

Thoughts for the Week

Eternal triune Lord,
Let all the hosts above,
Let all the sons of men record,
And dwell upon Thy love:
When heaven and earth are fled
Before Thy glorious face,
Sing all the saints Thy love hath made.
Thine everlasting praise!

Charles Wesley

DATES TO NOTE

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| Sun. Jun. 11 | Songcology Concert, 4:00 pm, Church |
| Tues. Jun. 13 | Outreach Meeting, 7:30 pm, Upstairs Meeting Room |
| Thurs. Jun. 15 | Choir Party, 7:00 pm, FSR |
| Tues. Jun. 20 | Senior's Café, 10:00 am, Fireside Room |
| Tues. Jun. 20 | Church Committee, 7:30 pm, Fireside Room |
| Thurs. Jun. 22 | Parish Post deadline, 12:00 pm |
| Sun. Jun. 25 | Parish Picnic, 12:00 pm, Chaldecott Park (Weather permitting) |
| Sun. Jun. 25 | Archdeaconry Picnic, 12 pm - 3 pm, Maple Grove Park |

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.

KNITTING 9 INCH SQUARES - A HANDS-ON PROJECT

The objective is to provide blankets for our neighbours in need by knitting (or crocheting) 9 inch squares which can be sewn together into beautiful blankets.

Here's what to do:

- knit (or crochet) 9 inch squares using whatever pattern and colours you want, but please use machine-washable wool or yarn
- Leave the completed squares in the basket beneath the mailboxes
- Leave any spare yarn that others can use in the other basket by the mailboxes
- If you do not know how to knit, ask someone to show you, go on-line, or borrow a book from the library. Perhaps someone would be willing to provide a lesson for beginners...
- Once enough squares have been collected to start putting them together, hold a sewing bee—each quilt will be 5 squares wide and 8 squares long so take 40 squares.

Why not ask family members, friends, fellow-students and colleagues to get involved? It is easy and relaxing to knit a square while chatting, listening to music, or enjoying some downtime—a great summer project! And gentlemen, remember that sailors, especially fishermen, traditionally knitted their own socks and sweaters—9 inch squares are far simpler and a great starting point...

We will hold regular "Tea and Bee" sessions so that the blankets will be ready before the cold weather sets in—again. Please join us—the more the merrier. Thank you!



FUND SOURCING AND GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP - A TOOLBOX FOR VOLUNTEERS

Friday, July 28, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

St. Philip's is hosting a full-day workshop on Friday, July 28, focussed on the skill sets for locating funding for non-profit organizations and completing comprehensive grant applications. The event is free for parish members and community partners but registration is mandatory. Fifteen spaces are available. First come, first served.

To register, please contact Beth Vondette at manager@stpdonbar.com for a registration form. Once you have registered, Beth will email a pre-reading list of easily accessed internet resources. Each participant receives a binder of helpful worksheets and templates on the day of the workshop.

Are you interested in developing sustainable programs for youth, families, or elders; or perhaps in programs that focus on education, outreach, music, or art? As a not-for-profit organization and a registered charity, the Parish of St. Philip's is able to seek funding assistance to support programs that connect with community. Our session leader is parish member, Ann Kent, who has several decades of experience sourcing funding for educational and community-based programs. Expect some challenging tasks and enjoy some lively discussion. Refreshments and a light lunch are provided.

Finding supportive, community partners is also an important part of the grant application process. This is an opportunity to connect with other members of the parish and members of the local community who share similar interests and hopes for the future.

JOIN OUR 3RD ANNUAL SUMMER CHOIR!

Thinking of doing some singing? Please join us for the month of August for choral good times!

This year we will be learning some music from the Baroque period featuring works by Buxtehude and Schütz. Cost is \$85.- Cheques payable to St. Philip's (music fund) Michael Murray conductor, Alastair Williams organist
Rehearsals August 1st, 8th, 14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th, September 5th.
The concert is on Sept 9th 3PM.

Register with Michael to book your spot in the choir.



REFUGEE NEWS

The application to sponsor Lama and her four children, refugees from Syria now in a camp in Lebanon, is being processed at the Canadian Visa Office in Beirut. This will likely take several more months. Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in North Vancouver has agreed to partner with us to sponsor Lama's parents, Nasriddin and Fatmeh, and her younger brother, Ward. This will allow us to submit these applications to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada in the next week or two, as the Lutherans have sufficient allocations, i.e. sponsorship application spaces.

It is expected we will need about another \$15,000. If you wish to donate, please make cheques payable to St. Philip's and write "Refugee Fund" on the envelope as well as on the memo line. For more information, please contact Mary Lymburner, 778-898-5117 or kmarylymburner@telus.net

SONG-COLOGY SINGS FOR PATIENTS

Enjoy an afternoon of songs, food and camaraderie with the BC Cancer Agency Staff Choir at 4 pm today! Help Support Patient Comfort and Care! The concert will be followed by a reception in the Fireside Room. In lieu of a ticket entry fee, a suggested minimum donation of \$20 per person will benefit the BC Cancer Agency's Patient Comfort and Care Fund through the BC Cancer Foundation. 100% of your donation will be directed to support patients in B.C. and a tax receipt will be sent to you. Donate in advance at:

http://donate.bccancerfoundation.com/site/TR?px=1763566&pg=personal&fr_id=2800&et=4Xy_aN6_QOElCMjEJ975mw



PARISH POST

The next parish Post will be published at the end of June. In order to meet the deadline, all articles must be submitted prior to June 22nd. This deadline is firm. Please attach any photographs or pictures in a jpeg format if you would like them included in your article.



NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY NEWS

I am very pleased to share with you that the Neighbourhood Ministry has been selected as a Care+Share recipient in the Diocese of New Westminster for 2018/2019. As a recipient, we will receive half of the funding that is collected Diocesan-wide through designated Care+Share giving. Diocesan Council noted "the impressive track-record of this ministry of fruitful collaboration with community, parish and governmental partners. the articulation of the vision and the plan forward are exemplary". Funding received will be used to continue our work, particularly with respect to expanding the Mobile Care Unit concept and collaborating with other Westside outreach service.

In addition, Diocesan Council has designated the Neighbourhood Ministry a "Related Group", which means the NM now has Diocesan wide standing while still being operated independently by the four churches. In other news, we have received a donation of \$1000 from the Diocesan ACW in recognition of our work. We have also received formal notice from Services Canada of funding for two summer students. We have confirmed Benita Yi as one of these students. Benita has been serving as a Social Work practicum student with the Mobile Care Unit this past year and will continue with this work, as well as assist with Neighbourhood Ministry program communications. We are in the process of hiring a second student. So very much to be thankful for. I appreciate your sharing this news with your parishes. Blessings, Pitman

CAMP ARTABAN

Registration for Camp Artaban is open and places are available in all the camps. We believe that every child should have the opportunity to experience summer camp. At Camp Artaban, we have campership bursaries to enable those who can't afford the full fees to still attend. If you know of a child or family would benefit from Camp, please contact the Camp office for more information or to begin the application process or have the family contact us directly. If you would like to support the campership program, we accept donations which are earmarked just for that purpose. You can donate through the Camp office or securely online at <http://campartaban.com/make-a-donation>.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY TRAINING

Thank you to everyone who has updated or completed their policy training, in compliance to Diocesan requirements. Any individuals who have not yet completed or updated their training, please note that Beth will be putting on another session on Wednesday, July 12th at 7 pm and another on Sunday, September 17th at noon. Please let Beth know which session you will be attending.

SENIOR'S CAFÉ NEWS FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS

Seniors Cafe will continue on alternate Tuesday mornings through June, July, and August, 10:00 to Noon in the Fireside Room. Join us for coffee, tea and conversation. Find a partner for a board game or jigsaw puzzle, or try your hand at some flower arranging. Tammy Delaney will be with us on June 20 to share more techniques with the watercolour group. Everyone is welcome – invite a friend or a neighbour.

FUNDING TO FIX OUR EXTERIOR WALL - A 'SURPRISE' SUMMER PROJECT

A quick update on the cost and plans to repair the stucco and exterior wall on the West side of our courtyard. The stucco started to bulge in the last few weeks, so the 'blue fencing' was erected to protect people from falling stucco while quotes are collected for the repair work. The costs for the repair will be in the \$10,000 to \$20,000 range, so any help with this necessary work would be greatly appreciated. Please designate donations for this work to the Building Fund.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY WEEKLY UPDATE

Hello everyone,

This morning, Team 1 set off from McBride Park with lovely packets and fruit supplied by St. Philip's and Don Lamb. Deacon Pitman sent us off with a prayer. We were a full car - Pauline, Peg, Heather, Ellie and me. First we went to Jericho Beach in the hopes of finding A. He has been seen along the beach, tucked into some logs, just west of the Jericho concession stand, but no sign of him today. We did meet S and J at the concession stand. S lives on his boat, but was spending a few weeks on shore and happily took some sandwiches and a packet. Socks were a priority. J is housed in BC Housing in Burnaby. She and I spent some time talking about how she might apply for a transfer to Vancouver, where she can be closer to her daughter.

Next, we stopped at B's spot at the United Church and left him some things on his bedding - but did not see him. Nobody else on 10th Avenue.

Next we went to the 4th and Highbury corner where 7 familiar faces awaited us - C, D, R, T, W, M and B. C, D and R are not housed, but seemed in better spirits about being outdoors with the milder weather. R and D access the MCU at Kits. We checked in with M about his hip, which is still very bad. We urged him to see Dr. Janet at the Kits Showers next time, to have another appointment booked with the ortho surgeon. We might need an angel to accompany him. Finally, we alerted B to a "free eye glasses" clinic happening downtown in a few weeks. He lost his glasses just days after the Neighbourhood Ministry replaced them for him, so this free clinic is a welcome announcement.

From there, we went along Broadway and saw J sleeping in front of the Hollywood Theatre. He was grateful for food and packet, not too chatty though. Further up at Safeway, was J. She said she is sleeping in the Safeway underground parking, but was planning to go to her advocate today about something more permanent. We collected some information from her, in order to see whether she has an active BC Housing file. She has been a hard one to help over this winter, despite our efforts.

We stopped to see S in front of London Drugs. He was in very bad shape and said he wished he had not declined several offers of housing at 7th and Fir over the years. He may be one that the Mobile Care Unit can connect with this summer, during our trial runs in July.

We found G and S's camp along Granville, and spotted S, but not in time to actually connect, but the team left lots of goods, including peanut butter and jelly buns, at their spot.

Finally, we stopped to see P the Megaphone man on 4th, who as always greeted us with a smile and was happy for some tuna buns.

Many of you have been following the story of M, who was a long-time Jericho Hostel camper - this winter residing in a fridge box on the doorstep. Yesterday, Heather and I had the privilege of helping him move indoors, to a lovely unit downtown - north facing with a water and mountain view, kitchenette and bathroom. The staff were warm and welcoming. Several NM volunteers helped gather move in goods (Peg, Jane, Heather), and Heather and her husband Dave have been true angels over the last several weeks, bringing him dinner in Angel Karen's absence, helping him secure his photo ID and BC Services card, and over all being a trusted presence in his life. Dr. Janet and MCU student Viona visited his camp several times to check on his medical condition. M seemed very ready for the move...but Heather and I both left with our fingers crossed and lots of prayers. It is a BIG change for him. We ask for your prayers as he gets to know his new home.

Thanks for your support,
Vicki



Parish Picnic

JUNE 25 AT CHALDECOTT PARK

After the 10.00am service we will all walk down to Chaldecott Park (one block west) for our annual parish picnic. If weather is uncooperative, we will have our picnic in the Gym. Hot dogs, ice cream and drinks will be supplied. Please bring something to sit on and any other food you might need. We need volunteers to help set up, cook and clean-up afterward. **We also need a barbecue!** If you would like to help out, please contact Amanda Holley at 604-626-5174.

See you there.

