

The Bells of St. Helen's FALL/WINTER 2025



KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY...

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typically will take Friday as his day off. 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 please make sure they are into the office before Thursday of that week.



There is a lot happening in our Parish, and it's all good stuff, and it's good work BUT IT needs your participation!

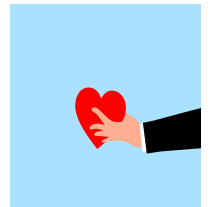
THREE THINGS COULD BE ON OUR MINDS:

Gratefulness, Thankfulness - joyful, humble thanks be to God! We live in Canada

- a peaceful nation and we enjoy OUR civil liberties and freedoms. **Our Parish is diverse, inclusive and welcoming towards different cultures and their traditions - and we are eager to learn about each member. (Canada was recently ranked**

highly in a Pew research survey looking at shared customs and traditions).

We have the opportunity to share our lives with each other, at Church on Sunday, at Fellowship time following the service, by becoming a member of the Parish Council or a full time or part time member of any of the many committees. It is a time when you can make a difference by volunteering to take part in the many activities and fun, that can be had by helping to make the work just a bit lighter!



START by always welcoming each other - especially a new face, or someone you have seen over several Sundays, but haven't met. DID YOU KNOW? There is a "New Member" form in the rack at the back of the Church - encourage new visitors to fill one out - encourage them to return!

- PLEASE, PLEASE sit with them at coffee - us old-timers really are the old guard, but we must spread ourselves around at coffee time - at the very least - invite new people to join you at your table. Especially if you are a member of the Parish Council or any committee.
- Familiarize yourself with the events, activities, groups, even the jobs of each parish council member so that you can best engage new people in the life of St. Helen's.

AND WE STUDY: Sabbath as Resistance, Saying NO to the CULTURE OF NOW - sound interesting? Well, it is! This is the guided study we begin at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 26 - still time to get the guide book - just call the office!

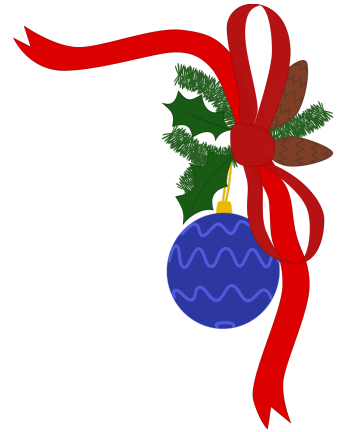


FOOD BANK: Each Sunday we are asked to bring one item for the food bank - October 26 please bring one Raman noodle or small pasta package. Of course you may bring more, but the items we are asking for are from the list of shortages given to us by the Food Bank - if every person attending Church brings just one of the items asked for - it will be so appreciated.

THEN...

First and foremost in our minds has to be **THE RESTORATION FUND** which continues to receive your gifts towards this project. It does need to grow as we are getting closer to our goal of development and restoration. Donations are tax deductible and can be given at any time in amounts large or small. Speak to People's Warden Jacquie Stinson if you have any questions. The specifics as to the timelines and implementation continue to be worked on almost everyday with all the parties that will play a part in this huge project...but we all must remember that as members of the parish we must continue to sustain the work of our Church, and so the work, the fun and the fundraisers continue...

Our Parish Income - the funds needed to sustain the ongoing, every day work of the Church - the givings that pay the bills, come from two sources; you and our building renters. St. Helen's has no other income, and so we offer many other ways to raise funds each year. The largest and usually the most successful is the bazaar, **our 2025 'CHRISTMAS MARKET' IS THE EVENT TO WORK AT, ATTEND, BUY LUNCH, BUY A RAFFLE BOOK, AND INVITE, INVITE, INVITE others to do the same...**



- **RAFFLE TICKETS**, WILL BE AVAILABLE THIS WEEK - THANKS TO WENDY RUSSELL, THE GO TO FOR RAFFLE TICKETS - PLEASE CONSIDER TAKING MORE THAN ONE BOOK, AND SELL THE TICKETS TO FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS! These are being sold well in advance of the Market, to allow you time to sell, sell, sell! Please do!

THEN MARK THESE DATES:

- **Set-up for the Market** will take place on **Friday, December 5 beginning at 3:00 p.m.** - if you are able please consider coming along to set-up the Hall, but also if you are a table lead to manage your table arrangements. **THIS IS THE TIME** to deliver your jams, jellies, preserves, baking - any and all items that will be sold at the Market - this is the time to do so!! End time for drop-off is 7:00 p.m.

AND speak to Jacquie Stinson if you have any questions at all, if you can offer assistance, if you can help with take down after the event...there are many places where you can help!

BUT NOW IS THE TIME TO ADVERTISE THE FABULOUS 'CHRISTMAS MARKET' ONLY YOU CAN DO THIS - WORD OF MOUTH, PERSONAL INVITATION, ASK FOR A SMALL POSTER IF YOU HAVE A PUBLIC AREA TO POST ONE....THINK AND REMEMBER TO "TALK UP" THE CHRISTMAS MARKET!

SAINT HELEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
10787 - 128th Street, Surrey, B.C.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025
DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 a.m.

Home Baking, preserves, jams, jellies and condiments
Beautiful previously loved jewelry and Christmas decor
Books and so much more!

HOME MADE LUNCH TICKETS AVAILABLE

RAFFLE prizes include cash, Canucks hockey tickets, and a festive basket!



Our Advent Season

First Sunday of Advent is November 30, 2025, when we begin to WAIT for the birth of the Christ Child AND PREPARE our hearts and minds for His coming again.

Watch for special times of Worship and social gatherings during our Advent

EVENING MULTICULTURAL LESSONS AND CAROLS SUNDAY, December 14, 2025

Father Robin just might be asking you to participate in this beautiful candlelit service.

OTHER THINGS...

Both our Facebook page and our Web site are being refreshed and brought up to date -

Stay turned...things are happening.... We have much to pray about!

The Church is the people, please remember to pray for our priest, deacon, parish members and our community.

