

Celebrant: The Rev'd. Stuart Hallam

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DATES TO NOTE

Wed May 1	Seniors' Eucharist and Lunch. Note: Wednesday Holy Eucharist Service will be at 11:00 am , followed by lunch.
Sun. May 5	St. Philip's Day & Open Church, 11 am - 1 pm
Sat. May 11	Diocesan Confirmation Eucharist, 10:30 am, Christ Church Cathedral
Sat. May 11	St. Philip's Youth Group: cycling around Stanley Park (weather permitting)
Sun. May 12	Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am, Fireside Room
Sun. May 12	Confirmation Celebration after the service. Mother's Day
Mon. May 20	Victoria Day, office closed.
Tues May 21 - Fri May 24:	Rummage Sale preparation
Tues. May 21	Church Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm, Upstairs Meeting Room
Sat. May 25	St. Philip's Rummage Sale, 9 am - noon.
Sat. May 25	All Parish Open Gym and Games, 6:00 pm, Fireside Room and Gym

SENIORS EUCHARIST AND LUNCHEON

The Seniors Eucharist and lunch has been postponed to this Wednesday, May 1st at **11 am**: Eucharist at 11, lunch at 12 pm. All Seniors are welcome! Special arrangements for transportation will be available. Please contact Janet Brown at 604-266-0571 for more details.

ST. PHILIP'S DAY, SUNDAY MAY 5TH

We celebrate **St Philip's Day** on the Sunday closest to the Saint's day with loaves and fishes and thanks. Children are invited to bake loaves in the kitchen during the service, with many thanks to Bruce Gregg and his family for maintaining this meaningful tradition. All parishioners are asked to bring small tins of fish for the Neighbourhood Ministry, including easy-open tins. Our thanks go to our new Stewards of St Philip's who will be honoured on this day, and to the many parishioners who give so much time and talent to St Philip's. Do not miss St Philip's Day!

Sunday May 5th is also "**Open Church**", a day to welcome our neighbours. We all have the role of welcomers that day. Stay after the service for fellowship and fun: a light hot dog lunch in the gym, an illustrated historical talk in the Fireside Room, a scavenger hunt, a visit to the bowling alleys or a tour with a Casavant organ demonstration.



RUMMAGE SALE – SATURDAY MAY 25 – TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING!

We hope everyone is starting to do some spring cleaning and saving their reusable rummage. We will be accepting usable donations from 9 am Tuesday, May 21 until 4 pm Thursday, May 23 only. We will not be accepting donations on Friday, May 24. Happy sorting!

GARDEN FUNDRAISER

After church on April 28, Paul Harrison will be selling packets of seeds of a spectacular garden plant, *Mirabilis jalapa*, to raise a few dollars for the garden. On a single plant, flowers range from violet to white with spotted and striped blooms as well. Get 15 seeds for only a toonie. A few small plants ready to transplant will also be available for \$5 each.

RECORDING SERMONS & SETTING MIC LEVELS

We're building a team to record sermons and set mic levels during the 10 AM Sunday Services. Those interested can put their names down on the sign up sheet in the gym or send Craig an email at grog.wilson@gmail.com. Craig will run a tutorial after one or more of the 10 AM services and then create a roster for the year. If you would like to see how this works right away, you are welcome to join Craig at the soundboard during a service.

ST. PHILIP'S REFUGEE FAMILY: NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

The good news has been received that Lama's parents, Nasriddin and Fatmeh, and younger brother, Ward, will arrive at YVR on the afternoon of Tuesday May 7, if their travel goes according to plan. Second good news is that a larger affordable house has been found for the family of eight, with a move-in date of Friday April 26th.

We need more hands on volunteers.

In the short term, we need to help Lama pack up and clean, and then set up at the new house. We need help to take the family to the airport to meet the newcomers.

In the longer term, we need ongoing volunteer support, including active male role models. Please consider volunteering for a specific day or a specific task such as tutoring, family outings, bus training, boys' sports, cooking together, bike maintenance, or driving to medical appointments.

We also need donations to the **Refugee Fund** to continue this ministry. Donate by cheque or on our website through Canada Helps: write Refugee Fund on your donation.

Learn more from Mary Lymburner (kmarylymburner@telus.net) and Debbie Matheson (debbiematheson53@gmail.com).

BOOKS & BISTRO

You are invited to Pacific Spirit United Church's Books & Bistro event on Saturday, May 4 from 10 am to 2 pm. The event will be in the Memorial Centre, located at 45th Avenue and Yew Street.

MUSICA INTIMA SPRING FUNDRAISER

On Friday, May 31 at 7:30 pm, musica intima will be holding a spring fundraiser, celebrating the 20th anniversary of their best-selling album, 'clear'. A \$100 tax-deductible donation grants you two invitations to this event, plus complimentary wine at the reception.

OUTREACH CHANGES FOCUS FROM FOOD BANK TO NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

The Outreach Committee has recently decided to discontinue the collecting of foods for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank at St Philip's in favour of exclusively supporting the needs of our Neighbourhood Ministry. These changes are effective immediately. All baskets at the back of the church are now exclusively for the NM.

The main reasons for this change of focus are that the NM is a specific and unique parish ministry commitment. It is also a formal partnership with 3 other Westside Anglican parishes, while Food Bank collection boxes are available in any supermarket throughout the entire province. Also, it takes the parish many months to gather enough boxes to warrant a Food Bank pick up while this food sits undistributed to those in need. St Philip's will of course continue accepting your financial donations to the GVFB, and forward them on. The final pick up of St Philip's Food Bank non-perishable donations was Friday, April 25.

The first Sunday of each month will now be designated especially as Neighbourhood Ministry Sunday. Please refer to the very specific list below. These packets, distributed by the Outdoor Teams, are made up once per month by the St Philip's Indoor Team. Blessings and heartfelt Thanks to all.

What we put in each packet:

Tins of meat/fish
 Juice boxes
 Nutrition drinks (ensure, boost types)
 Cereal bar (soft textures like nutrigrain, or fig bars; **no nuts or granola**)
 Protein bars (soft textures, **no nuts or granola**)
 Fruit cups or apple sauce cups
 Socks(esp. men's sports socks)

The other things occasionally needed:

Small can openers
 Men's underwear
 Sleeping bags
 Blankets
 Rain gear
 Sleeping mats
 band aids
 tooth paste, tooth brushes

**NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY**

Our cupboards are bare! We've done a great job of handing out all the food that's been donated, but our stocks now need to be replenished. We need: canned meats, fruit cups, cereal bars and/or protein bars (nut, granola and seed free easy to chew), nutrition drinks (like boost or ensure), and/or fruit juice boxes.

We also need another member for our indoor team. If you would be willing to make sandwiches or boil eggs once a month, please let us know!

RECYCLING AT ST. PHILIP'S

We are delighted to announce that St. Philip's has a recycling program! St. Philip's has labeled bins for paper, cardboard, mixed containers (must be cleaned first) and organics (food scraps, plant matter). Please help St. Philip's do its part in protecting the Earth by putting recyclables in the correct bins. There are brightly coloured illustrated posters outlining what items can go into what bins above the bins.

