

Notices for Christmas Eve, December 24, 2020

A message from Pat Brandon, the Parish Manager

Dearest People of St. Philip's,

It has been the honour of my life to serve you over the past 1 ½ years. I look forward to the promise of 2021 and the possibility of in-person worship soon. I have missed you all!

I wish to thank Ash Noetzel, Duncan Wilson and Matilda Hallam for their tireless efforts in making St. Philip's more welcoming and certainly cleaner this year! Their efforts have been greeted with "oohs and ahs" from all that have had a preview.

As always, it is a distinct pleasure working with Stuart and Michael. I am grateful for their support during my transition in responsibilities. Thanks also to Michael Vondette, Paul Harrison, Don Thomson, Christine Cen, Min Rundle, Janet Brown, Rona Thornton, and our wonderful Trustees and Wardens. We are so fortunate to have such a loving, talented community!

All the blessings of the season to each and every one of you!

Peace be with you,
Pat and Tank

DATES TO NOTE

Thurs. Dec 24	Christmas Eve Nativity 4pm online https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/blog
Thurs Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols 7pm online https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/blog
Dec 24 – Jan 3	Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Parish Office closed
Fri Dec 25	Said Christmas Day Holy Eucharist Service (BAS) online 10am https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/blog
Sun Dec 27	Cathedral Holy Eucharist 10.30am Livestream https://www.thecathedral.ca/live
Sun Jan 3	Epiphany Holy Eucharist 10am online https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/blog

Attachments today contain lyrics for the carols sung in the **Nativity** and **Lessons and Carols**. Sing along with us!

A Child's Christmas in Wales read by Michael Murray still available to watch on the website

COFFEE HOUR after service will resume Jan 3, 2021

WEBSITE WORSHIP Sundays at 10am

To resume Jan 3, 2021 <https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/blog>

PRAYER, CARE AND SHARE - To resume Jan 6, 2021 Wednesdays via Zoom at 10am

MIDDAY PRAYERS - To resume Jan 4, 2021 Monday - Thursday via Zoom

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers at this time: Ron Ramsay, Sally Antrobus and her family, Ann Halfnights, Penny Francis and family, Greg, Maura and Brian, Nancy, Tracy and family, Larry Hoad and Mike Lane, Brenda Harrison, Sarah Burns, Jan Alexander, Mia Salamito, Diana Bragg and Family, Hazel Maunder, and Min's sister Jill and Min's advocate Dorothy McNaughton.

Let us pray for those who have died, The Rev. David Hawkins, Ken Crookall, Eve Alexander, and for their friends and family bereaved by their loss.

The Neighbourhood Ministry would like to thank the whole parish of St. Philip's for the packets you put together for our last street outreach on Saturday, December 19th. It takes a team to make this Ministry work, and so for those who donate clothing or food or money, for those who pack up the food, to those who go out on the street to care for those in need, for those who pray for us and for those we serve, a big thank you to you. You all make a difference. God bless you and Merry Christmas.

Liz Hamel, Neighbourhood Ministry Manager.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

Many parishioners make a special donation at Christmas time, and visitors leave something in the collection plate while enjoying a Carol Service or Family Christmas Service. All these in-person opportunities have been suspended. Please make a generous Christmas donation on our website at <http://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/> by clicking on the button that says "Donate".

SHARING FELLOWSHIP AT CHRISTMAS

For many parishioners, suspended gatherings and cancelled travel until Jan. 8 mean we won't be sharing Christmas or New Year's with friends and family. Perhaps you live alone or with one other person in your bubble. You are actually allowed to visit safely, according to Dr Bonnie Henry: "A core bubble is one to two friends if you live alone". People who live alone can continue to see one or two people (CBC News) in "a select bubble for those who live alone" (CTV). Dr Henry encourages us to look for ways to stay in touch and be festive while keeping each other safe. (CTV) With an invitation, a call, and on Zoom, let's reach out to each other, safely. (Debbie Matheson)

STEWARDSHIP 2021: A Message from the Trustees

Please pledge as generously as you can in this time of lost rentals, curtailed fundraising, and suspended in-person events. We need to support St Philip's everyday expenses and ministries even when we cannot attend in person. For the 2020 budget, Finance used an identified giver list of 82 pledgers and 29 regular donors. To date, Paul Harrison has recorded 55 pledges for 2021. If you're running late or this is new for you, we look forward to your pledge. Call Pat in the office if you need assistance: 604-224-3238

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

As we complete our second year of the three-year Capital Campaign, we have much to thank donors for: the buildings are protected and updated, and we are looking at future staffing. We are reminded to make our contribution soon. You might even consider *Donation of Securities and Related Tax Benefits*. <https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/pages/2019-capital-campaign>

Staying Close While We're Apart,

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