

Celebrant: The Rev'd. Stuart Hallam
Preacher: The Rev'd Stuart Hallam

DATES TO NOTE

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| Today | Family Service, 10:00 am, with Pet Blessing, followed by Parish lunch |
| Sun. Oct. 13 | Thanksgiving Sunday |
| Mon. Oct. 14 | Thanksgiving Monday: Church office closed |
| Tues. Oct. 15 | Parish Council meeting, 7:30 pm, Totem Room |
| Sun. Oct. 27 | Church School Halloween Lunch, 11:30 am, Totem Room |
| Sun. Oct. 27 | Hallowe'en Concert: "The Phantom of the Opera" silent film, 7:00 pm, Church |
| Sun. Nov. 10 | Remembrance Day Service |
| Sat. Nov. 30 | Christmas Fair 11:00 am – 2:00pm |



PARISH LUNCH

Today is our parish lunch. All are welcome to come have a meal and enjoy a chance of getting to know your fellow parishioners. We look forward to seeing you then. The requested donation is \$5 per person.



RUMMAGE SALE LAWN SIGNS

Please return your Lawn Signs so that they can be re-stickered and used for the Christmas Fair! They can be left by the mailboxes.



THANKSGIVING DECOR

Altar Guild is requesting parishioners to bring flowers, fruits and vegetable to decorate the church for our Thanksgiving service. Please drop off your donations by 9:00 am by Saturday October 12 at the tables provided at the front of the church. Following the service, these donations will be donated to Dunbar House for their Thanksgiving dinner.

HALLOWE'EN CONCERT, FEATURING SCREENING OF 1925

"PHANTOM OF THE OPERA"

Sunday Oct. 27, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Join in the fun of enjoying the 1925 silent film "Phantom of the Opera" starring Lon Chaney accompanied by Michael Murray on the organ, in partnership with Clark's Audio Visual. Tickets are \$25 cash and \$5 for children under 10. Proceeds to the Organ Fund. Expect surprises!



MONDAY MANTRAS

All are welcome to join the weekly meditation group on Monday mornings at 10 am in the Totem Room, led by Paddy Leal.



WESTSIDE ANGLICANS NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

Today is Neighbourhood Ministry Sunday. Thank-you to all of you for all of the clothes you have donated over the last few weeks. They will be much appreciated.

DONATIONS

We are hoping to collect enough donations in September and October to see us through until after Christmas so your generosity would be much appreciated.

We are especially in need of:

- Nutrition drinks (eg Ensure or Boost).
- Soft texture Cereal bars (eg Nutrigrain)
- Protein Bars (eg Pure Protein Bars); no little bits like granola or oats, easy to chew. Both Costco and Save On Foods sell Pure Protein Bars.
- Winter and rain jackets and rain pants
- Sleeping bags and mats
- Tarps (ideally not orange)
- Winter boots.
- warm hats
- waterproof/resistant warm gloves
- Canned meat and fish

Other items that we are in need of are fruit or pudding cups, small can openers and biodegradable spoons (for example World Centric at London Drugs); no other clothing or toiletries are needed at this time.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are currently looking for volunteers to participate in our street visits. This would involve 3 hours on a Saturday morning once a month, though there is some flexibility such that if you can't always make it for your assigned shift it is not a problem. 3 hours of training are required for this position.

MCU REPORT FROM KITS SHOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

Vicki and Dr. Martin attended at the opening Fall MCU session at Kits Showers. Thank you Dr. Martin! It was great to see all of the site volunteers and familiar client faces.

On the medical side, Dr. Martin saw 5 clients, several returning. On the social services side, Vicki saw 5 returning clients and provided various pieces of advice and updates about their issues. It was hard to break the news that the housing availability, for those waiting for months now, is not looking good for the upcoming winter. Our encouragement, we hope, is a source of strength. Our site host, Penny, said that they are running low on socks, so if any churches have an abundance and could share a bag with the MCU team, that would be great. They are also accepting jeans and winter shoes.

Respectfully Submitted by Vicki, on behalf of the "Kits" MCU team

UPDATE ON THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: UNDER OUR ROOF AND BEYOND OUR WALLS

98 parish households have been visited and 64 pledges returned. If you have been meaning to pledge but still have your form at home or have misplaced it, call your visitor or Beth in the office for assistance. You can return your pledge in the collection plate, to your visitor, or to the office. And don't forget to voice your opinion on "Your Voice" on the website to add to the 34 responses already collected.

Now that summer holidays have passed, visitors will contact the remaining 40 households to arrange a visit. We look forward to meeting with everyone.

Thanks to your returned pledges worth over \$830,000 so far, the Property Committee has received a budget from Trustees to replace roofs on all buildings. As your financial commitment builds for St Philip's future, our church will be able to keep up the buildings and fund our beloved ministries, new staffing and programs that reach beyond our walls to grow the parish.



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UPDATE ON PLEDGES TO THE OPERATING BUDGET

Many parishioners pledge to make weekly or monthly donations to the church's operating budget. It is with thanks to you that I report that most pledgers are up to date with their donations as of the end of August. The regular income is a real help to the parish operations.

I will be contacting individually the few who appear to have fallen behind over the summer. If you do not hear from me by the end of September, you can assume that our records show you are up to date with your contribution.

To conserve paper and time, I won't ask Beth to print statements that say just that.

From your Envelope Secretary, Paul Harrison

REFUGEE NEWS - How you can help with the next phase

Lama and her four children have been in Canada for a year, so the formal sponsorship period has ended but we continue to care for them. They are approaching financial independence in that Lama has found work with a catering company, almost full time. After work, she attends evening ELL classes three days a week. Having received the approval of Church Committee, we continue financial support for Lama and her children for the next several months at a reduced rate.



Lama's parents and her brother Ward (25) arrived in May, attend language classes, and their sponsorships pay a share of the rent and food for the whole family of eight who live together.

Immediate priorities:

1. Work: Ward has some experience as a house painter and construction helper, knows some

English and learns quickly. It would be very helpful if any of you has some house painting to be done and would be willing to take the time to supervise Ward, or if you have contacts with a company that needs a painter or construction helper.

2. Money: Nasridin, Fatmeh and Ward arrived on May 16, 2019, so we are responsible for their support until May 16, 2020. To that end, we need ongoing financial gifts to see us through until May 2020. Thank you to all who have contributed so generously. Please donate by cheque, payable to St. Philip's with Refugee Fund on the envelope and memo line, or on our website through Canada Helps; specify your donation for the Refugee Fund.

3. Tutoring and/or driving: Many thanks to Diane Driscoll and Sophia Thomson, new tutors, who have joined Mary Lymburner, Debbie Matheson, Joan Sutherland, Lorisa Schouela and Joanne Vondette.

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CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNING

Ann Kent has retired from years convening Attic Treasures and our deep gratitude goes with her. We seek a couple of new leaders in this very popular room where you can put your design flair to good use. Debbie Matheson announces that this is her last year running the Christmas Fair, so we invite new leaders with new ideas. From seasoned volunteers to newcomers, all are welcome!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Please make a few extra jars of preserves for the Kitchen Gourmet stall at the Christmas Fair. The more variety we have, the more we can sell. Please recycle your 125mL or 250mL mason jars by bringing them to the Church and leaving them on the table under the mailboxes. Thank you.



SPRING BULB SALE AT ST. JOHN'S SHAUGHNESSY

Are you looking for some spring bulbs at good prices? St John's Shaughnessy is selling them to raise funds for their Syrian refugee family. They are available to purchase Mon-Thurs during office hours. Please contact the office at SJS for more information. 604 731 4966. church@sjs.net

