

# BULLETIN NOTICES FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2016

## Thoughts for the Day

As days grow short in the Christian calendar our readings reflect anxiety about the future. We read apocalyptic literature about the end of all things. Democratic societies are grounded in a belief that we all have a say in the future. When we vote or opt not to vote there are consequences to our actions. As we pray for our brothers and sisters in the United States help us to remember our own role in building a world of peace. Help us to shoulder the responsibilities in life that belong to each of us.

*The Ven. Dr. John Bailey*

## Today

### Please join us at Lunch

Please join us at a luncheon to celebrate the community of St. Philip's Anglican Church and the completion of our annual Stewardship Campaign. This is our way of thanking you for your ongoing support of this church and its ministries.

**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.

### HAVE YOU 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](http://www.stphilipsdunbar.com) and click on the Stewardship page.

**If you have not returned your pledge card, please try to get it in as soon as possible so we may truly celebrate this Sunday, confident that our ministry will continue to grow to the Glory of God**

### 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 \$6,960.

## Christmas Fair, November 26, 11.00 - 2.00

Raffle Tickets are almost half sold! Prizes: Weigh- to-Go gift basket, Christmas Treats, or tickets to the Arts Club's *Mary Poppins* on Dec. 17th.

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### Three weeks to go! How can you contribute?

	Convenors
Silent Auction: gifts, tickets, services, dining, art	Glenna Geddes
• Raffle: \$20 book of 10: buy Sundays or in the office.	Bruce Gregg
• Handcrafts for everyone, of all ages	Marilyn Pomfret & Diana Bragg
• Kitchen Gourmet: jams, chutneys, nuts...	Carol Simpson & Penni Stock
• Christmas Cakes	Trina Wilson & Joanne Vondette
• Bake Shop: loaves, cakes, shortbread, gingerbread...	Laurie Cassie
• Small Gifts & jewellery (new, or as good as)	Elizabeth Knox
• Christmas Table: festive ware (no lights or boughs!)	Diane Driscoll
• Bottle Tombola: sauce, juice, wine, shampoo, pop...	Team Wilson
• Tea Room	Mary Pollock & Ursula Bell
• Hot Dog BBQ	Team Tomita
• Attic Treasures: silver, fine china, linens, crystal	Ann Kent

Elves are needed for MANY roles before & during the Fair: please help!  
We need new helpers every year. Contact Marian Boyle to volunteer.

♦ Silent Auction	Solicit donations from businesses, friends, parishioners.
♦	Find letters to businesses from the S mailbox.
♦ Lawn signs & posters	Put up signs and posters to blanket the West Side.
♦ Decorate the Gym	Tues. Nov. 22, 9:00 - 12:00 Six volunteers
♦ Skirt tables & set-up	Tues. Nov. 22, noon onwards, Conveners et al
♦ Bankers	Accounting & security, running change to stalls
♦ Sellers	Sat. Nov. 26, 10:00 - 2:30
♦ Greeters/Security	" 10:00 - 2:00
♦ Take down, clean up"	" 2:00 - 3:00 All hands on

### DO YOU HAVE ANY CANNING JARS?

The "antipasta group" need 8oz standard mouth sealer jars for the wonderful antipasta they make and sell at the Christmas Fair. If you can bring some jars to the church before November 16<sup>th</sup>, the group would be very grateful.

### THE KITCHEN GOURMET - CAN YOU HELP?

Did you make any jams, jellies or chutneys during the summer? Can you put together cake, cookie or soup mixes in jars? How about pickles? Can you make specialty salts and/or peppers? How about dry rubs for meat, poultry or fish? Did you make spiced nuts or dry bay leaves? We are looking for contributions for the Kitchen Gourmet stall at our upcoming Christmas Fair and all contributions will be welcome. For further information please contact Carol Simpson or Penni Stock

## **DATES TO NOTE**

Mon.Nov.14 **Outreach Committee** 7.30pm

Tue.Nov.15 **Church Committee** meets, Fireside Room, 7.30pm.

Tue.Nov.15 **Seniors Café** Fireside Room, 10.00am to noon.

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**

## **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.

## **UPDATE FROM THE REFUGEE COMMITTEE**

Unfortunately, we are not going to be able to sponsor the Zirak family from Iraq, now refugees in Turkey, as we had planned. Initially the problem was a reduction in the number of applications the government would accept from the Diocesan Refugee Unit (DRU) to the end of 2016. This number has just recently been increased. However, the Chaldean Community in Surrey, who were seeking help for the Ziraks, have withdrawn from the process. Through very generous donations from the parish, we have more than \$24,000 in our Refugee Fund. The Diocesan Refugee Unit is presenting us with some options for refugee sponsorship. These will be discussed at our 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 on Sunday, November 20. If you have any questions, please speak with Mary Lymburner, 778-898-5117 or [kmarylymburner@telus.net](mailto:kmarylymburner@telus.net).

## **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 MANAGER TRANSITION**

After more than 30 years of dedicated service to St. Philip's, Anne Richards is retiring at the end of November. Her patience, support and commitment to the parish has been invaluable. We wish Anne all the best as she makes this transition.

We are also happy to announce that Elizabeth (Beth) Vondette is joining St. Philip's staff as Parish Manager. Beth has been a member of the parish for many years and brings a wealth of talents to the role. Beth will be working with Anne over the next month. Please welcome Beth to her new role at St. Philip's!

### **CANONICAL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Canonical Committee is the group responsible to undertake the selection process for a new Rector and is in the midst of the information gathering and discernment process that will culminate in the creation of a Parish Profile. The full process takes 12 to 18 months and includes a time of gathering information, understanding of the parish - what makes St. Philip's unique - and discerning the needs of this community for the future. The better our understanding of the parish and its needs the more successful our search for and selection of a new Rector will be.

The Committee has reviewed some of the most recent profiles from other parishes in the diocese and encourages you to have a look on the Diocese's website if you are interested. One example recently posted was for St. James' Vancouver which can be found at the following url: <https://goo.gl/1joDiv>

Thank you for your continued support of all the members of the Canonical Committee as we undertake this work.

### **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.

**Tuesdays November 15 and 29:** the watercolour group will continue to explore painting and mixed media techniques with artist Tammy Delaney. **Tuesday November 15,** volunteers from the Walk and Be Seen campaign will make a short presentation at 11.30.

### **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](mailto:ann@catkinggardens.ca)

### **SAVE THE DATE! November 17, 2016 from 4:30-6:30pm**

Christ Church Cathedral invites you to celebrate the completion of Raise the Roof, Ring the Bells, Feed the Hungry. The celebration and open house will be held at the Cathedral and include the inaugural illumination of the spire and pealing of the bells. More details will follow in a formal invitation.

### **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](http://altvespers.wordpress.com) and find us on Facebook.

**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:

Sunday November 13	Food for Breakfast
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.

# SILENT AUCTION

## 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](mailto:glenna.geddes@telus.net)).

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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?)

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

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Name

Phone/email