



ST. CATHERINE'S NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM CHRISTINE

Dear Friends,

Thank you all for my time here with you at St Catherine's. It has been a most important time in my life and ministry and in the life of our family.

I have continued to hold the thread of my story with that of my Uncle who was involved in the development of Edgemont & Capilano Highlands and of course in this very Church.

Having welcomed me to St Catherine's in October 2006, you were a great support when my Mother died two months later. Our family enjoyed living at the Rectory for those first years. St Catherine's is situated in such a beautiful area, a blessing we should not forget.

Sadly in 2010 my brother died of early onset Alzheimer's Disease. Again we were greatly sustained during that difficult time. Thank you. And of course at St Catherine's, my family have had a place among you, which I will never forget.

Over the years I have had the privilege of being closely involved with numerous families and individuals. This is the heart of ministry. Week after week when presiding at the Eucharist I have known God's abiding presence through the prayers and faithfulness of the community gathered together, and been assured of God's hope and delight. Trust is a word that comes up often in the Wednesday midweek Communion and Bible study. Trust not in our selves, but in a God who has a plan and purpose and more, a longing and purpose for each of us and for us as faith community.

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The deadline for the September Newsletter is Sunday, August 16

Please send news items to
Susan Kimm-Jones at
sejk@shaw.ca or Heather Luccock
at hjluccock@shaw.ca

Services at St. Catherine's

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Eucharist

Mid-week - Wednesday Service 10:00 a.m.

Christine's message cont....

I have seen, heard, met, embraced and been disturbed by God in this place – through my ministry among you. Here, through you, I have learnt about God and been blessed with a vision of God. Here I have experienced new delight and tenderness I have shared joy and pain and discovered not only God in others, or God in the World but importantly - God in me.

God welcomes us and enfolds us in an embrace. God brings gentle wisdom and understanding, if we are open. God takes us on a journey to find our centre, knowing the answer already & then sends us out – to meet others, to share and love in the world, those we know & those who are strangers. God gives us companions for that journey – and today I am very grateful to God for everyone of you.

At times the path has been steep, at times rugged, at times hidden, at times clear ahead, as our way parts, thank you again for all you have given me and to our family, and may God, who binds us together, continue to bless and use you for God's glory and ministry.

Thank you all.



Photos by Phil Sunderland

Message from the Wardens

Our parish of St. Catherine's is in a period of transition. Many people are supportive of our decision, with the support of the Parish Council, to change to a $\frac{3}{4}$ time Rector's position starting in August. Equally, many people were surprised by Christine's announcement that she will not be staying on as our Rector.

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It shall be a time of self-examination and redefinition as, together, we move forward searching, learning and open to understanding what our true purpose is as a family, a community and a church. The results of the cottage meetings will prove especially useful in determining how best to direct and serve the community. Thank you to all those parishioners who attended meetings and shared their thoughts, feelings and hopes for St. Catherine's.

Be assured that the leadership and parish are well supported by Bishop Melissa and the Diocesan Office. We expect to have an interim minister starting August 1st who could potentially be with us for a year or two. We are not rushing the process of finding our new Rector, since, with God's grace and guidance, we seek the best person to encourage our community to grow and thrive.

We are saddened on many levels by Christine's leaving. We sincerely thank her for her nine years of ministry with us.

She blessed us with her compassion and through her efforts she undertook tasks which often went unrecognized. Her leaving is our loss, and we probably will not be fully aware of the hole she will leave until she is gone. God bless Christine and God bless the community of St. Catherine's in our next chapter.

Respectfully submitted
Monica Macdonald, Rector's Warden
Tony Dodd, People's Warden
Vivian McGie, Associate Warden

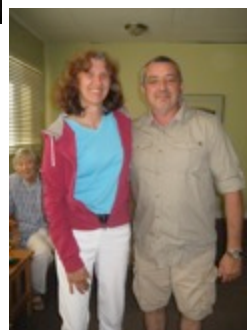
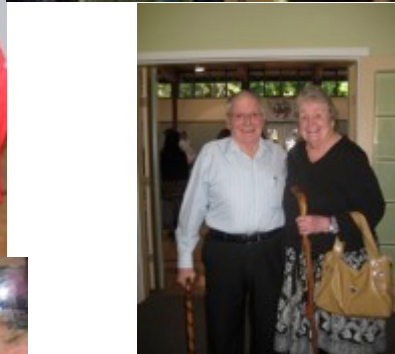
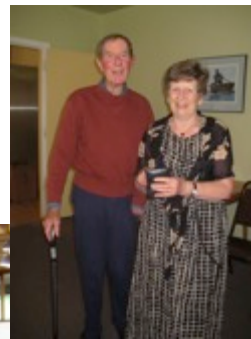
Farewell to Christine – Heather Luccock

A Farewell potluck dinner was held to honour Christine on Saturday, June 20th. Our deacon, Andrew opened the dinner with a Celtic blessing. As usual there was an abundance of great food. We enjoyed lilting Latin American music by *Rene Hugo Sanchez Peruvian Band*. Robb Watt reminded us of Christine's accomplishments during her eight years with us, pointing out her leadership during MAP and talks with Gloria Dei. When she arrived with her family Hannah, Lucy and Tom were in their teens and we have had the joy of watching them grow into adulthood. Her greatest joy has been the birth of her grandchild Josie and we all enjoy having Josie in church each week. Robb asked us to raise our glasses in a toast to Christine. A purse and basket of cards was presented. We wish Christine every blessing as she begins a new phase in her life and ministry.



Some pictures from the Farewell Party for Christine.

Photos by Phil Sunderland
and Rose Powell



Bishop Melissa's Visit – Heather Luccock

On Sunday, June 28th we were blest to have Bishop Melissa presiding at our Sunday Eucharist. It was an uplifting service and we listened to an inspiring sermon on the Gospel for the day (Mark 5:21-43. It involved 2 stories of healing and restoration. One story interrupts the other. (Jesus is on his way to Jairus' house to heal a very ill child, and is interrupted on the way by a desperate woman who touches his cloak and is healed. Jesus resumes his journey and is able to restore Jairus' daughter to life.) Bishop Melissa suggested that life's interruptions may indeed turn out to be great blessings.

After the service the congregation met in the parish hall to receive the report on the Listening Meetings that were held during May and June. Bishop Melissa gave an outline of what we might expect in the coming interim period. Tasha Carrothers, one of the facilitators of the Listening Meetings, outlined the findings of the report. A redacted copy of the report will be available to the parish in due course.

The things we appreciated about St. Catherine's were outlined ie: the community, music clergy leadership over the years, our Anglican worship and many said it was their spiritual home.

A number of the concerns that were raised: lack of young families; aging demographic; issues around MAP; desire for growth or should there be amalgamation.

Things to ponder: lack of consensus on future development; to shift away from longing for days gone by and actively engage in parish development

We divided into small groups to discuss 1.) what challenges us; 2.) what resonates with us? and 3.) what is really important. Feed back from the groups was given.

The meeting closed with saying the Grace.



Photos by Heather Luccock

St. Catherine's Website

Can't remember when you're next reading the lesson? Or when the Bishop is visiting? Or what kind of parish information a newcomer might want? Just visit the St. Catherine's website at www.saint-catherines.org and chances are you'll find what you need!

You'll find lists of readers, intercessors and eucharistic administrators if you visit the Ministries page, and then click on "St. Catherine's Groups."

Check out the Events page for calendar listings, and catch up on weekly notices under the News tab. The most current listings in each of these areas are also highlighted on the website's home page.

If you are planning an event, or notice one missing, please be sure to let the web mistress know so she can spread the word! Email Peggy at peggytj@shaw.ca, or call 604-619-5576.

Pastoral Care

Lynn McNaughton, Patrick Blaney and Stephen Muir will be available for pastoral care over the next few months.

When in need, please contact Tony Dodd at 604-985-7057 or

- Patrick at St. John's 604 986-1151
- Stephen at St. Agnes' 604-987-0432
- Lynn at St Clements' 604-988-4418

Prayer Requests

The Prayer List for Sunday will be on the prayer desk in the Chapel. Prayer requests should go to Randy in the office 604-985-0666



St. Catherine's Choir – Siiri Rebane

The Choir has had a great year and practices have now stopped for the summer months.. New and different music and styles were introduced to the service. The men have been rehearsing on Wednesday mornings (1 hour) and this has helped the men's section to become more proficient.

I would encourage others to consider joining us in the Fall to continue to enhance our worship.

The Handbells Choir has moved to the front of the church and is now more visible and are enjoying the new location with easier access.

Next year I would like to explore starting up a children's choir again.

I am thinking of trying some new ideas for the fall in terms of music programs – more to come.

Messy Church - Gaynor Stone

In May, St Catherine's Church welcomed children from our pre-school, their families, young members of our own church family to our Messy Church 1st birthday celebration.

Messy Church is a form of church for children and adults that involve creativity, celebration and hospitality. A big thank you to everyone who helped make our Messy Church a success this year. We look forward to an exciting program ahead starting again in the Fall.

Further details can be found in the link to the Messy Church website below.

<http://www.messychurch.org.uk>

Coffee & Conversation

Coffee & Conversation will
resume on September 15

10:30 a.m.
Mary Pellatt Room

**Thanks to Mary Savage, Phil Severy and
Steve Jackson for keeping up the Memorial
Garden especially during the hot weather.**



Donation to Turning Point Recovery House

Christine and Tony presented a cheque for \$1040.00 to Turning Point at their residence in Murdo Fraser and were given a tour. They were most appreciative of the gift.

Outreach - On Eagles Wings

Phyllis Mittlestead

There is still time to contribute items for the On Eagles Wings summer camps. Items can be dropped off in the Church Office. Thank you to all those who have already contributed to Eagles Wings, and to those who contributed toiletries for our other outreach projects.

Youth News - Liz Ruder-Celiz

Hello, I'm Liz and I'm the Regional Youth Coordinator, my office is downstairs at St. Catherine's next to the 4 year olds' classroom in the preschool. In the regional service I was the one running around cueing the confirmation class as they presented the sermon.

In the nine months that I've been in this role I've learned a few things. One, we have youth, we have amazing youth. We have thoughtful, faithful, discerning youth. Two, it's very hard to be the only one in your church, and it's fun when you figure out that you aren't the only one. Three, playing hide and seek in the Church is just as fun now as it was when I was a youth! Four, our youth want their faith to connect to the world. They want their faith communities and their worship of God to connect to the real life issues in the world. Five, they want to do things, not just talk about things, and six, they want relationship with adults and each other.

Our Youth Program wound up for the year with a Sleepover at St. Martin's June 20/21, but we'll be back in September with a regular meeting once a month. It's so exciting for me to have a regular youth group meeting, and to say that, as a region, we have a youth group!

There are lots of challenges, time and place, and trying to get youth from seven parishes to come together, not to mention getting to know youth who are isolated in their parishes and aren't part of the youth group, but these are all good challenges. I ask your prayers for me, and for our amazing youth who really are thoughtful, deep, and faithful people (even when they don't believe it themselves!).

Yours in faith.

Primate's World Relief & Development Fund - John Luccock PWRDF Rep.

The Primate's World Relief & Development Fund's guiding principle is to listen and learn from partners in its development work. It remains a Christian organization, committed to a vision of international development and global justice that is founded on theological reflection and a faith-based analysis.

The Fund works in concert with Action By Churches Together (ACTS) on any emergency relief or development program.

Once again, St. Catherine's parishioners have supported the work of PWRDF in a significant manner. Most recently, members have responded generously to appeals on the Nepal Natural Disaster. Once again, thank you for your ongoing commitment to the work of PWRDF.

More information on PWRDF at www.PWRDF.org



Cookies for the Homeless

Donations of home-made cookies are delivered to the Look-Out Homeless Shelter on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Cookies left on the counter in the church kitchen by noon that Tuesday are collected and delivered in the afternoon.

Used stamps for Bibles

St. Catherine's continues to collect used Canadian and International stamps for the Canadian Bible Society who sell them to collectors, using the proceeds to purchase bibles. Packages or envelopes of stamps may be left in the bottom drawer of the wooden file cabinet outside the church office. Stamps cut from packages or envelopes should have at least 1/4" of paper left around the stamp so that the perforations are not damaged.

Lois Macgregor

Royal Baby Gala

A lovely tea was held on June 13, hosted by Tony Dodd to celebrate the birth of Princess Charlotte. Refreshments were provided courtesy Bonnie Grundy, Elizabeth Barratt, Julia Hadrill and Penny Zuk. There was a good turnout, some stylish hats and cheerful conversation.



Photos by Heather Luccock and Tony Dodd

Neighbourhood Engagement Team - Peggy Trendell-Jensen

St. Catherine's has launched its new Neighbourhood Engagement Team (NET), an initiative that has come out of our conversations with Gloria Dei Lutheran. We are an on-call group of people who look for creative ways to "be church" out in the world, whether it's helping at community events or clustering around a family going through a hard time. One way we are getting to know our neighbourhood better is by keeping the streets around Edgemont Village clean through North Van District's "Adopt a Street" program. Please join us on our monthly excursions after church, with garbage bags and "picker-uppers" in hand!

Being part of the Neighbourhood Engagement Team is a flexible commitment. When an opportunity arises, we will send out the call to those people who have signed on, and if you are able to participate, that's great. If you can't, we know you'll try for the next time! Please contact me with your phone number and email address (if you have one), so we can build a good strong team and cast the NET wide!

Peggy Trendell-Jensen 604-619-5576 peggytj@shaw.ca

Metro Vancouver Alliance - Paul Clark

It's been a year or so since we joined the Metro Vancouver Alliance (MVA) and a lot has happened. I thought it would be good to give you a brief update.

First ,thank you for the support and encouragement you have given us over the year. We have several active members and are more than pulling our weight within this organization of 53 organizations representing over 300,000 people!

MVA has four campaigns with which we are currently engaged. Poverty, Affordable Housing, Transit and Social Inclusion. All four campaigns have made progress this year. One of the biggest successes has been to get the Mayor of Vancouver to commit to making Vancouver a Living Wage city.

On July 8th at 9am at City Hall we will hold a rally to support this initiative and later that day the Mayor will put forward a motion to adopt a Living Wage for city employees and contractors. This is a FIRST for Canada !

Please see MVAs website for information on other initiatives and come and join us to organize for the common good. www.metvanalliance.com

And don't forget to come to PUB nights any Friday at my house 1120 Tall Tree Lane, 7 - 9 pm . Beer , Wine and Snacks by donation and live music jamming. Bring your instruments if you play. Come as you are.

Co-Chair Social Inclusion Committee , Metro Vancouver Alliance
