



## Christmas Bazaars

November 27. St. Thomas Anglican Church, 2444 East 41st Avenue, Vancouver. From 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Covid rules apply. Baked Goods, Knitting, Sewing, Art works, Jams & Jellies and many handmade gifts for sale. Sit down tea is also offered.

Saturday, November 27. St. Mark's Anglican Church, 12953 - 20 Avenue, Surrey, from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Holly Berry Fair Treasures, Craft, Baking. No lunch but tea/coffee to go

Saturday, December 4, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. St. Helen: 10787-128 Street, Surrey St. Helen's welcomes everyone to their Annual Christmas Bazaar. Doors open at 10:00 AM and a selection of Home Baking, Jams/Jellies, Christmas treats, previously-loved Jewelry, and Christmas Décor will be offered. Raffle Tickets with prizes of \$300.00 cash; pair of premium Canucks tickets; and two passes to the Audain Art Museum in Whistler with a \$20 Starbucks Gift Card will also be on sale. Our Christmas TEA ROOM will open at 11:00 AM offering tea/coffee and your choice of three delicious homemade goodies to enjoy for \$5.00. We look forward to seeing you.

## Message from Diocesan ACW President

Summer is just a remembrance, fall is almost finished and we are awaiting the season of Advent which is a season of anticipation with the four weeks celebrating Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. It is the church's new year with preparation leading up to the season of Christmas, which begins Christmas Eve and last for twelve days, ending on January 6. It is a time to Give Thanks to The Lord that the source of hope, love, joy and peace is revealed through the birth of his son, Jesus Christ.

This fall we held our first Gathering which saw all branches meeting at St. Michael's, Multicultural for a wonderful day. It was lovely to be able to see in person all those we have missed seeing for the past 18 months. We were socially distanced but still being together was what was important. There were 61 members and guests in attendance. Our two speakers, The Rev. Lorie Martin and The Rev. Amanda Ruston were recipients of our 2020 ACW Bursary through the Anglican Foundation and were delightful to have with us and both used our theme "Mission is Possible-Empowered by God" to speak with us. A very yummy lunch was prepared and served by the ACW of St. Michael's and as well they welcomed us with a song written by one of their members.

We have been asked this fall for donations to be made to two organizations, the CNIB and the Anglican Foundation "Say Yes! To Kids". Please see articles about these further on. There is also an article on a proposal that Board will be putting forward to the branches for approval for the Council of the North – Retired Clergy Fund.

Some branches are still meeting via Zoom and some are slowly gathering together in person. Many branches are still not comfortable in hosting events which would include persons from outside their congregation and so we only have a few bazaars to attend this year. Please see the four that we know about further in the newsletter.

The shipment of the bales went out on Oct 26. 37 were sent which contained the usual asked for items as well as new items that we call "Christmas Presents".

The Board looks forward to being able to welcome you to ACW Place for our Open House on Tuesday, December 7. You are welcome to invite other than members to visit. Please remember to bring in your hot socks at that time.

Watch for an exciting event to happen in the spring!

Blessings for the Advent Season and Christmas into the New Year. May 2022 be a year when we return to more normalcy.

*Gail Revitt, President*



# Simple Advent Candle-lighting Ceremony

Leader: In darkness of our lives, we yearn for your light, O God.

**All: Lord Jesus, come to us and bring us your light.**

## ***Lighting of the Advent Wreath***

As each candle is lit, a verse is read.

1. Arise; shine for your light has come. The glory of the Lord has risen for you. (Isaiah 60:1)

2. While you have the light, believe in the light, in order that you may become children of the light. (John 12:16)

3. The Lord will be your eternal light; the Lord will be your glory. (Isaiah 60:19)

4. I am the light of the world, Jesus said; the one who follows me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life. (John 8:12)



**All: O God of light and love, you draw all people to yourself and in so doing, draw people to each other. Help us, as children of your light, to take your eternal love into our world, through the power of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and friend. Amen.**

## Did You Know?

Apparently the first mince pies were oblong shaped like a crib with a little representation of the Christ child on top. Mince pies were banned by the English government along with other Christmas festivities in 1649 and cooks began to disguise them in the shape we know today.

In 1223 St. Francis staged the manger and stable scene complete with live ox and ass.

Luther is credited with being the first to decorate the Christmas tree with lights in imitation of the night sky over Bethlehem.

## Council of the North - Retired Clergy Fund

Last fall an article was written in the Anglican Journal of the hardship Rev. Jonas Alloloo had in finding accommodation after his retirement in Iqulait, Nunavut.

The ACW Board discussed the possibility of offering financial assistance to Rev. Alloloo and after much discussion thought that there are probably others like him who would have difficulty finding accommodation after they retire, when they had been living in church accommodation while serving. We have contacted the chair of the Council of the North, Bishop David Lehmann, to discuss this and have learned that many of the clergy in the Council of the North are non-stipendiary and do not receive a pension from the Anglican church on retirement.

There are nine Dioceses in the Council of the North, three of which are in British Columbia. Salaries for clergy in the Council of the North are substantially less than in the rest of Canada while expenses for everyday living: ie: food, internet, hydro, etc, is much more costly than in lower Canada.

The Board feels that we could offer an amount of \$100,000. to the Council of the North to administer to retired clergy.

While \$100,000. sounds like a lot of money, when divided between the nine Dioceses of the Council of the North it is only \$11,000. per diocese. We would like to make a challenge to ACW's and others across Canada by calling it a matching grant, to increase the initial amount of the fund.

# What A Guide Dog Means To Me

Since losing my sight, I still wanted to maintain a independent and active life. At the time my girls were three and seven. My girls were busy and had a very active schedule. Getting a guide dog helped me with this.

When I lost my vision I needed to learn to adapt to a new way of doing things .

Over the years I met many individuals with varying eye conditions. I saw how independent and happy they were. I gained strength and encouragement from them.

I also met some guide dogs along the way and saw how guide dogs enhanced the lives of people with vision loss. I am by nature a animal lover. It was not a certainty that my vision would decline, but I knew that if it did, I would get a guide dog.

It was a lot of hard work preparing myself for a guide dog.

I had to prove to the guide dog school that I could travel independently with a white mobility cane. It meant me taking buses, crossing busy streets and going out of my comfort zone.

It was definitely worth it.

I also had to be apart from my family for one month to learn how to work with a guide dog.

Traveling with a guide dog is amazing. It's almost as good travelling as when I could see. My guide dog makes sure I walk straight, takes me around obstacles , and can find entrances for me. Working with a guide dog is team work. I don't pick up the harness and say let's go to the store.

I have to know my surroundings and know where I am going, I then tell my guide dog which way to go.

Another great thing having a guide dog is that I'm never alone. They have such soft ears and it's therapeutic touching them if I feel stressed in my travels.

Another great thing is I'm always meeting new people. People are always amazed at how well my guide dog works and how well they are behaved.

Having a guide dog gives me more motivation to go out on my own independently.

It's definitely work and a huge commitment, but it's all worth it.

Guide dogs are so loyal and eager to please.

For myself as long as I have good health I will have a guide dog.

I unfortunately lost my guide dog suddenly in February due to cancer.

It has been a great loss to me. Sylvie, my last guide dog was so amazing. She was a great worker and had the best personality. She made me laugh each day.

The day she died was the day I lost my best friend.

Our house feels empty and my routine isn't the same.

The desire to go out on my own isn't there.

I'm waiting for a new guide dog, but due to the pandemic I'm not sure when this will be.

I wait each day for a call from the guide dog school.

A new guide dog will not replace Sylvie.

A new guide dog will be a lot of hard work. The training period has been shortened, so I will be away training for two weeks once I have a class date.

I know a puppy is being trained for me now.

I pray to God each day for patience and strength.

I can't wait until I have a harness handle in my hands again.

Iris Thompson, St. John's, Port Moody



## Prayer Shawls Plus



The ladies of The Church of the Holy Trinity in White Rock may be a small group of twelve, but we like to think of ourselves as mighty! We started out just knitting Prayer Shawls but over the years have branched out a little and now call ourselves Prayer Shawls Plus.

The Covid19 shut down was hard on our members as it is a time of rejuvenation of the spirit as well as a social time. When we eventually were allowed to be together in September it was amazing to see how much work had been carried on. We were faced with an over abundance of prayer shawls, and after much thought decided to crochet four of them together to make single bed blankets. We were pleased with outcome and were very happy to know that ACW could

use them to send to the Yukon. In all we sent fifteen blankets, three slightly smaller ones, three lap robes and ten prayer shawls. So out of the darkness of trying times a positive light shone down spreading God's word.

A prayer card and small cross are attached to each item.

Yours in faith, Lynne Francis

## What Are Seniors Worth

We are worth a fortune!

Remember, old folks are worth a fortune with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs. I have become a little older since I saw you last and a few things have come into my life – frankly I have become a frivolous old gal!

I am seeing five gentlemen ever day! As soon as I wake up, Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then I go and see John. Next Charlie Horse comes along and when he is here, he takes a lot of time and my attention. When he leaves Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day, I'm really tired and glad to go to bed with Ben Gay. What a life! Oh Yes, I'm also flirting with Al Zymer.

P.S. The preacher came to call the other day. He said at my age I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him, "Oh, I do that all the time. No matter where I am, in the parlor, upstairs, in the kitchen or down in the basement – I ask myself – now what am I here after?"

Submitted by June Martin former Holy Trinity, White Rock, now Kelowna.

## Quick Brownies by Paulette Smith

1 c. brown sugar  
½ c. shortening (butter or margarine)  
3 T. pure cocoa powder  
2 eggs  
½ c. flour  
1 c. chopped walnuts

Mix well in a bowl. Pour in a greased pan. 8 x 8 – cake like,  
9 x 9 – fudge like.  
Bake at 350° for 25 mins. Ice with icing or dust with icing sugar.  
Freezes well.



## Three Gratitude's



Every night before I go to sleep I say out loud  
Three things that I'm grateful for, All the significant, insignificant  
Extraordinary, ordinary stuff of my life.  
It's a small practice and humble, And yet, I find I sleep better  
Holding what lightens and softens my life  
Ever so briefly at the end of the day.  
Sunlight, and blueberries,  
Good dogs and wool socks, A fine rain, A good friend,  
Fresh basil and wild phlox,  
My father's good health, My daughter's new job,  
The song that always makes me cry, Always at the same part,  
No matter how many times I hear it.

Decent coffee at the airport, And your quiet breathing,  
The stories you told me,  
The frost patterns on the windows,  
English horns and banjos, Wood Thrush and June bugs,  
The smooth glassy calm of the morning pond,  
An old coat, A new poem,  
My library card, And that my car keeps running  
Despite all the miles. And after three things,  
More often than not, I get on a roll and I just keep on going,  
I keep naming and listing, Until I lie grinning,  
Blankets pulled up to my chin,  
Awash with wonder At the sweetness of it all.  
~ Carrie Newcomer

## Marshmallow Recipe by Albert Rudolph

1/2 cup cold water  
3 Pkgs. Knox unflavoured gelatin  
Combine both ingredients in a large bowl.

In saucepan: 1/4 cup water  
2 cups white sugar  
2/3 cup corn syrup

Bring to a boil

Add the hot mixture to the gelatin mixture.  
Add a few grains salt.

Beat for 11 minutes with electric beaters. Add 1 Tablespoon vanilla.  
Beat another minute.

Oil an 8x8 pan. Oil spatula. Remove the mixture to the pan. Press evenly with oiled handiwrap (very sticky and difficult to handle).

Let sit at room temperature for 2 hours.

Remove the marshmallow block to a piece of plastic wrap coated with icing sugar. With scissors cut into small squares. Coat the edges with the icing sugar. Cover. They keep at room temperature indefinitely.





Our ACW Board made a contribution of \$1,000. earlier in the year to the Anglican Foundation in support of the **Say Yes! To Kids**.

These funds were being raised in order to support post pandemic projects designed to help children, youth and young adults in Canada who are facing setbacks due to school disruptions, absence of recreational activities, and loss of the depth and variety of in-person relationships with peers, extended family, and caring adults in the community.

A request for proposals numbered 80 across Canada for a total of more than \$500,000.

There are seven applicants from the Diocese of New Westminster, requesting \$45,000. in funding. After reviewing the applications, we have decided that we could send additional funds to assist with "Drawing a circle of love" applicant on your behalf. This applicant most closely aligns with our mandate for assistance.

We Give Thanks to the Lord for our ability to assist.

## Women's Personal Safety Team

For eight years now, a group of Vancouver Police Department female officers have been increasing women's safety and giving back to the community, as part of the VPD Women's Personal Safety Team. Their goal is to educate, inspire, and empower women to take ownership of their personal safety.

Their workshops teach tactics designed to be easily learned and remembered by women with no prior training in case they are ever faced with a situation of unavoidable violence.

### Upcoming 2021-22 virtual workshops

Workshops begin at 6:00 p.m. and generally last two hours. They are open to women, minimum age of 16 years.

- November 25
- December 2
- January 20
- February 17
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**To register:** Email [wpst@vpd.ca](mailto:wpst@vpd.ca) with REGISTRATION in the subject line **at least three business days before the scheduled workshop.**

# ARTHUR TURNER TRAINING SCHOOL

The ACW have been collecting used postage stamps for many years which are faithfully trimmed and sorted by Grace Turner and then sold with the monies going to the Arthur Turner Training School. Grace is the niece of Arthur Turner. The school was established as the Arthur Turner Training School in Pangnirtun, Baffin Island for the training for Inuit Catechists, Lay Leaders and Deacons from around the Arctic. In 2016 the school was moved to Iqaluit, Nunuvut at St. Jude's Cathedral with the first class starting in 2018 with a two-year diploma program being offered.

Grace has been involved in this ministry since around 2005 and it was her mother that handled it prior to that.

"The school, named after an Anglican priest and missionary who served the Baffin Island community of Pangnirtung from 1928 until his death in 1953, was established exclusively for Indigenous people by Bishop D.B. Marsh, the second bishop of the diocese of the Arctic. It has seen a number of ups and downs over the years.

ATTS first opened in Pangnirtung in 1970. It was housed in a group of buildings that had previously been home to St. Luke's Anglican Hospital. For more than 35 years, the school trained Anglican clergy and lay people for ministry in the North, and Rev Joseph Royal, Current Director, estimates that about 50 people passed through its programs during that period, including three future bishops.

But with each passing year, the harsh Arctic climate took its toll on the buildings and they were eventually rendered unusable." (Anglican Journal June 13, 2016)

Grace works with Glenn Howell and here is a report from him:

As you know Pauline Jones has stepped back from the Stamp Club (as we call it) and I have taken over from Robert (Bob) Jones as Treasurer for this Stamp Club after his passing and it has been an overwhelming job at times (just the sheer volume that we process, and send to companies), but the time to sell in auction or consignment can be over a year.

For whatever reason, and COVID has stopped a lot of Stamp Dealers from their previous dealings with companies and charities. People have been weary of investing in stamps, but the business may be picking up. We are trying to find new ways of selling bulk stamps, including sending to the USA and Europe. We will pursue this avenue for the next year and see where it takes us (even used in scrapbooking and decoupage for the lesser valued stamps).

BUT here is an update of the funds that have been sent by us since 2014:



-2014: \$1,200.00  
-2015: \$500.00  
-2016: \$800.00  
-2017: \$375.00  
-2018: \$550.00  
-2021: \$375.00  
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Total \$3,800.00



I hope that before the end of this year I can raise more funds from stamp sales for the Arthur Turner Training School. Grace and I will start meeting up soon once a month to trim the stamps on envelopes and sort together (we have been doing it alone because of COVID for a year and a half.

If you have any questions, thoughts or suggestions, please feel free to contact me. I could write up a little Thank-You note for all the donations and work done by the ACW in the past and present.

Sincerely,  
Glenn Howell

As you are aware costs in Nunuvut are very high compared to the lower part of Canada and any help we can give is greatly appreciated. Please continue to send your stamps to ACW Place and please leave a ¼ inch margin around the stamp.



# Advent Word Search



## Words to Find

Words can be found left to right and up and down.

- Advent
- Wreath
- Candles
- Purple
- Hope
- Peace
- Joy
- Love
- Mary
- Joseph
- Jesus



## Advent Prayer

Advent God, we journey with you to Bethlehem's stable, ears attuned to the song of the angels, eyes alert for Bethlehem's star. Forgive us if, on our journey, we get distracted by the tempting offers of this world. Keep our hearts aflame with the hope of Christmas, and the promise of a Saviour. Amen.



**Due to technical difficulties we were unable to receive a Christmas greeting from The Rev. Beverley Stewart, our chaplain.**

2021-2022

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