Notices for Sunday, June 21, 2020

Hello lovely people of Saint Philip's!

I hope you are all okay? I'd like to start this week by saying thank you to all of those who responded to the questionnaire that was sent out regarding reopening. Getting on for 90 people responded! It was really great to hear how you were feeling about the next steps and how you were feeling about the online worship that we have provided since lockdown began. All of your comments are being collated and will be used to inform the Parish Council's discussion next Tuesday. Once the council has met, the wardens and I will make a decision about moving to Phase 2 and we will inform you all next week. Again, our paramount concern is the health and safety of our people which will be foremost in our minds as we discuss and decide. So, thank you for your contribution and honesty as we recognise that we're all in this together.

Next week starting on Wednesday at 10:00 AM we are going to introduce a new group gathering called **Prayer, Care and Share.** It will be a group that meets via Zoom as an opportunity for all those who wish to meet up and share what's happening in their lives, to offer care and comfort to one another, and to pray together. If you don't have a computer or smart phone, don't worry: there is a telephone number that you can use so that you can participate too. You will find all the information about **Prayer, Care and Share** in this bulletin.

This week saw the Annual General Meeting of the four-parish Neighbourhood Ministry and the retirement of Vicki and Pitman Potter from its ranks. Vicki and Pitman were pivotal in forming the Neighbourhood Ministry back in 2008 and they have led it ever since. Their vision had but one simple aim: to 'provide non-judgemental love and support to those living on the streets'. Since then, hundreds of relationships have been forged, scores of people have been rehoused, and countless lives been transformed. I want to thank Vicki and Pitman for their friendship, their inspirational leadership, their commitment to justice and their unerring vision for the Kingdom of God in this city. We wish them well as they begin a new chapter in their lives together.

The AGM also said goodbye to our own Beth Vondette as the Administrator of the Neighbourhood Ministry, as the funding for her role ends at the end of June. Beth will, of course, be staying on with us at St Philip's as our Parish Manager. The work of the Neighbourhood Ministry will continue. The new Board of Management, made up of the four Rectors and Parish Liaison volunteers, will soon advertise and appoint a part time 'Volunteer and Program Manager' who will take up the reins from Vicki and Pitman with a view to developing the ministry going forward and administrating what already happens. I will keep you all posted when news arises.

We remain committed to furthering the aims of God's Kingdom of inclusive love, justice and peace. It is not always an easy journey. As Jesus warns us in this week's gospel, the cause of such a Kingdom can come up against structures and powers that wish to maintain the status quo and further the causes that divide and subjugate others. We see his words being played out around the world today as the two pandemics of virus and racism continue to challenge and disturb us. There can never be God's peace without justice. The cause of love can never be suppressed or snuffed out.

So next week, as we plan at the Parish Council, as we look towards the new normal for our church community, let us continue to pray for God's world and seek God's wisdom as we listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Love and Prayers,

Stuart

WEBSITE WORSHIP

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. These services have been viewed by households 777 times in the past month: mid-May to mid-June. Visit our website where there is much to find in worship and news. https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/blog

PRAYER, CARE AND SHARE: Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

Join Stuart for midweek prayer and fellowship in a pastoral gathering on Zoom. Meet, greet, pray. Share life's concerns and joys in a small supportive gathering. You may join by regular telephone, or on a smart phone, computer or tablet. Stuart hopes to hear your voice.
To join the gathering by phone, simply dial 587-328-1099. Listen to prompts. You will be asked for the meeting ID which is 2939572088. Just like a normal phone call, you will be able to listen to and speak to everyone in the gathering. **By Computer**: Click the blue link at 10:00 am, using your computer for best results. https://zoom.us/j/2939572088

COFFEE HOUR on Zoom: Sunday June 21, 11:00 AM

A record 27 people dropped by to share coffee last week! We look forward to seeing **you**. Click the blue link at 11:00 am, using your computer for best results. https://zoom.us/j/454815164
To join Zoom by phone, dial 587-328-1099. Listen to prompts. The Coffee Hour ID is 454815164

To Join Zoom by phone, you can dial any one of these five options:

587-328-1099 647-374-4685 647-558-0588 778-907-2071 438-809-7799

ST PHILIP'S NOMINEE for the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster

Our beloved **Sarah Burns** has been chosen by Parish Council to be awarded the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster for 2020 and has been accepted by the Diocese. In Stuart's words:

"Since 1983, Sarah has held every leadership role: reading, singing, teaching, leading Jones Girls and Altar guild, serving as a Warden and Trustee, coordinating Rummage Sales and baking Christmas cakes! Her leadership and organisational flair were clearly demonstrated when, as member of the Coordinating Team for General Synod 2019, Sarah organised and delivered the acclaimed final banquet. She is infectiously warm, wise, patient, kind and good humoured; in short, we love her to bits!"

Here's a link to the announcement of nominees on the Diocesan web site:
https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/news/updated-odnw-nominees-for-2020

PRAYER LIST
Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers at this time: Margie Brown, Ken and Greg, Maura and Brian, Nancy, Tracy and family, Larry Hoad, Mike Lane, Brenda Harrison, Sarah Burns, Richard Fenner, and Peter Harrison. Let us pray for those who have died: Joan Hume, Dorothy Cately and Jenny Sheldon, and for their friends and family bereaved by their loss.

MILESTONES
Dani Amestegui and Walter Brynjolfson announce that they are expecting their first child in November! This was in last week's notices, but it's such good news that it bears repeating. Let's share life's blessings with our parishioners as we recite the final prayer together.

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY OF PRAYER, Sunday June 21

Follow this link for resources on the Anglican Church of Canada website

Four Directions Prayer for National Indigenous Peoples Day of Prayer

In anticipation of the National Indigenous Peoples Day of Prayer, Sunday, June 21, 2020, the Reverend Vivian Seegers, gathering priest for Urban Aboriginal Ministry (UAM) located at the Parish of St. Mary Magdalene offers this Four Directions Prayer.

Here is the direct link to the YouTube video

RE-OPENING THE CHURCH
Many thanks to the 90 parishioners who submitted their replies and comments on the survey about re-opening in Phase Two for in-person worship. Stuart and the Wardens will discuss your input with Parish Council on June 23, consider, decide, and offer options. Stay tuned. Meanwhile and ongoing into the future, we have engaging website worship, weekly online Zoom gatherings, and the option to keep in touch with each other with a phone call.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
is Tuesday June 23 at 7:30 PM, with the Zoom link sent just beforehand. Send regrets to Stuart.

GODLY PLAY
Families will be happy to hear of a Godly Play session recorded and available on our website, with a possibility of more to come to bring a reconnection to Sunday School for our children.

LAWN SIGN CAMPAIGN
Elly & Sophia Noetzel, Duncan & Euan Wilson, and Graeme & Norah Mix formed a team who are creating a lawn sign campaign to stand up as a church community against racial injustice. Once the signs are available, you will be invited to choose ones for your property. Stay tuned!

MUSIC
Michael Murray has asked for favourite hymns. Inundate him: michaelmurrayorgan@gmail.com

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY: Donate at St John's, 1490 Nanton Ave. until further notice.
Please drop off your donations of food, hygiene sundries and clothing at St John's. **Clothing for men:** rain jackets and pants, t-shirts, sweatshirts, jeans, lightweight long-sleeved shirts, underwear and socks.
Food: easy-open cans of meat or fish, soft cereal bars (no granola), protein bars, meal replacement drinks like Ensure or Boost, fruit cups, juice boxes and bottled water.
Thank you for giving to this ongoing need as we support shelters where people seek help.

GARDENERS
Volunteer gardeners may return! Connect with Pat Brandon: caretaker@stpdunbar.com
Just avoid work areas if the gutters are being installed: the major roofing work is done.

OUR REFUGEE FAMILY
News Flash! We think that Ward has secured a job starting Monday in a chicken-processing plant in Burnaby (where the COVID-19 outbreak has been remediated and staff better protected). We are still seeking work for Lama and her eldest daughter Sedra (17). Onward!

SHARE THE PEACE
Stuart wants to share with the world the faces of St Philip's. Young or old, record a short video (5 seconds or so) of you sharing the peace: "Peace be with you". Express your personality to share the peace with us and with the world! Send your short clip to: Revhallam@hotmail.co.uk

LIVE-STREAMING
As St Philip's website worship and organ concerts reach people at home or far away, we want to capture this potential for the future. With improved capabilities, we will be able to bring worship and events to people who cannot attend in person, and to groups of over 50.

NEW ROOF
Click on NEWS at www.stphilipsdunbar.com to see project photos, and an account of a celebration on June 3 to honour Penfold's hard-working six-man crew.
At this point, stucco, fascia, gutter replacement and final clean-up are still being completed.

I CAN HEAR CLEARLY NOW. THE LOOP IS INSTALLED ♪♫
The Loop System has been installed under the church floor that directs sound to hearing aids. If you benefit from hearing aids, contact your provider to learn how to turn on the Loop feature.

Donate to St Philip's this June and give them a chance to win $20,000!

Every $1 donated to St Philip's or any Canadian charity on CanadaHelps is an automatic chance to WIN. This year's grand prize money for the winning charity has been doubled to $20,000!
Right now, many charities are receiving fewer donations and need your help.
To give to St Philip's, click on the red link below and search for Parish of St Philip, Vancouver.

DONATE NOW

RECYCLE, AND SUPPORT ST PHILIP'S
From juice boxes to gin bottles, Return-It will take all your recycling. You can credit St Philip's Church for your donation of recycling to our Express recycling account number 604-224-3238, which is our phone number. Try the Vancouver West Return-It Depot at 1253 W. 75th Ave for ease of drop-off. Go to https://www.return-it.ca/ for the information about what to recycle and how.

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES
Enjoy a take-out meal, a haircut, or visit a local shop. Livelihoods depend on our patronage.

PRAYER LIST AND LIFE'S MILESTONES
Please send your prayer requests and milestones to Beth so we can celebrate with you in spirit, in prayer or with a phone call. manager@stpdunbar.com or 604-224-3238 ext 301

GRATITUDE CONFETTI
Heap gratitude confetti on **Craig Wilson** for his work interpreting 90 re-opening surveys, and on **Douglas Payne** who has chaired the Property Committee for years, some of them very busy! Thanks go to Mike Wenzlaff and Pat Brandon who will co-chair the Property Committee.

Staying Close While We're Apart,
Stuart Hallam (Rector), Debbie Matheson, Brian Mix, Diana Bragg, and Suzi Noetzel (Wardens)