that year, and the rest is history. Now that we have a grandchild there too, it's even harder to be so far away, but thank goodness for FaceTime and all the lovely videos that we've been sent.



We'll be heading back there in March, 2018, and keeping our fingers crossed that we might just get a surprise visit from them before that time. Who knows?

Frances and Rod Tester

## SUNDAY SCHOOL



The kids and I have a great time on Sunday mornings while the adults are in church. We talk about all sorts of interesting stuff: school, pets, relatives, teachers, friends, birthdays, clothes, what we like doing and what we don't, food (yummy or yucky), volcanoes, dinosaurs, our favourite animals, where we've been on holiday ... you get the picture. It's a real privilege to share in their joys and woes.

We usually manage to fit in a Bible story and some activities to help fix the story in their minds while having fun. We colour, paint, glue, word search, solve mazes, make things, even cook on occasion and generally get a bit messy – I don't mind as long as the kids are having a good time and want to be in church.

Our main rule is BE NICE TO EACH OTHER!

They love being able to take communion with the grown-ups and joining everyone for snacks and a drink after the service. The important thing is that they are learning that St Philip's is a good place to be, somewhere where they are heard and treated with respect.

Jude

Please note Jude will not be in Church to take Sunday school: 23 April; 11 June; 3 Sept; 10 Sept; possibly 29 Sept

## \$\$\$\$\$\$      Where does your donation go?      \$\$\$\$\$\$

At our recent Annual General Meeting, I fielded a question about our Synod Assessment and thought afterwards that it might be of interest for everyone to be aware of how each dollar of revenue that our Parish, and that the Diocese generates, is divided.

Of each dollar of Parish Revenue (donations & other Income):

- **16.5 cents** go to the Diocese:
- Assessments represent 89.7% of all Diocesan revenues, and out of its Revenues, the Diocese has the following expenses:
- 26% goes to the National Church for its work nationally and globally. 2.5% goes to the Provincial Synod to assist with their expenses
- 71.5% goes to cover the costs of the Diocesan operations, programs and ministries. Salaries and Administration represents 48.8% of all Diocesan expenditures.
- **62.8 cents** go towards the Salaries & Benefits of the Rector and Admin Assistant.
- **15.9 cents** go towards Parish Operating Expenses
- **2.9 cents** go to Outreach
- **1.9 cents** go to Church Programs

From these figures, it is fairly obvious that our ability to effect cost-savings is truly limited to the 16% that goes towards Operating Expenses, the rest are really beyond our ability to influence, except Outreach which is determined primarily by directed donations from the congregation.

So, there you have it, straight from the desk of your Treasurer. If anyone has questions, please give me a call.

Tony