



Ministry Report March 2021

Now we have got through our Annual Meeting, we continue with the work that our PC is called to do, in caring for our community, maintaining our space, and giving direction and feedback to the leadership of St John's Parish, which includes us all!

Welcome, and welcome back

Thank you to those of you who stood again, or who stood for the first time to be a part of the Parish Council. There is much for us to do, and to consider in the coming weeks and months.

Pandemic measures

As you will all know, we have been directed by the Synod Office not to prepare for in-person gatherings before Easter. Despite some speculation that Dr Henry may relax the Provincial Health Order before then in order to accommodate worship services, the Bishop feels that the energy it would take to prepare for gatherings and then possibly to have to switch again, is more than most communities have to spare at present. We are planning to have a range of online worship available in Holy Week, leading up to our celebration of resurrection on April 4th – though, admittedly, every Eucharist is a celebration of resurrection!

Online and upwards, or something like that

Throughout Lent we have continued our Monday to Friday noon prayers led by an ever-growing team of worship leaders. Ranging from five to twenty five minutes long these punctuations in the day offer a spaced to pause, pray, and reflect as part of our praying community. They are available live on facebook, and/or recorded and distributed via www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

CPTED & Community Connection project

At our last PC we voted to accept a proposal from Rethink Urban for a complete CPTED/Full Spectrum project. Steve Woolrich will be making a presentation of the work already in progress and the planned scope of the project at our PC meeting on Tuesday 16th March.

Pastoral Care

Our Pastoral Team met in this past month and was updated on a few of those to whom we are seeking to give particular pastoral support. Though much of this is now via telephone, there is a hope that we can start connecting soon with safe visiting. If you know of anyone who might need a visit, or a phone call, please do email myself, or call my cell 250 516 9565 – in strictest confidence. Likewise, if you would like to talk to myself or with other members of the ministry team please do get in touch with us – as I said last month in this report - we can be busy, but we are never too busy to make time for you. Be kind to yourself, and to one another.

With thanks for our partnership in the Gospel,

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