Notices for Sunday, June 28, 2020

Hello lovely people of Saint Philip's!

I hope you have had a good week? The Parish Council met this week to discuss the results of the questionnaire on reopening. What was clear from the results was that only a small number of the congregation feel comfortable about returning to in-person worship at this time - perhaps as few as 25 or 30 people in all, which is completely understandable. We had a very good meeting with honest, wise counsel offered. The next day, the Wardens and I met to plan our next steps, which I would like to outline to you now.

In the next week or so we will apply to the diocese to move St Philip's into Phase 2 of reopening, with the hope that we will begin meeting again in church before the end of August. This will allow time for the refurbishment of the pews and nave flooring to be complete, which will help us to meet in a safe socially distanced manner, as per the diocesan guidelines. Just to recap, Phase 2 reopening is very limited in scope, allowing no more than 50 people in church at one time, with non-Eucharistic worship and no singing. There are many other restrictions, all relating to health and safety. I am envisioning adding a short, contemplative service of the word held in-person on Sunday evenings to start with, possibly from the Iona tradition as has been discussed before. Our 10:00 AM online Holy Eucharist will continue throughout Phase 2.

In the meantime, for those who would like to meet in-person sooner, we are going to hold something new called 'Church in the Park'. We will meet in Chaldecott Park for a socially distanced get together, which will include a short service. It will be an opportunity for us all to see each other again, catch up and generally enjoy being in each other's company. The play area is open down there so the kids will be able to come too and enjoy being with one another again. We are looking to start 'Church in the Park' on Sunday 5th July at 4.30pm. We will advertise exactly where we will be in the bulletin the week before. The service will be weather permitting, so pray for the sun to shine! If you would like to come, bring your own seating and the refreshments of your choice for after the service!! It will be a great opportunity to reconnect informally, and a wonderful witness to our community that St Philip's is well and truly alive and kicking!

I want to reiterate that as we move into Phase 2 there is **absolutely no compulsion** to come to church whatsoever, either when services start in church or to 'Church in the Park'. Each of us needs to do what is right for us and our loved ones. Our online Sunday service will continue as "normal", as will our new 'Prayer, Care and Share' zoom meeting on Wednesdays at 10 AM, which started successfully this week.

We are all in this together! What was particularly clear to me from the results of the questionnaire and the comments that were made was how much you all love and care for the

St Philip's family. Even in lockdown, we continue to uphold one another and have concern for the future of this special community. Absence, it would seem, has made the heart grow fonder. May we all continue to know God's loving presence with us as we move forward together in God's love.

Love and Prayers,

Stuart

CHURCH IN THE PARK
Gather with **real, live people** at Chaldecott Park on Sundays at 4:30 pm starting on July 5th, weather permitting. Bring seating, and refreshments for after the service. Come as you are. Bring a friend. No registration needed. Cancellation in case of wet weather will be posted on the website in the afternoon.

PRAYER, CARE AND SHARE: Wednesdays on Zoom 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 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. **To join by Computer**: Click the blue link at 10:00, using your computer for best results. https://zoom.us/j/2939572088

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 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
Let's share life's blessings with our parishioners as we recite the final prayer together.

COFFEE HOUR on Zoom: Sunday June 28, 11:00 AM
Join us as we raise a toast to our marvellous church school teachers, and especially to celebrate Janet England's retirement from teaching our youngest children at St Philip's since 1983.
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 The Coffee Hour ID is 454815164

To join any Zoom meeting by phone, dial 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 helped organise 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

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY OF PRAYER was on June 21, 2020
Watch the nation-wide Anglican Indigenous worship service that was recorded for you to enjoy:

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

Four Directions Prayer for National Indigenous Peoples Day of Prayer

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY: NEWS from Rhona Thornton
In March, when we needed to pause our street outreach program, we reached out to the City of Vancouver and our partners in the community in order to see how we could continue to support the homeless and vulnerable people on the West Side. This led to the launch of our

Food and Clothing Drive. Many of the community meals had shut down, but we identified two places that were continuing to provide food programs. St Augustine's church had started handing out take-away meals and requested that we contribute cereal bars, juice boxes and water. Kits Cares Cafe is a community meal program that operates out of Kits Neighbourhood House. When the pandemic started, they discontinued their weekly dinner and switched to handing out bags of groceries. To date the Neighbourhood Ministry has contributed about 150 bags (each containing 5 items) to this program. We have also donated approximately 10 car loads of clothing to downtown shelters. Thanks to all of you who have made this possible. Your donations have been much appreciated by our partners and the recipients.

Recently a few Neighbourhood Ministry volunteers attended a Zoom meeting with several other organizations that provide food to those in need on the Westside and in South Vancouver. The consensus is that in recent months the number of people accessing the various food programmes has increased. There are some amazing efforts going on, and we feel that our Food and Clothing Drive is making a strong contribution. Thank you for your generosity.

DONATE TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY: You can donate at St Philip's once again! Please drop off your donations of food, hygiene sundries and clothing to the donation bins on the porch, ***while accepting responsibility for your own safety if work is ongoing***.
Clothing for men: rain jackets and pants, t-shirts, sweatshirts, lightweight long-sleeved shirts, jeans, 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. **Hygiene sundries:** unopened toothpaste, brushes, shampoo, hygiene products, etc. Thank you for giving to this ongoing need as we support shelters where people seek help.

Volunteers needed: Can you help with delivering food for about 2 hours every 2-4 weeks? email ministrymcu@gmail.com.

GARDENERS
Volunteer gardeners may return! Connect with Pat Brandon: caretaker@stpdunbar.com
Avoid building work areas in case of gutter or painting work: the major roofing work is done.

OUR REFUGEE FAMILY
https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/news/the-al-koud-chebli-family-moves-forward
Catch up with the latest news and some photos of a special day. Onward!

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

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 music 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 or walk by to take a look. Stucco, fascia repair, gutter replacement, painting and 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: give them a last chance to win $20,000! A few days left…

Every $1 donated to St Philip's or any Canadian charity on CanadaHelps in June, is an automatic chance to WIN. This year's grand prize money for the winning charity has been doubled to $20,000! 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 all the information you need.

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

GRATITUDE CONFETTI
Heaps of gratitude confetti on all the Church School team, and especially to Janet England who retires this year after teaching our youngest children since 1983. Gratitude Confetti on the heads of Janet England, Dorothy Chang, Erin McDougall, Harper Hadden, Janice Hope, Amanda Holley, Laura Millman, Deb Hamilton, & new members Dani Amestegui and Walter Brynjolfson!

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