

Notices for Sunday, November 15, 2020

Dear lovely people of St Philip's!

This week we say a fond farewell to our lovely Beth as she sets off to pastures new. She will be joining Richmond Food Bank as their full-time Office Manager and we wish her the very best as she begins this important new journey in her life. Because of COVID-19 we are unable to say goodbye in our normal way, but we will include a leaving 'do' in this Sunday's online worship service. If you would like to contribute to Beth's farewell purse, a St Philip's tradition, the details of how to do so are given below.

We are actively seeking Beth's replacement, but in the interim Pat (yes, you guessed it) has offered to step in to take on much of what the Parish Manager does in the interim. You may recall that Pat came to us after being the Front of House Manager at Stong's, so she has plenty of experience in this area. Thank you, Pat once again for your support and enthusiasm - what would we do without you!

As you know, following Dr Bonnie Henry's announcement of tighter COVID-19 restrictions until the 23rd November, the Diocese asked each parish to decide locally whether or not to suspend in-person worship. After consulting with the Wardens, I decided to err on the side of caution and suspend in-person worship until Advent Sunday Nov. 29. I know some people were disappointed with my decision and I accept that. However, as COVID-19 number spiral I believe it is important to be seen to do our bit to help Dr Henry's efforts by lessening contact as we can. I also want to protect your welfare and prioritise your safety. Hence my decision.

In a meeting with the clergy of the Diocese this week, Archbishop Melissa warned that we need to 'be ready for any possible scenario' in the coming weeks as the coronavirus numbers continue to increase. She said she would take her lead from Dr Henry and would put the Diocese back into whatever phase of re-opening is deemed appropriate. She re-iterated the need for all in the Diocese to take leadership within our communities by maintaining our social distancing and wearing masks to keep each other safe.

I will keep you informed as new information comes in, but for now our next in-person service will be a wonderful Advent Service of music and readings at 4.30pm on Advent Sunday, 29th November.

'Being ready' is part of the spiritual make-up of the Christian life. Jesus constantly told his hearers that we would not know when the Kingdom of God would appear. The writer of Thessalonians also makes the point, 'For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night' (1 Thessalonians 5.2). Sometimes watching, waiting and anticipating what will happen is all we can do. Yet, Jesus says for those who have eyes to see, the signs of the Kingdom are all around us. Each of us has the power to choose to love,

wherever we find ourselves, and that power can change the world. I leave you with this benediction from 'Liturgy that Matters.'

*Love is a risky endeavour, but we are made capable.
Because love lives in us, we can practise solidarity with courage.
Because love is alive around us, we can imagine new worlds together.
Because love is eternal, we can trust in it even when we struggle to perceive it.
This is the power of God in us.
Let us go and live it with faith. Amen.*

Love and Prayers,

Stuart

DATES TO NOTE

Mon. Nov. 16	Outreach Committee Meeting, 1:00 pm
Tues. Nov. 24	Parish Council, 7:30 pm. Note: this meeting was postponed from Oct 17
Sun. Nov. 29	Advent Carol Service, in-person at 4:30 pm

IN-PERSON Evening Prayer Services have been temporarily suspended until Sun. Nov. 29th

WEBSITE WORSHIP Sundays at 10:00

Join Stuart Hallam and others in Sunday morning Website Worship and follow along with the order of service delivered to you on Friday. The services are recorded and posted by Saturday evening, so you can watch and revisit them at your convenience. St Philip's continues to offer online worship for the many worshippers who cannot attend in person.

Visit <https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/blog>



PRAYER, CARE AND SHARE

Wednesdays via Zoom at 10:00 AM (**Note:** Cancelled Nov. 11 & 18)

On your computer, click the link at 10:00 AM

<https://zoom.us/j/2939572088>

To join the gathering by phone, dial 778-907-2071.

The meeting ID is 2939572088.

MIDDAY PRAYERS

Join Stuart Mondays to Thursdays for Midday Prayers. Whether you are at home or busy at work, this 20 min service will help you relax and reconnect with yourself, your community and your Creator...

(Note: Cancelled Nov. 11 and Nov. 16-19)

To join by phone, dial 778-907-2071 Meeting ID: 980 4434 7032



<https://zoom.us/j/98044347032?pwd=NjdIQmg5bTc4Ym9GaidYL1BZNCtBZz09>



PRAYER LIST

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers at this time: Greg, Maura and Brian, Nancy, Tracy and family, Douglas Bruce, Larry Hoad, Mike Lane, Brenda Harrison, Sarah Burns, Cynthia Howard, Richard Fenner, Jan and Eve Alexander, Hazel Maunder, and Min's sister Jill.

Let us pray for those who have died and for their friends and family bereaved by their loss. At this time, we especially pray for Diana and Phil Bragg and their families as Diana grieves the loss of her dear son Ken.

MILESTONES

Doreen Tomkins celebrates her 90th birthday next week. Bless you, Doreen. Congratulations! Let's share life's blessings with all our parishioners as we recite the final prayer

STUART'S STUDY LEAVE

Stuart will be on Study Leave Nov. 13-20

Midday Prayers and Pray, Care and Share are cancelled Nov. 16-19 while Stuart is away.



COFFEE HOUR Sundays at 11:00 AM on Zoom

We look forward to seeing **you**. Click the blue link at 11:00 am, using your computer for best results, or join by phone:

<https://zoom.us/j/454815164>

To join any Zoom meeting by phone, dial 778-907-2071.

Coffee Hour ID is 454815164.

STEWARDSHIP 2021

Everyone received the full Stewardship Package by email. Copies of the pledge form are available for you to pick up at the mailboxes (Sat – Wed) for you to take home, fill out, and mail or bring back to the church. We need to receive the pledge forms by Dec 10 so that we can move forward with setting the budget for 2021. Please pledge as generously as you can in this time of lost rentals and curtailed fundraising.





PARISH MANAGER IS MOVING TO A NEW JOB!

Beth Vondette has accepted a full-time position with the Richmond Food Bank Society. Her final day at St. Philip’s will be this Friday, November 13. She wishes to thank you all for a wonderful 4 years here at St. Philip’s.

If you wish to contribute to a farewell purse, give by cheque (“Special Purse” on the Memo line) or at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/11169> (write “Special Purse” in the message box).

PARISH MANAGER POSITION

The posting for the position of Parish Manager at St Philip’s is on our website under **News**. Please consider if there is someone you know who might fit this part-time job and invite them to apply soon. <https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/news/parish-manager-job>



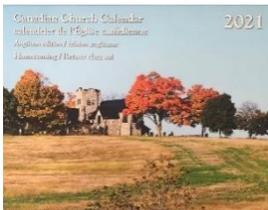
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

As we complete our second year of the three-year Capital Campaign, we have so much to be thankful for: the buildings are well protected, the Loop system assists in hearing, all lighting is updated, and the new pews allow complete flexibility. Furthermore, we are looking ahead at staffing that will be funded by the Capital Campaign. As we pass the anniversary of our first-year donation, we are reminded to make our second contribution soon. You might even consider *Donation of Securities and Related Tax Benefits*.

<https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/pages/2019-capital-campaign>

ST. PHILIP’S RINGERS

Months of isolation, separation from loved ones, loneliness, uncertainty, and stresses at home can be heavy to bear. **Stuart asks you to call him at mobile 604-338-5636 if you or anyone you know needs a chat and support.**



CHURCH CALENDARS

Copies of 2021 Church Calendars have arrived. The cost is \$6.00 per calendar. This year’s calendar highlights church exteriors each month. Email to reserve one at manager@stpdunbar.com

GRATITUDE CONFETTI

Let’s toss heaps of gratitude confetti on Pat Brandon who will cover essential office duties after Beth Vondette’s departure until the new manager is selected. Her extra effort in this time of transition is deeply appreciated.





PARISH FINANCES: an update from Don Thomson, Treasurer

Operating results showed continued improvement in October. October revenues exceeded expenses by \$2.6 thousand, \$7.4 thousand better than budget: October giving, including Thanksgiving envelopes, was \$3.5 thousand over budget; rental income was on budget; and expenses were \$4 thousand under budget. Thanks to you and to the Trustees who are working hard to supplement your giving with income from facilities rentals and fundraising, and who prudently manage spending to avoid unnecessary costs while still meeting Parish objectives.

Despite the improvement, we are still facing an operating loss for the 10-month year-to-date. The year-to-date loss was \$45 thousand, \$25 thousand under better than budget but \$25 thousand worse than the same period last year. Without the Diocese assistance received earlier in the year, the year-to-date loss would have been \$100 thousand.

Year-to-date General Fund giving, at \$217 thousand, was approximately \$17 thousand less than budget and \$55 thousand less than last year. The shortfall was due to one-off donations to the General Fund received last year that have not been repeated, but the impact has been partially offset by identified giving which was \$13 thousand more than budgeted. Thank you for your continuing support, and for taking advantage of the PAD and online donation options. With facilities closed through the end of August, and the continuing impact of physical distancing, year-to-date rental income was \$21 thousand less than budgeted and the \$11 thousand budgeted rummage sale fundraising was not achieved.

The government's wage subsidy reduced salaries expense by \$18 thousand; the Diocesan waiver reduced its assessment by \$37 thousand; and we have managed to keep other expenses at \$88 thousand, \$21 thousand under budget and \$19 thousand less than year-to-date 2019. My current expectation, subject to any increase in donations, is that the 2020 operating loss will be roughly in the range of the budgeted \$60 thousand loss (without government and Diocesan assistance, a \$60 thousand loss would have been a \$115 thousand loss). A loss of that magnitude is far more than any previous annual operating loss.

Planning for 2021 and beyond continues, reflecting the Parish vision and taking into account our current circumstances, challenges and opportunities while addressing financial sustainability.

Your annual pledges and one-off gifts sustain our current operations; your commitment to our 3-year Capital Campaign is enabling restoration, renewal and reimagining of the Parish to meet the spiritual and physical needs of our community going forward.

If you have any questions or comments at any time, please don't hesitate to contact me at donaldt.w35@shaw.ca.

WESTSIDE ANGLICANS NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

Please help make someone happier, warmer, and drier.

As we collect items to pass out to our friends on the street, we need:



- Socks
- "One size fits all"/ "Magic" gloves
- Canned meat and fish
- Cereal and protein bars (no granola bars or chewy protein bars, please.)
- Winter and rain jackets, rain pants, fleeces, long underwear, toques, sweaters, scarves
- Boots for men, sized 10 and above
- Sleeping bags and mats and tarps

Please be thoughtful that the clothing items you donate are functional for people who live on the street. We mostly see men and we don't have any children on our route. Fashion boots, blouses, skirts, suits and dresses are not useful for our purposes. Please donate them elsewhere, to other organizations.

We are also collecting and delivering non-perishable donations to the Marpole Food Bank.

Discussion Group on *Fever Dreams: Contemplating Coronavirus*

Mondays at 7:00 pm

The book by Rev Pitman Potter contains 52 spiritual texts selected from the world's religious traditions as well as other voices. It provides an opportunity for reflection and discussion on the challenges we face. In response, St. John's Shaughnessy is offering a series of four discussion sessions (Nov 16 – Dec 7) that can contribute to our Advent preparations.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82378119775?pwd=bzNoUEExZmdu1drTkFtOERULzVhZz09#success>

Staying Close While We're Apart,

Stuart Hallam (Rector), Debbie Matheson, Brian Mix, Diana Bragg, and Suzi Noetzel (Wardens)



ONLINE CHRISTMAS FAIR 2020

The Fundraising Group has planned shopping options for parishioners and the community to buy and bid **online**. This year, there will be no in-person shopping in bustling rooms where we hand pick each item.

- Access the Auction & Online Sale on our website from Nov. 25
- Sales will be online Nov. 25 – Dec. 2. You have a week to spend!
- Pick up your prepaid order at St Philip's on Sat Dec. 5, 10:00-2:00
- Your bags of goodies, Auction wins and poinsettias will await you.

Stalls

- Home Baking
- Silent Auction
- Poinsettias
- Kitchen Gourmet Preserves
- Rectory Tonic Syrup
- Christmas Cakes

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Contact the team leaders to offer help in creating, sourcing, selling, and packing donations.

The Goods for sale online Nov. 25-Dec. 2:

- Rectory Tonic is a natural, delicious nectar to be blended in soda for a refreshing cocktail
- Christmas Cakes will be offered in dark Traditional (\$20) and light Amaretto (\$25). Get both!
- Poinsettias in traditional colours & three sizes for your home or business. Order by Nov. 29
- Baking will be sold in bags containing a delicious selection of traditional holiday favourites
- Kitchen Gourmet will offer gift bags containing a selection of sweet and savoury preserves.
- The Silent Auction will offer experiences, items, and gift cards for you to bid on generously

Kitchen Gourmet

Joanne Vondette

- Joanne Vondette has more 250ml and 500 ml jars. Contact her before they're gone.
- Bring in your preserves 9:00-11:00 on Sat. Nov. 21 for the team to sort and bag them

Home Baking

Harper Hadden

- Harper is assembling a team of bakers and set recipes of a range of our most popular items
- Prepackaged bags of assorted baked goods will be sold online for a set price.
- Bring them to the church to be bagged on Friday, Dec. 4th (exact times TBD).
- We will only post for sale online what the team can reasonably produce.

ONLINE SILENT AUCTION

Debbie Matheson

- Please donate services, experiences and items for people to bid on.
- Get creative! Cook a gourmet dinner, do my taxes, prune my garden, create star desserts, give a design consult, coach voice, teach a skill.
- Donate an item by redeeming your airline points. (Who flies in 2020?)
- Ask letters are in the S mailbox, or Debbie can email you one.
- We need donations in-hand, photographed, and uploaded by Nov. 24.
- Bidding is online Nov. 25 – Dec. 2. A full **week** to outbid each other!
- We need high value experiences and items. Please help!
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POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER: order from Suzi **by Nov. 29.** Suzi Noetzel spnoetzel@me.com

Red Poinsettia
6" (\$15), 8" (\$25) or 10" (\$35)



White Poinsettia
6" (\$15), 8" (\$25) or 10" (\$35)



Tri-colour, 10" (\$35)



Mixed Planter 11" (\$25)

