



# THE *Lamplighter*

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## Mid Year Vestry Meeting

- by Richard de Candole, Warden

*Glory to God, whose power working in us...*

On Sunday October 30th a mid-term vestry meeting attended by nearly 50 parishioners was held to discuss three topics: the findings of the cottage meetings held last spring, an update on parish finances and the question of holding the St. Mark's Fair after a three year absence.

1. Committee chair Cynthia Preyser presented the findings of the cottage meetings. She noted the findings were drawn from the several dozen sheets of comments gathered during the meetings and posted in the hall.

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## Mid Year Vestry Meeting (continued)

Two themes emerged from those comments: after two years of minimal social contact due to the pandemic parishioners want to recommit and reconnect inwardly as a church family. In particular they want music and pastoral care restored. Secondly they want to recommit and reconnect outwardly with the community of Oceanside and beyond. Through our outreach projects they want St. Mark's to be better known in the community.

The committee is looking for confirmation that this is what they "heard you say". To that end they will now be contacting parish ministries to hear if they might consider activities to address these themes. At the AGM next February the committee will report back on the results of these consultations.

2. Our treasurer Wendy Carriere reported that last June she was projecting a deficit of about \$50,000 if revenues did not improve significantly. This was double what the 2022 budget forecast. As a result Parish Council decided to send out a letter appealing for increased giving. She said the response has been very encouraging and she is now projecting a deficit of around \$20,000. In addition to increased offerings some large donations were received and investment income has been higher than projected. As has happened for several years the shortfall will be covered by the accumulated surplus which now stands at \$152,000.

She said the only way to continue to keep our finances in good shape is through regular weekly offerings, preferably by PAD (Parishioner Automatic Debit). She is monitoring our spending closely and doesn't expect any unpleasant surprises as happened last year when the annual BC Hydro catch-up bill was over \$4,000. That was partially the result of two of the three heat pumps not working properly. They have now been repaired and a twice annual inspection has been instituted to keep on top of hydro costs.

3. Via Zoom Fair Committee chair Sandy Morter presented her vision for a scaled-back fair next July. This will be the 50th anniversary of the fair. She said her plan was dependent on four positions being filled by the end of the vestry meeting: a co-chair to take over in 2024, a registrar, a treasurer and a site manager.

Her plan is to use only Veterans' Way for booths and vendors and no longer use the community hall. This would reduce the number of vendors and mean only one or two St Mark's tables, specifically pies and books. Because this would mean a loss of revenue she asked for volunteers to look to the business community for sponsorship and received three names. She feels the scaled-back version would address the issue of burn-out among volunteers and allow the event to continue. She noted that without the fair parish outreach projects in the community may not be funded next year.

Comments and questions from the floor were a mixture of for and against the fair. A motion to discontinue operating the fair was made and then defeated. A second motion was made to hold a scaled-back version of the fair and it was carried. Following that Bill Purdy agreed to be co-chair, Neil Vennard, registrar, Wendy Carriere, treasurer and Ryan Geboers, site manager. The fair will take place on July 29th.



## ELIZABETH'S QUIRKS & QUARKS

In every Anglican Church where I have shared in ministry, there has always been the need for me to have someone “straighten” my stole. The band of material that hangs around my neck is called a “stole”. On rare occasions, the stole has a liturgical function rather than just a piece of ornamental clothing – although most clergy have some very pretty ones in their cupboards.

The liturgical role comes when there is a wedding. After the “couple” have exchanged vows and rings, the celebrant asks the couple to join their right hands, like a handshake. Then the celebrant wraps the stole around their two clasped hands and “ties the knot”. Then it is said, “I declare that you are “married” in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.”

The stole is considered the “sign” of the churches blessing on the couple. We then proceed to the Altar and ask for God’s blessing for the newly married couple. I always have fun when I’m tying the knot, since in that moment, there is an intimacy between the couple and the church, in whose company they are sharing and living their lives.

Over the years, I have been blessed to receive my stoles from friends and mentors. It is a symbol to me of the on-going nature of ministry that is passed along from generation to generation. For example, at his last visit, the Most Rev. Douglas Hambidge gave me a most precious gift, a stole that had come to him as a gift from the Navaho nation where he served.

That’s the stole I have in this photo at the Cathedral in Victoria. I wear it with humility and pride knowing that I am standing on the shoulders of a great priest that has gone before me and taught me of God’s love.

This other photo is of my cousin Cameron – who was ordained in 2019 in Vancouver. In this photo with Bishop Melissa Skelton, Cameron is also wearing a Chasuble, a vestment used for the Communion Celebrant, - and so, the heart of priestly ministry goes on, in more ways than we could ever ask or imagine.



## PARISHIONER PROFILE: JOHN & MORAG ATHERSTONE

- by John Smith

*A* chat with John and Morag Atherstone in their lovely home overlooking the Salish Sea started with a history lesson. Both of them are 5th generation South Africans, descending from English families that went to the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope as '1820 Settlers' – several thousand families escaping dire unemployment in England after the Napoleonic Wars. They were lured to the Cape Colony by advertising offering vast stretches of farm land, thereby seeking to populate the land and so restrict the Xhosa from moving in.

The plan didn't work very well, as farming was a struggle, and many of the settlers moved to establish cities such as Port Elizabeth and Grahamstown, including John's ancestors, who weren't farmers. One of the settlers was Dr. John Atherstone, whose son William not only became a member of the Colony's Parliament but was also part of an unceasing line of Atherstone doctors, including John and Morag and all their three children!

Morag (who has the doubtful distinction of sharing her birthday – Oct. 7 – with Putin as well as Mandela) met John during second year medical school at Cape Town University. They were being taught practical physiology when Morag, volunteering to give blood, put her hand up, and John, volunteering to take her blood, put up his hand. "Luckily, he got the vein, right away."

After they married during their 5th year of medical school, John and Morag chose to spend two years at Edendale Hospital in Natal province, which provided a wide exposure, lots of experience, and, additionally, their first child, Michael. After a year in Mthatha (near Mandela's birthplace), and assisted by a scholarship, the Atherstones went to Edinburgh where John obtained his Internal medicine – MRCP – degree, and Juliet was born. Then it was back to Mthatha to repay the scholarship, followed by settling down in East London on the coast in Eastern Cape Province, where Lindi was born. The Atherstones were GPs at a government hospital, with Morag specializing in anesthesia, and John working as an internist.

Then came what they call their own Fire of London. Morag was (as everyone did on Tuesday nights in 1988) watching Dallas, when something involving an electric blanket occurred, and the house burned down. Although they rebuilt the house, John and Morag reached the conclusion that it was



*Morag enjoys gardening and you can see the love.*

time to look elsewhere. The decision to move away from their homeland was wrenchingly difficult. "It was a head and heart decision," says Morag. The heart said stay, but the head said go. The country was in the throes of dismantling apartheid, the rand was collapsing, and John and Morag's children were reaching the age where finding the security blanket of stability was paramount. "The country was on the knife edge of civil war," John says.

So, after making the decision, then going through the challenges of obtaining permanent resident status and qualifying to practice medicine in Canada, where did they go? Grand Cache Alberta! Well! Actually, it wasn't meant to be like that, but the deal they thought they had to acquire a practice fell through, and Grand Cache was available, so there you go. After all, the kids had never seen snow and ice. Things got off to a fine start, leaving Cape Town at +30° and arriving at Edmonton at -30°.

After two and a half years, the Atherstones had had enough of Grand Cache, and moved to Paradise – er – Qualicum Beach in 1993, where they established their medical practices, which continued for twenty years. Things balanced out, as they had practised in South Africa for 20 years, followed by 20 years in B.C. Thereafter, they spent a few years doing locum work.

In 1995, John and Morag had found a home in French Creek, which, notwithstanding the orange shag carpet, they fell in love with. Extensive renovations took a while, but they ended up with a home where they live on the upper floor, with the self-contained lower floor available for their children and guests.

Recently they have put the lower floor to good use by providing a safe harbor for a family from Ukraine, Anzhela and her two children Artem and Anya. Her husband is still in Ukraine, but they converse daily. The children were enrolled in school two days after they arrived. John and Morag say “It is a privilege to do this.” They are in Canada by way of a special travel visa, and Anzhela, with a master’s degree in economics, hopes to put her work permit to good use. It is the family’s sincere wish to be able to return home eventually, though Anzhela is going through the same ‘head and heart’ debate that the Atherstones had when they were thinking of leaving South Africa.

When John and Morag arrived in Qualicum Beach in 1993, they soon found St. Mark’s. During their thirty years as parishioners, they have witnessed the church’s ups and downs, and have been involved in a myriad of church activities. There was the expansion to the building, the coming and going of priests, the rise and fall of Sunday School, Nicky Gumbel’s Alpha Courses, etc., etc. John and Morag have participated in just about every task you can think of: they have been on Parish Council, have been readers, sidespersons, coffee makers and communion participants. Also, of course, there has always been the St. Mark’s Fair, where the book stall, the famous pies

and other Fair activities have been run by or supported by John and Morag.

As to pleasure, top of the list for over 20 years was owning and caring for a boat, and boating on the Salish Sea, loved by all members of the family. As significant others came along, the situation became a bit crowded, so now, with their own boat sold, John and Morag get their boating pleasure from sailing on other family boats. The other joint activity they love is travel, with South Africa at the top of the list, but also including England, Mexico, Hawaii, Thailand, Cambodia, New Zealand and Australia. And when not busily engaged in all these activities, John is a happy golfer, and Morag loves gardening.

Morag and John say that they still feel privileged and happy to have chosen Canada as their new home, as they have been blessed with peace and stability, providing opportunities for them and their family. Often, people think their lives are too mundane to be written about, but the story of John and Morag once again illustrates how abundant the lives of our parishioners are, and how fortunate we are to have them as part of our church family.



# EDUCATION: MESSY CORNER



## Let's Get Messy!

At the end of October, 2022, forty-five of us gathered to celebrate the "Harvest" at the first indoor Saturday Messy Church in almost three years. We carved pumpkins, shared the "Word" and had Communion together – and were reminded that bread and wine are a symbol of God's love for us. Our Kitchen Team prepared a delicious spaghetti dinner and we ate at family tables. The hall rang out with conversation and laughter.



Our next Messy Church celebration will be on Saturday November 26th at 4 pm in the Hall and we'll be thinking of Advent Light ... "a light that no darkness can overcome."

We're also thinking of our December gathering of Messy Church – the Pageant – when on the 24th of December at 3 pm we'll be gathering in the Church to tell the story of the birth of Jesus. At this service, we'll sing carols and dress in a costume (either to be a Shepherd, an Angel, or Royalty) and re-create the time when Jesus was born in a humble stable in Bethlehem.

November 27th 2022 is the first Sunday of Advent.

**The Advent Wreath** – do you have one for your dining table? The light of the candles reminds us of Christ, the light of the world. The circle of the wreath reminds us that God, and God's love, is eternal. The evergreen of the tree boughs reminds us that God never changes.

**Three blue candles:** Lit on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays – a solemn color that is worn by royalty "Christ the King"

**One pink candle:** Lit on the 3rd Sunday of Advent

**One White Candle:** Lit Christmas Eve and Christmas Day – "the Christ candle"



## CHRISTMAS MESSY WORD SEARCH

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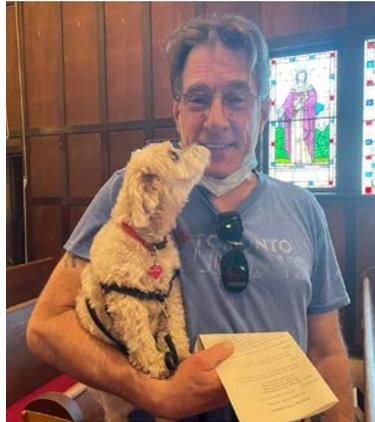


### Word List

CAESAR	WRAPPED	CHRIST
AUGUSTUS	MANGER	BORN
CENSUS	FIRSTBORN	HEAVENLY
BETHLEHEM	SHEPHERDS	ANGEL
EXPECTING	FLOCKS	PRAISING
MARY	ANGEL	GLORY
JOSEPH	SAVIOR	

# WORSHIP: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In early October, St. Mark's was the scene of wags and woofs (and a meow) as many furry friends came to be blessed. Canines of all ages, shapes and sizes were well represented, and Jean Smith's cat 'Suki' held her own as the token feline. (Luckily no snakes or spiders attended!) All were well behaved (even the owners) and Elizabeth obviously enjoyed giving pats and receiving a few licks in return.



## GUESS WHO?

Who is this little sweetie pie in the pretty gingham dress?

Looking for photos for the next few issues of Lamplighter...If you'd like to submit a photo of a younger you, please email Barb at [bhgs54@gmail.com](mailto:bhgs54@gmail.com).

*Answer is on page 16.*

# MUSIC NOTES

- by Dave Hitchcock

In following up the exploration of Celtic music within the Church which we started in the last edition of “The Lamplighter” we should note that several of the “golden oldies” of worship, such as “Amazing Grace”, are rooted in a Celtic tonality. Did you realize that that hymn is built on only the five notes of the pentatonic scale? \*\* That music can trace its heritage back to the music of the Irish clans.

However, much modern religious “Celtic” music is hybrid, typified in hymns such as “Be Thou My Vision” (“Common Praise” #505). This hymn is said to have Celtic roots that go back as far as the 8th century BCE but co-opted and modernized by the hymn-writer in the last century.

If we want a “purer” form of religious Celtic music we have to go back at least ten centuries to the music of the early Irish church, exemplified in the “sweet” sound of these early Irish hymns. See YouTube at: Three Irish Hymns : [The Palestrina Choir of St Mary's Dublin](#)

In Scotland where the Celtic tradition was also strong, the sound of religious Celtic music was more austere, quite possibly the result of a combination of the tough life of the Outer Hebrides and the asceticism of a proto-Presbyterian interpretation of Christianity. Listen for example to a modern example of Psalm 22 sung in Gaelic by the Back Free Church congregation on the Scottish island of Lewis, again on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6S3XDunMj2Y>

Eventually, through the witness of Saint Patrick and his fellow Celtic missionaries Christianity took a foothold in mainland Britain struggling to gain foothold through the mists of Nordic religion that accompanied the Norse invasions of the British Isles to eventually become, through many iterations, the Church of England.

The Celtic influence in the church remains strong, and in the next edition of “Lamplighter” we will explore the effect the Iona Community has had on modern expressions of Christian worship.

*\*\*Even if you don't play the piano, you can pick out this tune for yourself by using only the black notes of the keyboard and starting the first note of the group of two black keys.*

## St. Mark's CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



**Saturday, December 3rd,  
9am to noon**

**St. Mark's Anglican Church,  
138 Hoylake Rd. W., Qualicum Beach**

**Baking • Books • Christmas Decor  
Kid's Store • Gift Bags • Mystery Bags**

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS AT ST. MARK'S

**December 18th, 3 p.m.**

The Nutcracker  
(with Jenny Vincent)

**Tickets \$20 at the door**

**December 19th, 7 p.m.**

Blue Christmas Eucharist

**December 21st, 11:30 a.m.**

Elders Communion and Tea

**December 24th,  
Christmas Eve**

**3 pm:** Messy Pageant & Eucharist

**7 pm:** Family Eucharist –  
with hymn sing at 6:30 pm

**11 pm:** Midnight Mass –  
with hymn sing at 10:30 pm

**December 25th,  
8:30 and 10 a.m.**

Feast day of Christmas

# FROM THE ARCHIVES

- by John Smith

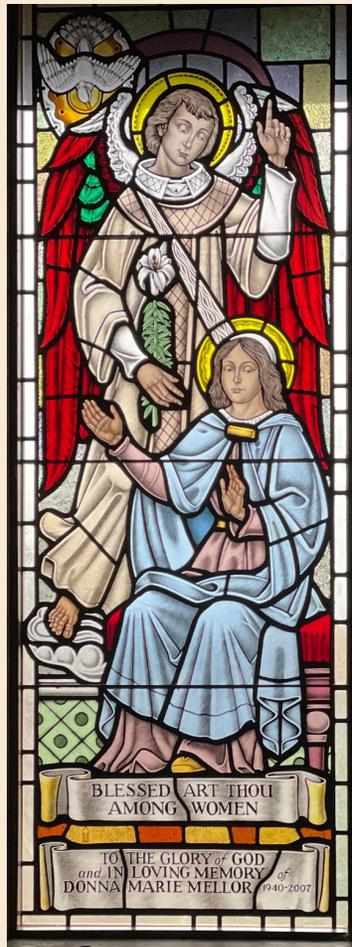
## Blessed Art Thou Among Women

You have to look for it, on the left facing the altar just past the organ pipes, but it's a joy when you find it. In 2007, a dedicated parishioner, Donna Marie Mellor died, and her husband David asked if a window might be installed in thanksgiving for her life.

The Venerable Alan Naylor approached Edwards Glass Company in London, Ontario, which had been the designer/provider of several previous windows. The window depicts the Annunciation by the Angel Gabriel to Mary, with the phrase "Blessed art thou among women" and a dedication in memory of Donna Mellor.

Alan Naylor got permission from Bishop James Cowan in November, 2007, and the installation of the window proceeded. It was the last stained glass window installed in the sanctuary.

The colours of red, blue and gold, are brilliant, so the window reflects Reverend Elizabeth's story about the boy who said saints are people who the light shines through.



# FROM THE KITCHEN

Here's a tasty and visually enticing recipe for the cold evenings.

It's "prepare ahead" so good if you're having company.

## CHICKEN MARBELLA

### Marinade

- ½ cup red wine vinegar
- ½ cup olive oil
- ½ cup capers with a bit of juice
- 6 bay leaves
- About ¼ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup white wine

### Directions:

In a large glass dish, place about 4 pounds boneless chicken thighs

Scatter some minced garlic on top and add dried or fresh oregano, salt and pepper

Top with about half a cup of each, sliced: dried prunes, dried apricots and pitted green olives.

Pour marinade over chicken, cover and refrigerate overnight.

Preheat oven to 350. Bake 50 minutes uncovered, basting frequently.

Remove bay leaves before serving.

**Bon appetit!**

# AROUND THE PARISH

- by Sue Smith and friends

*Here's the latest news from several of our parishioners. We're always glad to hear from you, keeping us connected and closer together. Many thanks for your contributions!*

Dave & Louise Kelsey went to Kelowna on a bus trip organized by the Senior's Centre. While in the Okanagan they took the Kettle Valley Railway train from Summerland. As it was a Sunday, a re-enactment of a train robbery took place, complete with robbers approaching the train on horseback, a sheriff that is supposed to be keeping law and order, and many of the passengers being "fleeced"! The journey ended with a delicious home cooked buffet meal on picnic tables back at the train station platform. The whole event raises money for local charities, such as hot lunches at school, local food bank etc. It was fun and well organized and they would recommend it for a family friendly activity in the Summer months until late September.



When God sent manna, life-giving sustenance for His people, we were given an example of how we can be Christ's presence in our locale today.

**MANNA MINISTRIES (Manna Homeless Society)** reaches out to the many folk of our Oceanside community who are living rough due to a variety of life circumstances and need some sign that they are seen, heard and cared about. To help Manna continue to bring hope in tangible ways to others, your St. Mark Outreach committee sets up our Advent tree in the Narthex and asks you to cover its branches with new items in time for distribution at Christmas and through the winter months. Your contributions of the following items help bring Christ's presence into His world today:

<i>Socks</i>	<i>Mitts</i>	<i>Ear muffs</i>
<i>Toques.</i>	<i>Underwear</i>	<i>Gloves</i>
<i>Scarves</i>	<i>T-shirts</i>	<i>Thermal insoles.</i>

We also encourage your financial support, perhaps in a loved one's name instead of a gift exchange, through your St. Mark envelopes throughout Advent, or directly to: Manna Homeless Society  
Box 389, Errington, BC V0R 1V0

# AROUND THE PARISH

Maggie and Neil Vennard had a busy Fall and were gone from the Island for over four weeks. They started with a visit to their daughter Emma and family in North Vancouver and got to see the family's new home in Lynn Valley. Neil was very happy this house required no renovation and he could instead spend quality time with Liam. Then off to Kingston, Ontario to visit their daughter Lydia and family where a bathroom renovation took place. While Neil was busy most days with drywalling/plumbing, Maggie re-connected with the granddaughters and walked an adorable dog!

Of course, there was time off!!! A Thanksgiving dinner with thirteen in attendance and a windy trip to the Sandbanks Provincial Park via the Glenora ferry were both memorable occasions. One of the highlights was watching their eleven year old granddaughter, Nora, run in a cross country meet at Fort Henry. Last, but not least, was the train ride to Ottawa, their old stomping ground of twenty years, where they visited with friends and Maggie's brother and family. It was a lovely way to end the annual trip east and take in the Autumn colours.



After having been restricted to home for almost three years by the Covid pandemic, when **David and Ursula Hitchcock** saw the advertisement for a cruise to the warmer climes of the Hawaiian Islands originating from Vancouver (great, no airports/airlines to negotiate) they decided to bite the bullet and book. They found upon boarding the Koningdam that “half” of the Lower Mainland and a sizeable contingent from Vancouver Island had had the same idea!

No problem, they had a wonderful restful two weeks plus, largely vegging and reading on the balcony, enjoying the warmth and sea air. The only downside was validating the predictions of several of their friends, by returning with the Covid virus, which thankfully only curtailed the last two days of vacation, and which inflicted just mild symptoms.

# AROUND THE PARISH

After a nine-hour day driving from Qualicum Beach to Osoyoos, **Elizabeth Northcott, Susan Pecho and Jan and Thom Howson** discovered they are feeling the four years since the last Okanagan Wine Tour. They celebrated their arrival at Spirit Ridge with a glass of “Talon”, watching the sunset splash light over the desert hills and the rows of 40 year old vines at the Indigenous owned Nk’Mip winery. Nk’Mip translates as “bottomland” in English, and is located at the southern end of Osoyoos Reserve.

They toured their local “old favourite” wineries and discovered new-to-them wineries of “Maverick” and “Here’s the Thing”. All four of them agreed that their visit to Stag’s Hollow was one of the highlights of the trip. Some would argue that golf at the Sonoma would top the list.

The visit to the Nk’ Mip Desert Cultural Center left them with a new awareness of the fragility of the beautiful desert and a sense of the raw determination and spirit that her people have to preserve her and their way of life.

Will they travel back to the Okanagan ... absolutely ... will they drive ... don’t think so!



During the post-service coffee hour on Sunday, November 6th, two students from Kwalicum Secondary School’s “Fridays for the Future” Climate Action group spoke to parishioners about Climate Change. **Teegan Walshe** and **Aynna Anderson** are articulate and passionate about their concern for Climate Change and its effects on the Oceanside community. They have also made a presentation to our local elected Town Council. Our thanks go to these well spoken young women for bringing this wake-up call to our church community.

## Successful Ukraine Campaign Delivers Vital Support

It was 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 8, at St. Mark's Church Hall. Richard de Candole, impromptu one-man promoter, had already left for the Farmers Market, with a sandwich board publicizing our event, Ukrainian flags stuck jauntily in his hat. Simon Burn was stationed on the porch of the Church Hall, sending out the dulcet tones of his harp. Wendy de Candole and Diane Hutchison sat at tables, ready to collect contributions. Rob Hutchison brewed tea, coffee and set out cookies (baked by Elizabeth Northcott, Susan Pecho and me). I hovered, ready to pounce enthusiastically on the first person to enter the hall. Marion Jagger stood steady in support.

It was the Day of Giving for the people of Ukraine, organized by St. Mark's newly-formed Outreach Committee. We aimed to gather support for PWRDF's programs in aid of Ukrainian civilians by reaching out to the Qualicum Beach community as well as to our parishioners.

We didn't know what to expect. PWRDF leaflets, outlining their work in Ukraine, had been taken to the church and the community. The online Second Opinion had picked up our press release, but not the PQB News. Volunteers were heartened, though, by the news that nearly \$1000 had come in from our congregation the week before.

When Day of Giving ended at noon, we looked at each other in surprise, elated to hear Diane's careful tally from donors large and small: \$6300! (A later donation rushed in after almost everyone had gone home brought the total to \$6500.)

People had walked over from the Market. Friends and relatives appeared. Parishioners dropped by. A woman who lived in the house facing the church across Memorial,



enchanted by the harp music, "popped over the gate" to investigate. Candidates for Town Council, Anne Skipsey, Doreen Mackay-Dunn, and Petronella Vander Valk made contributions. MP Gord Johns dropped in. All gave gladly and generously.

After the event, through the month of October, donations steadily arrived from the congregation and the Qualicum Beach community. That the PQB News had publicized the success of the Day of Giving and the ongoing campaign helped.

The campaign ended October 30, and the final tally, when all the cheques sent by St. Mark's to PWRDF, online donations, and late contributions are added, is \$12,185.

The Outreach Committee thanks each and every contributor for their exceptional support. Clearly, the people of our parish and of Qualicum Beach have shown their concern for and readiness to assist the people of Ukraine.

Right now, millions of people in Ukraine are in crisis, without food, water and essential supplies such as medicine. More than 8 million people are displaced inside Ukraine. PWRDF is redoubling its efforts. Your donation will provide critical aid, both on the ground in Ukraine and to refugees. It will save lives.

-- Lally Grauer

# AROUND THE PARISH

Serving as musician and organist at St. Mark's Church for 18 months, **Jenny Vincent** has brought us many blessings with her wonderful talent. Her contributions have included a year of Mindful Vespers (with music and poetry) as well as strong leadership in hymns and other liturgical music at Sunday services. (And if you were around the church during the week you might have caught the sound of her practising for concerts.) Sadly for us, Jenny has accepted a full-time position at St Andrews United Church in Nanaimo beginning on November 27th. Flowers and a "purse" were presented to Jenny and she cut a "farewell cake" after the November 20th service. While we are sad to see her leave, we extend our very best wishes for her new music ministry.

Please join us on Sunday December 18th, at 3 pm when Jenny will present a concert of the "Nutcracker" with Pam Brown reading the story. This will be a great program for everyone.



The Men's Group hosted an event on the morning of Saturday, November 19 where **Nestor Gayowsky** spoke about the Russia-Ukraine conflict. He was a 35 year career diplomat, and represented Canada in several European countries, including Russia and Ukraine. He was the Canadian Charge d'Affaires in Kief in 1991 when Ukraine gained its independence, and ran the Canadian Embassy there. The meeting was attended by close to 50 parishioners and friends, and the question and answer session was spirited! The event was a fundraiser for the PWRDF Ukraine project, and over \$750 was raised!

Elizabeth officiated at the August 27th, 2022 wedding of **David Rimmer** and **Veronica Valez** on their farm in Hilliers. David's vows were in English but Veronica's were in Spanish, providing another challenge for Elizabeth! (*Note: the Boxer was NOT the "ring-dog"*)



# AROUND THE PARISH

The Most Rev. Douglas and Denise Hambidge blessed our community with their presence and preaching, on Trinity Sunday, June 12th, 2022.



And of course **Barb Hicks** spent 10 days in Winnipeg visiting twins **Owen and Grace**, seen here enjoying their afternoon “chill” with Nana.



NEWS FROM THE  
**ANGLICAN DIOCESE**  
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

The three “newly” made Deacons in our Church, (from Left to right) **Sheila Cook**, serving St Columba in Port Hardy; **Kirsten Evenden**, serving in St Mary, Nanoose; and **Patricia Stock** serving in St John Anglican in Duncan. The church is indeed blessed to have these faithful servants serving in ministry to build the kingdom and spread the Word.

**Kirsten and Sheila** will be Deacons in the church until a period of time has been completed, at which point they will be ordained Priest in the Church. We have just received news that The Rev Kirsten Evenden will be “priested” on Saturday January 7th at 11 am at St Mary in Nanoose. Patricia is a “dedicated” Deacon in the Church – we give thanks for their calling to ministry and their service to God’s people.



# In Memoriam

## Bobbi Hudson

We remember, with thanksgiving, the life of parishioner Bobbi Hudson who passed away peacefully on October 18, 2022. Bobbi was born in Johannesburg in 1934 and, after marrying Tom, moved to Calgary where they spent many happy working years and raising their family, eventually retiring to Qualicum Beach. Bobbi enjoyed painting and the precious friendships she formed with her fellow artists. She attended St. Mark's and participated in many activities including the Fair. Bobbi's memory will be cherished by her children David, Sharron and Tracy and three grandchildren. Her kindness, smile and sense of humour will be missed by family and friends alike.



## Bill Harper

We were also saddened to learn of the peaceful death of Bill Harper on September 27, 2022 in Edmonton. While they resided in Qualicum Beach, Bill and his wife Elsie attended St. Mark's 8:30 service and occasionally Evensong. But, as their health needs increased, they moved to be closer to family and medical care. Bill's gentle presence will be forever missed and remembered with love by Elsie and family in Alberta and Scotland.

## Courtenay Foster

It is with great sadness that we note the death of Courtenay Foster at 99 years of age. He lived most recently at Stanford Home in Parksville. This faithful gentleman will be missed by family and friends. A service for Courtenay will be held at St Mark on Saturday, January 14th, 2023.



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