



# The "BELLS" of ST. HELEN'S

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A reminder that if you have anything that needs to be published in the Church bulletin, the deadline for submissions by email: [churchoffice@shawbiz.ca](mailto:churchoffice@shawbiz.ca) is Noon on Thursday!

*"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation."*

—Catherine Doherty

*"May you all have a blessed and reflective Lent!"*



## ST. HELEN'S EASTER WEEK SERVICES

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 6** - Lent ends, we will begin with a Pot-Luck dinner at 5:30 p.m. Marking the night of the Last Supper, then we will move to the Church for the Maundy Thursday Eucharist.

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 7** - service at 10:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross

**EASTER VIGIL: April 8** - service at 7:00 p.m. The fire, made of dry wood, begins the liturgy of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. It represents Christ's resurrection. While the fire is being blessed we pray "Father, we share in the light of your glory through your Son, the light of the world."

**EASTER SUNDAY: April 9** - service at 10:00 a.m. Resurrection Sunday! The Alleluia's are back!



## OTHER DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR AND EVENTS TO SUPPORT



**Tuesday, March 21 - PARISH COUNCIL MEETS IN THE CHURCH HALL AT 7:00 P.M. Please confirm your attendance.**

**Saturday, April 1 - Celebration of Life for Sarah Sergius, time to be confirmed**

**Saturday, June 3 - Parking Lot Yard Sale - start gathering your goods, more information to come.**

### NEWS AT ST. HELEN'S



**The Sunday School is back, please do what you can to help build attendance and if you are able to help with this fun and necessary ministry. See Fil Sotana or Sara Vinu for details.**

**Jacquie Stinson is doing very well after her hip surgery, she is following the recovery exercises and hopes to see us very soon!**



**We are in need of help: Altar Guild and Coffee Fellowship. Also, people willing to learn to write and give the Prayers of the People, or serve as Greeters and don't forget if ever you feel the need to weed - there's a bed in the garden waiting for you - feel free, anytime the Spirit moves you, to get your hands in the soil! Contact the Wardens if you can give any time to your Church.**

### ***A Little History...***

Around the spot where Old Yale Road on the south bank of the Fraser turns west, settlers were awaiting the advantages that a bridge would bring and there seemed to be good reason to anticipate further development. Manpower was not a problem.

It seemed almost providential that about that time the secretary of the Diocesan Executive Committee, Walter James Walker, intimated to the Bishop his desire to help in the establishment of new parishes. Mr. Walker was a man of considerable means, he had already given a parcel of land to Holy Trinity Cathedral, New Westminster, bought land for St. Alban's and for St. John's Central Park in Burnaby. With the Bishop's acquiescence he underwrote the cost of three churches: the beautiful church of St. Helen, South Westminster, the smaller church of St. Oswald in Port Kells and St. Aidan's at Tynehead. The designs were of his own choosing.

Mr. Walker was deeply interested in both Church and civil affairs. He was past Reeve of Surrey and he was also a good friend of the Rev. C.J. Leonard who, as a lay-reader at Holy Trinity Cathedral, had taken services at Christ church, Surrey and when ordained became the first parish priest of St. Helen's with St. Oswald's, an appointment which gave our benefactor much pleasure.

Walter James Walker, a man who went quietly in his day, doing what he could do best - keeping faith with his Church and serving where he could, kept the account of his life as scrupulously as he did the accounts of New Westminster of which he was an auditor. One could say he rendered to God the things he thought belonged to Him. The wealth he gave to the Church was but a part of that account. Little is known after he returned to England where it is said he died in voluntary poverty - poor perhaps by the world's standards but rich in the things that pertain to the Kingdom of God.