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Notices for Sunday, July 26, 2020

Dear lovely people of St Philip's!

I hope this finds you all safe and well?

It has been another busy lockdown week. The renovations to the church are ongoing as Pat and her team of volunteers continue to prepare the church to be ready for reopening near the end of August. All the pews are now out of the church as we await the arrival of the first batch of our 'upcycled' and beautiful stackable pews: all very exciting! In the meantime, 'Church in the Park' continues to be a popular substitute to meeting in the building and is a wonderful way to witness to our community that we are well and truly alive and kicking, making me wonder, "why don't we do this every summer?'

This time of COVID-19 is making many people wonder right now. I was chatting to someone as I was queuing outside Stongs this week and she was saying that lockdown had made her question her priorities in life. She explained that she and her husband had got so 'cluttered' in their life before the pandemic that they hardly had time for one another or for their children. Lockdown made them realise how much they loved spending time together as a family and how much they enjoyed having time to think and to reconnect with nature. Of course, what she was describing is what Jesus talks about as 'metanoia': a conversion of the mind, a true repentance. And she is not the only one who is re-imagining life and questioning their priorities. I have had so many conversations over the last few months along similar lines. This is truly a time of spiritual renewal for many.

Perhaps that explains why so many churches are seeing greater numbers than usual watching their online services as people wonder and begin to reconnect with their spiritual lives. That has certainly been our experience at St Philip's. In the last month alone our online services have had over 750 views! Without having to think creatively about how we do church in lockdown, we would never have experienced this.

One thing we know for sure is that having a well-produced online presence has to be part of our 'new normal' going forward. As we seek to keep connected to those in our congregation who will need to continue to self-isolate, we also have the opportunity to reach new people beyond our walls who are seeking to reconnect with their God-given spiritual selves.

As Jesus reminds us in this week's gospel, 'the Kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.' Because of lockdown and the stresses that our world is experiencing through the

two pandemics, many people are seeking and finding their 'treasure', and taking steps to make sure they don't lose it again.

As we prepare to reopen our doors in the coming months and come back 'under our roof (our wonderful new roof!), we will all need to be open to God's Spirit as we wonder how to journey with those 'beyond our walls' who are experiencing spiritual renewal. What is for certain is that the seeds of spiritual growth are being sown amongst us. The treasure is there to be found.

Love and Prayers,

Stuart

REOPENING ST PHILIP'S

On July 20, the Diocese announced that parishes may re-open for Phase III in-person gatherings and rentals on August 16, if and when they are ready, with health precautions, masks and social distancing in place. A chart comparing four Reopening Phases is included in these notices.
Even after we choose to reopen for in-person gatherings, whether for the 10 AM and/or for other services, Sunday's 10:00 AM Website Worship will continue to be offered online.
https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/news/diocese-to-enter-phase-iii-for-in-person-gatherings-august-16-2020

PARISH FINANCES: an update from Don Thomson, Treasurer
At this mid-point in the year, several months into the pandemic, I'm pleased to report that we have managed to limit our year-to-date operating loss to $26 thousand, and long-term restricted fund investments have a small year-to-date gain. Without Diocesan assistance and the federal government's wage subsidy, the Parish would have suffered a $66 thousand operating loss. Going forward, financial challenges will remain after the assistance ends, so your continuing support is essential and much appreciated. The Trustees are working hard to mitigate any losses, but rental and fundraising income will be impacted through the end of 2020 and beyond.
Year-to-date giving, at $135 thousand, was $10 thousand more than budgeted and more than this time last year. Thank you for your steadfast support, and for taking advantage of the pre-authorized donation (PAD) and online donation opportunities.
With facilities closures and physical distancing in place, rental income was $8 thousand less than budgeted and the May rummage sale's budgeted $5.5 thousand was not raised. However, the Diocese waived its monthly assessment for April to August, reducing expenses to the end of June by $22 thousand; and the Diocese allocated $18 thousand to the Parish as its share of the federal government wage subsidy claimed by the Diocese. The remaining Diocesan assessment

waiver will reduce July and August expenses by $15 thousand, after which assessment charges will resume, and no further wage subsidy allocation is expected.
As you know, the financial challenges are accompanied by opportunities as we find new ways to carry out our ministry and programs with access to parishioners and others beyond our walls. Our online worship services are well-attended and well-received; Church in the Park is now available as well; ZOOM is being used to allow gatherings; and "St Philip's Ringers" are available to ring parishioners who remain isolated and in need of support.
Capital Campaign contributions are helping us prepare for the future, with roof replacement now completed, a new "loop" system in place for the hard-of-hearing, more flexible pews in production, and additional staffing for parish ministry and programs being considered. While managing our costs, we are focussing on our ongoing needs and planning for future growth.

STAFF HOLIDAYS

The church, office, phone response, email replies, answering the doorbell, Zoom gatherings, email notices, access to the Memorial Garden, and website worship will be unavailable due to staff holidays from Monday, August 3 (BC Day) to Monday, August 17, inclusive. Activities resume on Tuesday, August 18.

- There will be no online Website Worship from St Philip's on Sundays, August 9th & 16th.
- Coffee Hour takes a break on August 2, 9 & 16.
- Prayer, Care and Share on Zoom will not be held August 5 & 12. It resumes August 19, 10AM
- Pastoral Contact will be covered by Harold Munn while Stuart is away. Mobile 778-980-1945

We encourage parishioners to continue their spiritual practices by watching services offered by the Diocese. For service times and bulletins: https://thecathedral.ca/worship/this-sunday/
For virtual services: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChGfh54nYryKFzlSnjvO2qw

CHURCH IN THE PARK: Sundays at 4:30 PM
(Continues **every** Sunday)
About 30 people of all ages gathered at Chaldecott Park on Sunday July 19 at 4:30 pm. We enjoyed seeing old faces, families returning from holidays, and new friends from the Diocese. Church in the Park offers a socially distanced short service followed by a chance to enjoy each other's company, wearing a mask if you choose to. The play area and water park are open, which the kids really enjoy together. Bring seating and refreshments of your choice for after the service. Come as you are. Bring a friend. Cancellation in case of wet weather will be posted on the website by Sunday at 3:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to reconnect, and a wonderful witness to our community that St Philip's is active!
https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/events/church-in-the-park

WEBSITE WORSHIP: on stphilipsdunbar.com
(Except August 9 & 16)

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 engaging services have been very well received. Visit our website: https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/blog

PRAYER, CARE AND SHARE: Wednesdays on Zoom at 10:00 AM
(Except August 5 & 12)

Join Stuart for midweek prayer, gospel lesson, and fellowship in a pastoral gathering on Zoom. Share life's concerns and joys in a small supportive gathering. Stuart hopes to hear your voice. **To join the gathering by phone**, dial 778-907-2071. The meeting ID is 2939572088.
To join by Computer: Click the link at 10:00 AM https://zoom.us/j/2939572088

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers at this time: Ken and Greg, Maura and Brian, Nancy, Tracy and family, Larry Hoad, Mike Lane, Brenda Harrison, Sarah Burns, Richard Fenner. Let us pray for those who have died 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.

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

We are very happy to announce that we plan on resuming our street visits in August. However, our cupboards are bare so we need your help in order to be able to resume.
Please donate:

- Canned meat and fish.
- Protein drinks ie. Ensure.
- Soft cereal and protein bars ie. Nutrigrain and Pure Protein bars.
- Juice boxes.
- Fruit sauce and fruit cups.
- Men's sports socks.
- Men's & women's summer clothing.
- Travel size toiletries.

Here's how you can donate to the ministry:

- Drop donations into bins at St Philip's porch **any time, any day,** or
- Arrange for pick up. Contact rhonat@telus.net or call St Philip's, message box 304, or
- Mail a cheque payable to St Philip's with Neighbourhood Ministry on the memo line.

Thank-you very much to all of you who donated food, clothing and toiletries while we shut down. A shelter & neighbourhood house partners have been very appreciative of your gifts.

LAWN SIGNS AGAINST RACIAL INJUSTICE

Duncan & Euan Wilson, Ash & Sophia Noetzel, and Graeme & Norah Mix created a lawn sign campaign to stand up as a church community against racial injustice. You may borrow one of **the last lawn signs** from the St Philip's front garden. The images on the lawn signs can be found on St Philip's website under news. https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/news/against-racial-injustice

COFFEE HOUR on Zoom: Sunday July 26th, 11:00 AM

(Except August 2, 9 & 16)

We look forward to seeing **you**. Click the blue link at 11:00 am, using your computer for best results, or join by phone:

https://zoom.us/j/454815164

To join any Zoom meeting by phone, dial 778-907-2071 Coffee Hour ID is 454815164**.**

GRATITUDE CONFETTI

Let's throw gratitude confetti on our musicians. We are blessed to receive the gifts of so many musicians of all ages at St Philip's!

Staying Close While We're Apart,

Stuart Hallam (Rector), Debbie Matheson, Brian Mix, Diana Bragg, and Suzi Noetzel (Wardens)

The Diocese of New Westminster Reopening Phases

The Anglican Church of Canada www.vancouver.anglican.ca

	1 Phase 1	2 Phase 2	3 Phase 3	4 Phase 4
Eucharist	Online only	Online only	In-person with restrictions	In-person, no intinction
Service of the Word	Online Only	In-person with restrictions	In-person with restrictions	In-person with no restrictions
Filming and Live Streaming Worship	YES, with restrictions	YES, with restrictions	Continue for those that cannot physically attend	Continue for those that cannot physically attend
Other Services	Permissible with tight restrictions	Permissible with tight restrictions	YES, allowing for physical distancing under 50 people	Unrestricted
Formation Fellowship, Fundraising And Pastoral Care	Online or telephone only	Online or telephone only	YES, allowing for physical distancing under 50 people	Unrestricted and some online recommended
Office building use	Limited Access	Limited Access	YES, allowing for physical distancing under 50 people	Unrestricted
Service and Outreach Initiatives	With permission from the Archbishop's Office	With permission from the Archbishop's Office	YES, allowing for physical distancing under 50 people	Unrestricted
User Groups and Rentals	Suspended or invited to suspend	Suspended or invited to suspend	YES, allowing for physical distancing under 50 people	Unrestricted