

Thoughts for the Day

Light and dark are major themes in the earliest strands of Christianity. They are major themes in our lives. All of us have dark places where we fear to go. It is as light begins to shine in the darkness that we catch a glimpse of the things preventing us from being the people God calls us to be. Such light is both painful and liberating. Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

The Ven. Dr. John Bailey



DATES TO NOTE

Tues. Mar. 28	Senior's Café, 10:00 am, Fireside Room
Wed. Mar. 29	Lenten Series, 6:15 pm, Totem Room
Mon. Apr. 3	Jones Girls, 12:00 pm, Fireside Room
Wed. Apr. 5	Lenten Series, 6:15 pm, Totem Room
Sat. Apr. 1	Open Gym, 5:30 pm, Gymnasium
Sun. Apr. 2	Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am, Fireside Room
Thur. Apr. 6	Altar Guild Meeting, 2:30 pm, Fireside Room



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.



RUMMAGE SALE

Lawn signs and posters for the Rummage Sale are available for pick-up in the gym after the service. There is also a volunteer sign-up sheet, any help you can give before, during or after the Sale is much appreciated. The Rummage Sale will be on Saturday, April 29 from 9 am to noon.

"HAM BUCKS" FROM STONG'S FOR DUNBAR HOUSE

If you are not using the "Ham Bucks" yourself, the Outreach Committee will be pleased to pass them on to Dunbar House on 7th. Please bring them to the Church Office or place them on the plate on Sundays.

SOUP MAKERS NEEDED FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

We need about 10 soups for our Maundy Thursday simple supper and service. If you can help with this, please speak to the Parish Manager, Beth Vondette.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

Please join us in the gym after the 10:00 service this morning to assemble packets for the Street Ministry.

ISLAM AT A GLANCE

On Wednesday, March 29th from 6 pm to 7:30 pm, the Dunbar Branch of the Vancouver Library will be hosting an Islamic scholar for a presentation on "Islam at a Glance." Mohammad Shujaath Ali will explore facts and myths, offer insights, and answer questions about this enduring world religion. The program is being presented in collaboration with the B.C. Muslim Association. The Dunbar Library is located at 4515 Dunbar Street (Dunbar at 29th Avenue).

SENIORS CAFÉ – CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Seniors Café would benefit from having several more volunteers to help set up the Fireside Room and greet visitors. Come and share some laughter and great stories around the café tables. If you could contribute an hour or two on a Tuesday morning this spring, please contact Ann Kent at ann@catkinggardens.ca.



LENTEN SERIES - EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM MARCH 8, 2017 - APRIL 5, 2017

Every Wednesday during Lent, there will be Liturgical Arts (a Banner-making for Easter activity) beginning at 6:15 pm in our Totem Room, followed by Prayer and meditation introduction at 6:45 pm (A different style taught each week) in the Church. At 7 pm, Contemplating the Holy (Music and Art for Personal Devotion), leads into Alt Vespers at 7:30 pm (Worship with readings and reflection), concluding with the Lenten Study 'Mary: Grace and Hope in Christ' at 8 pm.

This image is a black and white rendering of a painting done by the Rev'd Dr. Marilyn Hames.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

The Altar Guild will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday, April 15th, and welcomes gifts of spring flowers and greenery from members of the parish. If you would like to contribute in this way, please bring your donation to the Church by 9:00 am on Easter Saturday. Thank you.



CHRISM MASS - RENEWAL OF VOWS, BLESSING OF HOLY OILS

Tuesday in Holy Week (April 11), Christ Church Cathedral will be having the annual Chrism Mass at 12:10 pm. A light lunch will follow.

In addition to bishops, priests and deacons who will renew their ordination vows, all members of the laity are invited to attend and renew their baptismal vows.

Following the Chrism luncheon from 2:15 pm to 3:30 p.m., the Rev. Canon Dr. Ed Bacon, sometime Rector of All Saints, Pasadena will give an address. All are invited to hear Ed speak. If you are interested in attending the service and luncheon, please inform the Church office by Wednesday, April 15, 2017.

SENIORS CAFÉ

Seniors Café continues on alternate Tuesday mornings in the Fireside Room from 10:00 until Noon. Join us for tea, coffee, refreshments and friendly conversation or find a partner for a game of crib or Scrabble. We also feature arts activities and sometimes a local speaker or musician. This is a community-focussed program and everyone is welcome – please reach out and invite a friend or neighbour to Seniors Café.

REFUGEE NEWS

There have been some recent positive developments in our refugee sponsorship process. The application to sponsor Lama and her four children, refugees from Syria now in a camp in Lebanon, has been approved by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). Apparently this means that the application itself was satisfactory, we are approved as sponsors, and the file will be sent to the Canadian Visa Office in Lebanon for further processing. This will include an interview of Lama and family and will take about ten months. The final decision as to whether Lama and her children can come to Canada rests with the Visa office, although we do not anticipate a problem.

The Refugee Fund has received a wonderful memorial donation of \$10,000 from the family of Howard Lear who wished to cover the sponsorship of Lama's parents, the grandparents of the family.

We have also received a wonderful pledge of support from St. Faith's Anglican Church. They have pledged \$5000 when our refugee family arrives and another \$5000 to help with the transition at the end of the one year sponsorship period.

Lama's parents asked if we could include their youngest son, Ward, who is 23 years old, and has a little work experience in construction. Lama, her children, her parents and Ward have been living together in the camp. With the recent donations, we feel confident that we can cover the costs of sponsoring him as well. The applications for Lama's parents, Nasriddin and Fatmeh, and Ward are essentially complete. We are awaiting permission from IRCC to submit them.

It is expected we will need to raise at least 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

HANDBELL CONCERT

Join the Brock House- Kerrisdale Handbell ringers at 2 pm on April 9, 2017 at the Kerrisdale Seniors Centre for their Spring Concert. Refreshments will be served.

CAFÉ CARITAS

You are invited to join St. Faith's Anglican Church for a special Café Caritas on Monday, April 3, 2017 from 2:00-4:00pm "Walk and Be Seen".

A few times a year St. Faith's hosts Café Caritas, a chance for seniors in our neighbourhood to get together for food and fellowship. On April 3rd at our next Café Caritas, along with coffee and conversation, we will be highlighting the importance of senior pedestrian safety. We will be joined by a member of the Westside Seniors Hub who will give a short presentation called "Walk and Be Seen". There will be reflective arm bands available for \$4.00 as well as Safe T Brellas for \$30.00. These high tech umbrellas offer an LED fiber-optic shaft along with a built-in LED flash light to deliver a safe walking experience.

St. Faith's Anglican Church (downstairs in the Church Hall)

7284 Cypress Street (at W. 57th near W. Blvd)

Parking is on the east side of the church off W 57 and we have an elevator

For more details call The Rev'd Christine Wilson at 604-266-8011 ext. 1

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Sunday, April 2 at 8:30 am in the Fireside Room. All men welcome.

CAMP ARTABAN CREAM TEA

Camp Artaban will be having their annual Cream Tea fundraiser on Saturday, April 29 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm at St. Augustine's Anglican Church. A traditional English tea with bake sale, raffle, book sale and more! Tickets are \$5 at the door. Raffle tickets \$2 or 3 for \$5.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY, MOBILE CARE UNIT TRAINING

The Neighbourhood Ministry is looking for new volunteers, especially for the Mobile Care Unit (MCU) that was recently launched. The MCU offers basic medical care and social service support for homeless and needy people on the Westside. Currently, the MCU visits three community meals weekly (Saturday mornings at Kits Community Centre; Tuesdays mid-day at St. Mary's Kerrisdale; and Thursday Evenings at St. Augustine Marpole), where about 200 people gather. In just the first two months of the trial launch, the team directly served over 60 people. The large uptake for MCU services points to the significant need in the community.

Volunteers assist our social work and medical professionals at each site by engaging with clients, building trust, and helping folks become more comfortable accessing medical and social work services. If this kind of service appeals to you, please come to a training session and learn more about the Neighbourhood Ministry and the Mobile Care Unit, about how these ministries connect with our faith, and about some of the specifics in assisting with government forms.

Training will be held Saturday April 1, 10am -2:30pm at St. Anselm's, across from the UBC golf course. An alternative session will be held over two evenings, Tuesday March 28th and Wednesday April 5th, 6:30-8:00 pm, also at St. Anselm's. ALL ARE WELCOME.

RSVP to Deacon Pitman: pbpotter@live.ca

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

Team 3, today represented by Whitney and Dale, started out from St Anselm's this morning. Jill warmly greeted us there with packets, bananas, oranges, water bottles and gave us a nice send off and blessing.

At the United Church we saw B. He declined a package saying he was ok. He declined a water also. He said he was cold – I asked if he needed any extra closes or blankets. He said no again, and we got the impression he was trying to be polite but that we were imposing. I recall that he has been declining our offers lately – I might ask him next time if he'd prefer we not stop to check on him.

At 4th/Highbury Jericho Village, was saw W, B, T, W, M, and B. B had a new bike-honker and was anxious that everyone hear it! He seemed good and was happy to have gotten Salmon in his packet this week (said was hoping for). The others were jealous that he got a Boost drink in his (although I think they all had). W seemed happy, said she danced a bit last night over some St Patty's day music she had on, and that her hip was doing fine, recently gotten a clean bill from her doctor (acknowledged that painkillers were still helping). Not sure how we got on to this, but she said she used to be a figure skating teacher and relayed some personal achievements (1962 Top Skater in Nanaimo when she was 17 – I likely have details wrong here), as well as some of her students. W seemed his usual cheerful self – we didn't chat a lot with him on this day. T, and B, same. M walked up a few minutes later but had quite a limp. He said it is osteoporosis in his left ankle area. He

indicated he is under the care of Dr. Janet at Kits 'breakfast club' and he'd be having surgery on Mar 31st to help correct and add a supportive plate – so we wish him well for that.

We continued up 4th avenue but saw no one (even at the Shoppers). We turned at Burrard and came back Broadway and once again, no one.

At Jericho Hostel we saw M. He was sleeping in his fridge box on the porch (usual). He woke up to talk with us and was cheerful. We pointed out to him that someone had left him a whole deli tray of sandwiches; he hadn't realize and eagerly asked we hand it in for him – said his legs were weak (I realized later that I didn't follow up on that with him). He also accepted our packet, fruit and water and thanked us for this ministry.

At Locarno Park we saw M on his bike. He was his cheerful self and accepted a packet, fruit and water. I asked him if he wasn't cold and missing the sun of his home Cuba. He talked and gestured a streak to us (Spanish) and it was clear that his message was that he loved it here just as it is, but that soon would be Spring and the return of flowers and birds and people and tourists which made him happy. He gave blessings us as we parted.

Last, at the Locarno Concession we saw A. He was eating a Subway sandwich and there was also a tray of muffins there – he may have some regulars that look out for him as this is not uncommon when we see A. He declined our package and wouldn't say much – hard to have any conversation with A. After we said good bye the concession caretaker/operator fellow who lives there stopped us, asked if there was someone we could call to get A some help. He said A is always there so sees him for long stretches and he never moves, never even to use the restroom, and in trying to talk with him says he only mumbles but seems paralyzed with indecision, and he needs help. Prayers for A please. We had two packets left, so we dropped back to St Anselm's hoping maybe anyone there.

o.b.o team 3, Dale.

THE RETURN *By the Rev. Clare Morgan*

The one who stumbled
from the wilderness
was not the one
we had known,
soft-spoken carpenter's son:
thin and ragged at hem and hairline;
hands, feet, forehead
scratched by brambles,
eyes haunted and lovely
voice rusty from disuse,
but somehow full
of quiet power.
Sitting at table,
eyes fixed on palm fronds burning in the hearth.

The loaf and his cup
untouched
contemplated.
His mother took his hand
and said
“Son”
then silent
waiting
eyes full
their bracketing lines
so deep.
His answer is soft and cool as water.
“I have to go away.”
She squeezes his hand.
“When will you return?”
Their eyes meet
The silence unravels for days.



Sunday, April 9: Palm/Passion Sunday Services at 8 am and 10 am

Monday, April 10: Holy Eucharist, 10 am

Tuesday, April 11: Holy Eucharist, 10 am

Wednesday, April 12: Holy Eucharist, 10 am

Maundy Thursday, April 13: Light Supper in the Fireside Room at 6 pm,
followed by The Commemoration of the Last Supper, 7 pm in the Church

Good Friday, April 14: Service for families at 10 am
The Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 12 noon

Saturday, April 15: Easter Vigil, 7 pm

Easter, April 16: Service of Light and First Eucharist of Easter, 7 am
Easter Sunday Service, 10 am