



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am writing this from the cosy galley on our friend's boat, sitting at the marina in Pender Harbour, waiting out the squall of wind, rain and high waves before moving to Vancouver Island for the upcoming week. What a beautiful country we all live in that God has given to us.

-It is with great pleasure that we have received the name of our first Bursary recipient. An article on him will be found later in this newsletter. Please keep Cameron Gutjahr in your prayers as he finishes his studies. The next bursary will be distributed in November.

* Our newly filed Constitution and Bylaws have now been registered with the government to meet the new Societies Act and a booklet will be sent to each branch President in October.

* We are in the process of having a new brochure made and while discussing this, the idea of a new logo, specific to our Diocese was brought up. We have had a few suggestions given but are open to receiving other ideas. Please forward any suggestions to the Board for consideration. If your group feels that the current National logo which is the pin works for us, then please let us know that as well.

* Calendars have been ordered and should be delivered to everyone shortly. We appreciate the support in purchasing the Anglican Church calendar through ACW. The profits realized help to offset the cost of the shipment of bales to the Diocese of Yukon. Three times a year, approximately 30 bales are sent to the Yukon. Thanks to Sylvia Enga for coordinating the calendars this year.

* It was a pleasure to introduce Winnifred

Cairns from St. Matthews, Abbotsford to the members at our Annual meeting. Winnifred passed away over the summer after more than 80 years of faithful service to her Church and ACW. We are thankful for her life and our prayers go to her family at this time.

* The Board is considering a long term project to support for 2 years and would like your input. This hopefully would be something of interest to all branches and would receive their financial support. Let us know by mid November.

* The Board is looking forward to travelling to Sechelt for the Greater Vancouver/North Shore area meeting to be hosted by St. Hilda's on Oct 9. After that there will be many bazaars and teas which we all look forward to.

* Summer is a time of rejuvenation, Fall is time for gathering. As we all gather together in our various groups and start back at the work that needs to be done, I wish you a very successful year.

Blessings

Gail Revitt,
President



Pender Harbour

CHAPLAIN'S CHATTER

Dear sisters in ACW,

As with many others, I have been wondering lately what is up with our neighbours to the South. A very sad state of affairs, as expressed so eloquently by former President Obama. Now, I'm no political analyst, but one does wonder how the biggest emocracy in the world has fallen so far. This brought to me thinking back on some of the problems which we had in our own Diocese a few years ago.

And it took me back to a Clergy gathering, wherein our guest leaders, well intentioned, asked us to form a line from liberal to conservative. It was awful. We didn't want our stripes to be shown so publically, and moreover, most of us didn't feel that we were one or the other, but rather a mix of both.

The saddest part, though, was what came after. It was the beginning of the strain in this Diocese which ended with legal action and many people leaving the Anglican Church of Canada. Clergy accused other clergy of being "liberal" or "conservative" - depending upon where it was recalled that they stood in the line. "Liberal" and "conservative" camps were formed. And the vast majority were in confusion - for the so-called descriptions of who was liberal and who was conservative simply didn't apply. Thus began divisions which in some places continue to this day.

It is this labelling which can lead to hatred, to the need to "destroy" the other, or to civil war. Nazi Germany, Sri Lanka, Rwanda. These are within our lifetimes or collective memories.

Jesus never asked anyone for their label. We are only called to follow Him. His way of mercy, of kindness, of acceptance of those who disagreed with him ought to serve as an example of how we are all called to live. Of course we have, and should have, differences of opinion - we are not robots - God gave us the ability to think for ourselves. But we do so with respect for the other.

We used to be able to agree to disagree, but so many now mean that to say that they will agree to disagree with you, but only so long as you come over to my way of thinking. When rudeness, hatred, vehemence, arrogance get in the way we

have not only forgotten common civility, we as Christians have lost our way.

Jesus way is the way of respecting the other, treating them with dignity, loving each person as a child of God. It can sometimes be a challenge to do that, but by the grace of God we can try. God loves everyone. It's that simple. And we are called to do likewise.

May this time of your year be filled with the glorious colours of autumn, and warm hearths of family and friends to come home to.

Blessings,

Beverley

The Venerable Beverley Stewart
Chaplain



ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN, DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER, BURSARY

We have now been notified of the first bursary disbursement from our Trust with the Anglican Foundation. A grant of \$1750 was made to Cameron Gutjahr. Cameron is from our Diocese, and is in the second year of his Master of Divinity program at Huron University College in London, Ontario. His hope is to complete the programme in the spring of 2019 and return to the Diocese of New Westminster, where he is currently a postulant for holy orders.

This summer, Cameron enrolled in a Clinical Pastoral Unity of Education at the Southwest Centre for Forensic Mental Health in St. Thomas, Ontario, which will no doubt give some new perspectives on ministry. He is so grateful for the bursary.

Those who saw the performance of the "Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" may remember seeing Cameron in the lead role.

The next grant will be given in November.

It is a very special feeling that we can help this young man with his desire to serve others.

THE PARISH OF ST MARY WITH ST MARK MAYO, YUKON



The Diocesan Board of the ACW has a "discretionary fund" for use when appeals come in through the year. At the Board meeting in August, a one time grant of \$2,000 was approved for the following project.

This is the letter we received

We wanted to write to you to thank you for the wonderful work you do finding and selecting clothing and household items to send to us in the bales you prepare for Mayo. On behalf of the parish we wanted to let you know how deeply this is appreciated, and wanted to give you a bit of an update on our community.

Mayo is currently experiencing something of a boom with two mines opening this summer. There is lots of work and there is a significant shortage of housing. As a result we have been working to convert the garage (till now the main storage area for bales) into an affordable housing unit. The Yukon Government is funding most of the work. This will not only help fill a need, but it will also provide a source of income for our parish. Sadly, we will not be able to accept bales for the next several months, though we hope you will keep us in mind as Christmas draws near. There is always a Christmas bazaar in early December, and needy families look to us for help at that time of year. We will keep you posted.

We thought you might also be interested in some of the outreach work we are involved with in Mayo. We were asked to support the J>V. Clerk School Community Playground Committee. This is an ad hoc committee working under the auspices of the School Council and school administration and draws its members from the school, municipality, RCMP, First Nation, and Anglican Church. The Committee have developed a fund raising initiative to purchase and install a challenging piece of playground equipment to challenge the older children. The budget for the project is \$75,000, and the committee has already raised most of the cost of the playground equipment and have offers of

assistance for its installation.

The playground equipment is, however, only one aspect of the proposal. Our parish sees the updated playground as a community focal point around which the school, parish and RCMP can stage programmes aimed at reducing family violence, encouraging crime prevention, and promoting public awareness around healthy family relations. We are working to initiate a programme of evening gatherings twice a month for families to attend. We hope to use the playground as a magnet to draw families together to learn and play, to engage in healthy pastimes including physical activities, board games, 'Messy Church' type crafts, and participate in presentations about healthy family relations. The aim is to support healthy parenting and reduce family violence and violence against women. These are important community concerns, though sadly, the family supper/learning sessions remain somewhat short of funding.

We attach a budget and fact sheet showing that the RCMP have contributed \$5,000 towards the \$7,000 cost of the Healthy Family Learning evenings. If the ACW were able to make a contribution in the \$2,000 range, it would help transform this initiative into a reality for the people of our community.

Thank you for your consideration,

(signed) **Valerie Maier**
Lay Minister

Mayo is located at the confluence of the Mayo and Stewart rivers in the heart of the Yukon, approximately 400 km north of Whitehorse. It is situated within the traditional territory of the Na-Cho Nyak Dun First Nation. The town site of Mayo was established in 1903.



The village of Mayo, YT

SUMMER OPEN HOUSE



In June we had the Open House at ACW Place. There were 23 visitors and it was a lovely hot, sunny day.

As well as the demonstrations on: layette making and bale making, everyone enjoyed the delicious lunch of barbecued hot dogs, chips, and pop.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time!

Beth Fortin,
Social Action

Poster found in a Church in France... (translated):

"When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God". However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving."

ANOTHER OUTREACH HOPE OUTREACH CART

While visiting Claire Pallen, former ACW Board member, in her new home in the Okanagan, she invited me to join her at one of her Trefoil League meetings. The guest speakers that evening were from the Hope Outreach Cart Team. This is a group of women who go out in the evenings with a shopping card full of needed items to distribute to ladies who are on the streets of Vernon. They take warm clothing, toiletries, even makeup, sanitary supplies.

The speakers were mentioning that there was a great need for items such as toques, warm coats, blankets, etc., and it occurred to me that ACW place had an abundance of women's toques - so the next question was the best way to get them to Vernon. Luckily, Claire's daughter was planning to visit her parents shortly afterwards, so we packed up a large box full of colourful toques and scarves and send them on their way as a first step.

Knowing that one of St George's Fort Langley deacons was heading for Vernon in August, we were able to send three bags of coats, sweaters, more toques and various sundries.

Sheila Puls

In response we have received a card:

"God shows his love through the warmth and kindness of people like you - thank you, and God Bless. Your thoughtfulness and gifts of winter clothes is greatly appreciated and very much needed. To be able to touch the hearts of the ladies that are on the streets of Vernon, and letting them know someone cares for them. Sharing hope is a blessing.

With love from Anita and Jeanne,
Hope Outreach Cart Team."



ALEX FORTIN'S BUTTON BLANKET,

May 20, 2018, St. Cuthbert Anglican Church

(Alex & Mack's mother, Beth, is our Social Action Director at ACW Place)



Alex's button blanket

Alex Fortin was presented this button blanket for his graduation from UBC with his Bachelors of Science: Honors Physics.

During the offertory, the gifts and button blanket were brought to the front. Pastor Paul Woehrle was the celebrant and accepted the button blanket on the altar. He accepted the blanket on behalf of the church and introduced and thanked Beth for all her hard work and perseverance in making her 2nd button blanket.

The Button Blanket is a Coastal Salish Tradition, originating in Haida Gwaii. It is a symbol of accomplishment or feat. Given to warriors for winning a battle, being a medicine man or chief. The blanket is given in ceremony. The blanket is made by a family member, by hand, not sewing machine. And not made if a woman is in her moon time (monthly cycle). A story must be told of the recipient's feats and why they are deserving of such an honour. Such traditions for ceremony would be in the longhouse, with drumming, a story, and praying and thanking the Creator, more drumming, and of course food and gifts for all who witnessed the event. The only time a button blanket can be on awall on display is at ones funeral; otherwise it is stored away or used as a blanket.

Alex's older brother Mackenzie, earned his button

blanket in September 2016, for receiving his Bachelor of Education. He was presented his blanket on Kitaktla Island, home of the Gitxaala Nation, outside of Prince Rupert, where he was teaching. At a welcoming back-to-school ceremony and was presented to him by Chief Clifford White.

In keeping with tradition, I started by smudging the outside of the building, knowing of scent sensitivities. Smudging is done with sage, sweet grass, cedar and tobacco, in a sea shell and fanned with an eagle feather. Smudging is a ceremonial cleansing. All are welcome to be smudged as well.

With having no native band to love us for the half breeds we are. I checked with our Aboriginal Diocesan Rep. Jerry, elders from Squamish First Nations, and of course, Pastor Paul and council for this presentation to be brought forth in a good way.

Alex's blanket has 3 pictures on it.

The first is the dogwood, a representation of Alex's high school graduation diploma.

The middle picture is a Thunderbird. Symbolic thunderbird meanings: power, provision, expansiveness, transformation, indomitable spirit, unquestioned authority. Tobacco (also sacred to the Thunderbird) would be smoked in an intricate ceremonial order. The effects of the smoke would lift Native souls to the heavens where braves would encounter the Thunderbird in spirit-journeying; further bolstering the warrior's heart and insuring triumph against foe. Other, more peace-keeping tribes viewed the Thunderbird as supreme Nature Spirit and a solar animal. It's eyes were said to be made from the sun, and upon waking in the morning, the Thunderbird issued the dawning day. Alternatively when Thunderbird retired at night, its sleepily closing eyes marked the solar dusk. But Alex picked it as an animal he thought best suited him.

The bottom picture is of two particles exploding. Alex being a physicist seemed logical. The buttons were also 3.14 inches apart. Only a physics guy could appreciate that!

Now we get to Alex's story. A very sick infant and toddler. It wasn't until he was 2 did we find out he was a severe asthmatic and deaf and in need of ear tubes. I brought Alex to a healing Eucharist at St. Cuthbert's a week before his surgery, and upon

going to the ENT for a pre-op check, Alex was completely healed. Alex was deaf for over a year, and delayed in speech. Alex went to Speech Therapy and had lots to learn at a special needs preschool. Alex received speech therapy in McCloskey and had an IEP with learning assistance, until he reached Sands.

In grade 5 Alex was put into advanced math, which is basically next year's math. Alex could sit on his blonde braided hair, very proud of his native heritage. Aboriginal men grow their hair and it gives inner strength. He could no longer take the bullying and cut his hair. Alex donated his hair for someone to get a wig that was going through cancer treatments.

In the summer of grade 9, Alex started getting debilitating migraines. It wasn't until spring, 9 months later, that there was an answering to his suffering. Alex failed 4 out of his 8 classes in grade 10. Unsure if graduation was even possible. Some of the students thought Alex had died, and didn't believe seeing him upon his return. Alex has been secluded and protective since.

Alex graduated with his class in 2012. He went to Kwantlen Polytech University for a year. Got his Associate science degree in Physics at Langara in 2015. Now at UBC Alex has earned his Bachelor of Science: Honor Physics.

Pastor Paul of course having the highest role in our church as rector performed the role as chief.

Alex's mentor, Len Reimer performed the role of dignified elder, wrapped the blanket around Alex's shoulders. I gave a pouch of tobacco to Len Reimer and we shook hands. I gave tobacco as a symbol of oral traditions that have been passed down. Tobacco when smoked together is a symbol of peace, and honour. But we didn't smoke it.

Len, in part, had this to say to the congregation.

"I acknowledge the honor of being asked to step up and act as an elder in this ceremony.

Alex often does have bare feet. But he shared with me why he does. He says his feet connect him to the floor, which is connected to the ground, which is connected to the Earth, which is connected to the Great Spirit or the Holy Spirit. So his bare feet keep him connected to God.



Mack's button blanket

Alex the blanket represents a tradition going back to Haida Gwai and the Haida peoples. It also connects you to your ancestors by the Fraser, not just to tradition but to a proud and brave people. When you wear it, feel the honor of that connection, feel their strength and know that God was with them and that God is with you.

Wear this blanket and know that now it not only represents tradition and a connection to your Aboriginal people but it also, the its blessing, represents your connection to Christ and to this church but especially know it connects you to love.

Know that you have the backing of your ancestors, know you have the backing of your family and know that you have all of us praying for you as you leave the harbor. May the seas of life ahead of you be smooth and always remember that Christ is with you during every storm. God bless."

In the longhouse, that would be the time the celebrated would sit and we all take turns pinning money onto the blanket. But since this is church, I felt this honour needed to be left out. There was an opportunity outside at the salmon BBQ to pin money onto the blanket.

Alex stood between the kneelers and those wanting to lay hands on him.

After the ceremony it is a tradition of the family honouring the celebrated to invite all who witness to share in a meal.

There was a gift for all; as witnesses of this morning events, just as in ceremony traditions.

THE STOLEN CHURCH ST PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH WINDERMERE, BC



This lovely, still active, Anglican Church has a rich history of romance, love, intrigue and crime. It was built in the railway town of Donald in 1887 and when that station was moved to Revelstoke the buildings were dismantled and the plan was to move the church there. However Mr. Rufus Kimpton had other ideas as his lovely wife Celline so missed her church. They had located from Donald to Windermere, BC. Without anyone taking notice he slowly but surely moved the church board by board to its present location where it stands today and is still active on a shared basis.

The other intrigue was the bell which was lost and later found in St Paul's Church in Golden. In 1957 a group from Windermere actually stole the bell and returned it to St Peters. However officials decided it was wrong and bell was returned to Golden's St Paul's where it remains today.

Interesting they have a coffee roasting company in the area called Stolen Church. It was a very enjoyable visit and delicious coffee!

Paulette Smith



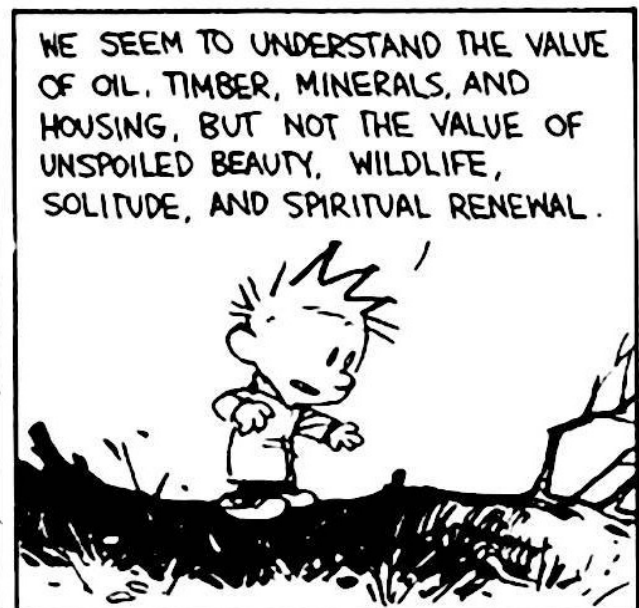
NEWS FROM AROUND THE BRANCHES ST CATHERINE'S, PORT COQUITLAM

The ladies of St. Catherine's meet on the last Friday of each month, at 10 am in the church library. It has been a quiet summer except for the Deanery Eucharist and picnic hosted by St. Catherine's, at Lions Park, in Port Coquitlam, which included the parishes of St John the Apostle, Port Moody, St. Laurence, Coquitlam, St. Timothy, and. St. Stephen's, Burnaby plus our new Refugee family from Syria. The Eucharist was led by Salal and Cedar ministry, Rev. Laurel Dykstra, followed by food and fellowship.

A choir party on September 1st and final service and brunch was held on September 2nd to bid farewell to our organist and choir leader, after 9 years with us. Kevin Wong along with our mascot Gyro (Javanese dog) will journey to begin a new life at the University in Calgary and teaching at the Royal Conservatory of Music.

We are pleased to know that our fair linens (altar and credence cloths plus dust covers which we donated from our excess altar Guild supplies) have been packed to ship to the northern parishes. We know that they will find a good home there!

Ann Blue



AN OBITUARY PRINTED IN THE LONDON TIMES

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- And maybe it **was** my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death,
-by his parents, Truth and Trust,
-by his wife, Discretion,
-by his daughter, Responsibility,
-and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 5 stepbrothers;

- I Know My Rights
- I Want It Now
- Someone Else Is To Blame
- I'm A Victim
- Pay me for Doing Nothing

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

NEWS FROM THE WAREHOUSE



We are in urgent need of blankets

- all sizes larger than twin - for packing the bales.

Gloves and Mitts are also in short supply and are in demand for the Bales.

New baby 2 piece outfits and sleepers any size

Hot Socks should be at ACW Place by the December Open House.

We welcome all helpers Monday mornings from 9.30 until noon - no experience necessary, a fun social activity while we sort and pack the bales which are so appreciated by the churches in the North.

Beth Fortin

*May those who love us
always love us.
And those who don't love us
May God turn their hearts,
And if he doesn't turn their hearts
May he turn their ankles
So we'll know them
by their limping!*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

GREATER VANCOUVER/NORTH SHORE AREA MEETING

Tuesday October 9th 2018
at
St Hilda's, Sechelt

A beautiful ferry ride away!
Let's arrange car pools and make this
a fun outing!



SOUTHWEST FRASER AREA MEETING

Tuesday November 13th 2018
at
St Michael's, Surrey



Guest Speaker:
The Rev. Peter Smyth
Mission to Seafarers

CHOCOLATE AND COOKIE CHALLENGE

We're all asked to bring
cookies or
chocolate bars
for the Seafarers



**The North East Fraser area meeting
will be on Tuesday March 12th 2019**

ACW PLACE

7012b Merritt Avenue, Burnaby

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE AND CHRISTMAS TEA

Tuesday December 4th 2018
11 am - 2 pm



*See the work we do
and
enjoy our hospitality*

RSVP

604-876-3720 (leave message)
or e-mail acw@vancouver.anglican.ca

ST GEORGE'S, FORT LANGLEY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday December 1st
11 am to 2 pm

In 1908, the Women's Auxiliary of St George's Church decided to hold a Christmas Sale of Work, on the first Saturday in December, and practicalities were addressed when they decided to purchase a primus stove so they could make tea during the Sale.

The Sale of Work was held almost as a competition, with members each having a table to display and sell their own work - except for two of the members, who, feeling their fancy work was not their strong point, decided to serve teas instead.

In true Anglican fashion, the two ladies selling the tea made the most money!

And so, on the first Saturday in December, for 110 years the ladies of St George's have held their Christmas Bazaar and served delicious meals to their friends and neighbours.

9160 Church Street, Fort Langley

BAZAARS AND SALES

CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN CHURCH, HOPE, BC GARAGE SALE

**Saturday, September, 29th
9am - 12 noon**

Church Hall, 681 Fraser St.
Hope, BC

ST. MICHAEL'S, SURREY HARVEST DINNER

September 29th

Dinner and silent auction

12996 60th Avenue, Surrey

ST JOHN'S, PORT MOODY ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR

**Saturday November 10th
from 10 am - 2:30 pm**

In the Church Hall
2208 St. John's St. Port Moody

Crafts, baked goods, preserves, white elephant,
'new to you', and games.
Soup and sandwich lunch
plus other refreshments.

ST. CATHERINE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH (JOINTLY WITH TRINITY UNITED CHURCH) CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**Saturday November 24th
Time: 10 am to 2 pm**

With baked goods, jams, crafts, sewing items.
Trinity's silent auction has many beautiful items

2211 Prairie Ave., Port Coquitlam, BC

*St Thomas' building is under massive remodelling,
maybe done by February, we are doing a joint
service with First Lutheran Church which is close
to our church. This year they have invited us to
have our bazaar at their Church.*

ST. THOMAS ANGLICAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**November 24, 2018
10AM to 2PM**

Location - First Lutheran Church
5745 Wales Street, Vancouver

ALL SAINTS, MISSION

PET BLESSING

Sunday. Sept. 30th @ 4:00 p.m.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR 1

November 11th

Stage show with Songs & Scenes from the War.

Saturday, November 10th @ 2:00 p.m.

& Sunday, November 11th @ 2:00 p.m.

More information: Church office, 604-826-2814.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & TEA

Saturday, November 17th

12:00 Noon until 3:00 p.m.

Award Winning mincemeat - orders 604-826-2814

. 1 litre (\$10.00) 500 ml. (\$6.00).

VENDORS FAIR

Saturday, November 24th

10.00 a.m until 2:00 p.m.

Tables \$25.00 each.

Please call 604-826-2814 to book.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES

December 11th to 15th

*Every time I pass a church
I pay a little visit,
So when at last I'm carried in
The Lord won't say "who is it?"*