

## Notices for January 31, 2021

Dear lovely people of St Philip's,

Last Saturday saw John Stephens' ordination as Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster. The whole parish rejoiced as our former Rector began this new and important role in the life of our diocese! This will be a period of transition for both Bishop John and Archbishop Melissa as they work together until Archbishop Melissa's retirement on the 28th February. We pray God's Blessing on them both during this time.

We too are in a period of transition as I come towards the end of my ministry here at St Philip's and we as a family make plans to return home to the UK. Some people see times of transition as periods of insecurity and unknowing, but I have always seen them as times of hope, expectancy, and anticipation. You may have gathered by now that I like change, I always have. There is an excitement about the not knowing what is to come next: a mixture of fear, hope, and an openness to what might lie around the corner!

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. We will hear again the story of Anna and Simeon. Both were in transition, both were waiting in anticipation of a promise yet to be fulfilled. In Simeon's case, he had been waiting and anticipating God's promise for a long time. One tradition says that he was 270 years old when he first held the Christ Child in his arms! No wonder he was able to say at last, 'Lord, now let your servant go in peace, for my eyes have seen your salvation!'

So, what's the miracle for Simeon? For us? I don't think it is that Simeon lived to such a great age. And it's not that Simeon held the baby Jesus. And it's not that Simeon's eyes saw salvation or that Simeon had been set free to go in peace.

Here's what I think the miracle is. Even in the fear and unknowing of God's promise, Simeon continued to show up. He continued to be vigilant and attentive. He continued to trust the promise. He continued to wait with hope and expectation. He never despaired. He never walked away from the promise. The miracle for Simeon and for us is in the showing up and, just when you think that the next day will be the same as the one before, God shows up and everything changes.

Yes, transitions can be scary, but they can also be times when the miracles happen, times when we can see our salvation, and we can go in peace. As it was for Simeon and Anna, may it be so for us.

Love and Prayers,  
Stuart

### DATES TO NOTE

<b>Sun Jan 31</b>	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 10 am online
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	<a href="https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/blog">https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/blog</a> Join us for Zoom coffee at 11 am <a href="https://zoom.us/j/454815164">https://zoom.us/j/454815164</a>
<b>Mon Feb. 1</b>	Search Committee Meeting 7:30 pm
<b>Thurs Feb 4</b>	Transforming Questions on Zoom 7 pm. <a href="https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/pages/transforming-questions">https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/pages/transforming-questions</a>
<b>Wed Feb 10</b>	Zoom School 7:30 pm register with <a href="#">Stuart</a>
<b>Tues Feb 16</b>	Parish Council Meeting on Zoom at 7:30 pm
<b>Thurs Feb 18</b>	Zoom School 7:30 pm register with <a href="#">Stuart</a>
<b>Sat Feb 20</b>	Deadline for Parish Council nominations 4 pm to <a href="#">Diana Bragg</a>
<b>Sun Feb 21</b>	Annual Vestry Meeting on Zoom at noon: preregister with <a href="#">Pat</a>
<b>Wed Feb 24</b>	Intercessor Information & Training with Stuart on Zoom at 7:30

**WEBSITE WORSHIP** Sundays at 10:00 am

Our Website Worship is easy to follow along with, we deliver the order of service to your in-box. The services are recorded and posted by Saturday evening, so you can watch and revisit them at your convenience. St Philip's will continue to offer online worship for the many worshippers who cannot attend in person or who live afar. Please join using the link above.

**COFFEE TIME**

Join us for Zoom Coffee at 11 am <https://zoom.us/j/454815164>  
To join the gathering by phone, dial 778-907-2071. Coffee Hour ID is 454815164

**MIDDAY PRAYERS** - Mondays to Thursdays, via Zoom, 12 Noon

Join Stuart for Midday Prayers. Whether you are at home or busy at work, this 20 min service will help you relax and reconnect with yourself, your community, and your Creator...  
<https://zoom.us/j/98573390558?pwd=bWJkS0hTc1E1RzNkQUNicEl3QzFadz09>  
To join by phone, dial 778-907-2071 The Meeting ID: 985 7339 0558

**PRAYER, CARE AND SHARE** - Wednesdays via Zoom at 10:00 AM

On your computer, click the link at 10:00 AM <https://zoom.us/j/2939572088>  
To join the gathering by phone, dial 778-907-2071. The meeting ID is 2939572088.

**PRAYER LIST**

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

Let us pray for those who have died: Brian Rocksborough-Smith ODNW, The Rev. David Hawkins, Ken Crookall, and Eve Alexander. Let us pray for their friends, family and loved ones bereaved by their loss.

**MILESTONES**

Join in celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and other milestones. Please send your news to [Pat Brandon](#), our Acting Parish Manager.

### **AN OLD FRIEND, A NEW BISHOP**

The Reverend John Stephens was ordained a bishop at Christ Church Cathedral on Saturday, January 23, 2021. Many parishioners watched the consecration. If you missed it or would like to revisit the service, you can watch it on the YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/TAfenT2cBxl>

### **DIOCESAN NEWS**

Keep informed with the Diocesan newsletter: news, events and resources direct to your inbox.

Register for the newsletter at <https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/contact>

Access news at <https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/news>

Read TOPIC at <https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/tags/topic>

And pick up a copy of The Anglican Journal & Topic at the mailboxes until they're all gone.

### **VESTRY MEETING: February 21, 2021**

**Reports:** Thank you to everyone who provided 2020 annual reports. Even if you have little to report for 2020, please send a few sentences for the record.

Pat Brandon is compiling the Vestry Report which will be emailed to parishioners. If you need to have a hard copy printed for you this year, please notify [Pat](#) by Feb 6. Reports will be available in the mailboxes on Feb. 7.

**Registration:** Register with [Pat](#) for Vestry this year so we know how many will attend on Zoom.

**Preparation:** Read the Vestry Report carefully.

**Questions:** We'll be taking questions in a slightly different way this year due to the virtual format of our meeting. To ensure all questions are heard and addressed, and to share the time effectively, please send your questions in advance of the meeting to [rector@stpdonbar.com](mailto:rector@stpdonbar.com).

### **ZOOM SCHOOL**

If you have not downloaded Zoom yet, now is the time! Zoom gives you access to the many virtual events that keep us together, from Prayers to Coffee Hour to this year's Vestry Meeting. Here's the link to download Zoom free onto your computer: <https://zoom.us/download>  
Open it up, explore the site, try opening a sample meeting, and watch the tutorials.

**Beginner:** If you have never tried Zoom and feel daunted or bothered about the idea of using it, please register with Debbie Matheson for a one-to-one phone lesson. If you can open and send emails, you can manage Zoom. You must have a smart phone, a tablet, or preferably a computer and Wi-Fi. Debbie Matheson, Suzi Noetzel and Catriona Wilson stand by to call you and walk you through downloading the app onto your tablet or computer. We'll get you started, then you'll be ready for a Novice Lesson with Stuart. Call Debbie @ 604-202-6196

**Novice:** If you have managed to download and explore the app, sign up for a Parish practice meeting on Zoom to practice Zoom skills, etiquette and communication before Vestry. The training sessions will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm & Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm on Zoom. Sign up with Stuart: [rector@stpdonbar.com](mailto:rector@stpdonbar.com).

## **INTERCESSOR INFORMATION & TRAINING SESSION**

All Intercessors and those who may be interested in becoming prayer leaders are encouraged to attend this session. We have not had an instruction session for several years. Stuart will guide us through the formats and where to find the prayer resources. Please join us on Wednesday, February 24 at 7:30 pm for a zoom meeting. To register, email Diana Bragg, Intercessor Coordinator at [dasbragg@gmail.com](mailto:dasbragg@gmail.com)

## **SEARCH COMMITTEE**

The committee has updated the **Parish Profile** that was originally written in 2017 after extensive visioning sessions and broad parish input. Executive Archdeacon Douglas Fenton and Archdeacon Stephanie Shephard both stressed that the profile does not need rewriting, just updating; therefore, it could be presented to the Diocese by Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. On Monday, the Search Committee will email parishioners a link to a short survey task to be completed by end of week.

## **THE CHAPEL**

Given that the chapel is overdue for some renovation and renewal, and the Capital Campaign now has funds available, Parish Council agreed on January 19<sup>th</sup> that renovations to the chapel should now be reconsidered. Much good planning work has been done in the past. Interested parishioners are asked to contact the wardens with concerns, questions and ideas, and if you'd like to be involved in a working group. We look forward to a future when we can use the chapel once again and we want that special space to be ready for that day.

## **OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN TO RUN LIVE-STREAMING**

Two live-streaming cameras have been installed in the church! We seek to train a team of volunteers to learn to operate the system. Once this is up and running, we will be able to livestream all our services and events on the internet. This is an exciting opportunity for the whole parish. If you are interested in getting trained to be involved in this exciting new ministry at St. Philip's, please email Pat at [manager@stpdunbar.com](mailto:manager@stpdunbar.com)

## **AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY**

The Neighbourhood Ministry is in **urgent** need of **sleeping bags**. In the cold and wet weather, the folks we see on the street often ask for sleeping bags and mats, and we are running short. Please donate a sleeping bag or donate \$40 towards the purchase of a sleeping bag. Please see the attached report for the connections that have been made by the outdoor teams in January.

We are ever grateful for your support,  
Rev'd Liz Hamel.

## **TRANSFORMING QUESTIONS**

**Dates:** Thursdays, Jan. 28 – Apr. 15, 2021 on Zoom. Session length: 60-75 minutes

<https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/pages/transforming-questions>

**Questions?** Contact [The Reverend Jessica Schaap](#), Missioner for Christian Formation

## **UPDATED INTERNET**

St. Philip's has a new and updated WiFi system installed throughout the campus. Guest WiFi is now available; please ask Pat for the password if you are interested.

### **HOW DID THE PEWS BECOME NEW?**

Check out this fascinating video put together by Henry and Mark, illustrating the many steps they took to refashion our original pews into stackable, moveable pews.

They have revolutionized and broadened the possibilities for worship at St. Philip's.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KEgXtv5rRFM>

### **COMMUNICATION**

In this time devoid of in-person gatherings, communication is essential and a greater challenge than ever! Stuart and the wardens remind you that you are always encouraged to speak to the rector, a warden, a trustee, Treasurer Don Thomson, a committee leader, or members of Parish Council. Please communicate your questions, thoughts or suggestions, especially in time for monthly Parish Council meetings or Vestry, the dates of which are listed in the bulletin.

### **Staying close while we're apart, Your Rector and Wardens**

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