

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Readings For Next Sunday: First Reading, Isaiah 7:10-16 * Psalm 80:1-7,16-18 * Second Reading, Romans 1:1-7 * Gospel, Matthew 1:18-25 *

Next week: Book of Common Prayer Service

Dear Parishioners,

We are very pleased to welcome the Reverend Dr. Shawn Bullock as Deacon-in-Charge and Curate for St. John's on a 75% basis. Shawn (he/him) will provide pastoral, ministry, liturgical, administrative and Christian formation leadership to the parish. He was ordained by Archbishop John Stephens as a transitional deacon on Saturday, December 6th. We look forward to getting to know Shawn better in the weeks ahead and supporting him as he moves towards his ordination as a priest next year. Shawn will be working closely with the Rev. Georgina Harris who is the part-time Associate Priest to St. John's on a 25% basis for the duration of Patrick's medical leave. You will find more information about Shawn in the bulletin insert.

We ask that you continue to keep Patrick close in your prayers and respect his need for quiet. We have heard that he has felt the benefit of our prayers. You are invited to sign a Christmas card for Patrick at the Welcome Table and we are putting together a gift basket of his favourite treats.

If you need assistance or information, please contact the Church Wardens:

Alison Brookfield at 604 988-1805 or **Kathryn Atkinson at 604 985-1310**, or contact Donna in the church office at 604 986-1151 (Mon, Tues, Thur, Sat mornings).

Faithfully,

Alison & Kathryn

Update on Jill

Dear Parishioners,
You have been asking "What is happening with Jill?" This is top of mind as we transition into having Georgina and Shawn as our ordained clergy during Patrick's medical leave. We are all very grateful to Jill for faithfully volunteering on Sundays as liturgical assistant and occasional preacher for many years. Going forward, her role will be changing as Shawn steps into the role of Deacon alongside Georgina. Jill is currently classmates with Shawn at VST and she really supports him coming to St. John's. Jill has her own journey ahead in discerning the next steps in her work, studies and placements to become an Anglican priest; at some point she will be placed in a different parish. She will be sharing more with us on her journey as it unfolds. For now Jill is happy to call St. John's her church home.

Faithfully,

Alison & Kathryn

Chair Yoga with Andrea is a drop in by donation group **every Friday at 10 am in the Lounge**. No experience is necessary and all are welcome. Donations are kindly accepted at the door. Come and get fit again with chair yoga!

NOTE: Chair Yoga will not be in session on Boxing Day, Dec. 26.



H & F Christmas Outreach - The St. John's Hospitality & Fellowship Group gives back to community partners from our fundraising. For our Christmas Outreach, we are matching parishioner donations for two North Vancouver groups: Magnolia House and Pathways Serious Mental Illness Society. There is a box for cash at coffee and if you prefer to donate with a cheque please make it payable to St. John's Anglican Church noting Christmas Outreach on the bottom and it will be included in your tax receipt.

Five Weeks of Giving - Week 5 - Holiday Treats!

**On the Fifth Week of Giving
To bring just a wee little smile,
Jean said, "Bring in HOLIDAY TREATS!
Individually wrapped sweets by the pile!**

**Chocolates and candy canes, caramels too,
Something to brighten their day!
It's our final week of giving, so let's give big,
And give them a joyful Christmas Day!"**

These are the most-needed items, specifically
chosen by Jean Welsh. Watch for our
announcements in the newsletter to see what to
bring each week - once announced, we will keep
accepting items through the campaign.

Week 1 - Nov 16-23 - SOCKS

Week 2 - Nov 23-30 - TOILETRIES

Week 3 - Nov 30-Dec 7 - UNDERWEAR

Week 4 - Dec 7-Dec 14 - ANYTHING

Jean's Box collects all year long, and you are
always welcome to bring in other new clothing
items and toiletries.

Quote of the Week - Advent 3 - Joy

Here is this week's quote that provides food for
thought or inspiration, or, better yet, both. If you
have any suggestions for quotes please pass them
along to Donna in the office.

**"There are souls in this world who have the gift
of finding joy everywhere, and leaving it behind
them when they go."**

-Frederick William Faber

In this third week of Advent, when we light the
Candle of Joy, let us be the ones who find joy
everywhere, and let us share it with everyone.



The Coming Week At St. John's

Sunday, December 14 * Festive Coffee Hour Today (Lounge) After the service - Please join us!

Monday, December 15 * Church Office is Open 9:00am-12:00pm

**Tuesday, December 16 * Church Office is Open 9:00am-12:00pm * Alanon Meeting (Lounge)
7:00pm - 9:00pm ***

**Wednesday, December 17 * Church Office is Open 9:00am-12:00pm * Never Alone Meeting
(Lounge) 6:30pm - 8:00pm * Blue Christmas Service at St. Andrews United Church - 6:00pm**

**Thursday, December 18 * Church Office is Open 9:00am-12:00pm * AA Meeting (Lounge)
7:00pm - 9:00pm Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 7:00pm**

**Friday, December 19 * Church Office is closed * Chair Yoga with Andrea (Lounge) 10am *
North Shore Young People AA Meeting (Lounge) 8:30pm - 9:30pm**

Saturday, December 20 * Church Office is Open 9:00am-12:00pm



GETTING TO KNOW....

The Reverend Shawn Bullock

Deacon-in Charge and Curate, St. John's Anglican Church

A bit about Shawn...

I was born in Toronto and raised in a little town just north of the city, although I spent a lot of time “heading downtown” as a young person and exploring the rich cultural and linguistic diversity the city has to offer. I am a “cradle Anglican,” and have worshipped in the Anglican Church of Canada, the Church of England, and the Scottish Episcopal Church. In part, this means that I have done a lot of liturgical cross training and I am at ease in any number of kinds of services—in Canada, the Book of Alternative Services has been the bedrock of my worship life but the Book of Common Prayer falls open to Page 67 naturally in my hands thanks both to childhood experiences and current worship practices..

I trained initially as a physicist and became a schoolteacher; I’ve taught science (particularly physics) to people of all ages—from grade one students all the way to post-secondary students and specialised community-based programs for older adults. During my first return to graduate school, I focused on the joyful messiness of learning to teach, and my academic career began shortly thereafter. I held posts at Ontario Tech University and Simon Fraser University, before taking a position at the University of Cambridge where I was Professor of the History of Science, Technology, and Education.

Although I have deeply enjoyed being a researcher and teacher, it was my work in relationship with others that has nourished me most during my career. Cambridge is somewhat unique in that, as a Professor, I had a certain number of students for whom I was responsible for “pastoral care.” This was deeply meaningful work that led me to take on increasingly complex academic leadership positions, particularly during the pandemic. I returned to Canada a few years ago and began to discern a call to ministry at St. Anselm’s Anglican Church whilst continuing to teach part-time for a number of universities. I soon began serving regularly and began full-time MDiv studies shortly thereafter. I am being ordained as a Transitional Deacon on December 6, 2025.

My first field experience was at the Mission to Seafarers. The privilege of doing ship visits and getting to know seafarers spoke to my broader concerns about social justice and the perils of consumerism whilst simultaneously being a source of joy and connection. There is also a deeply personal connection to this ministry as my grandfather was a seafarer in the early part of his life. Some of my favourite Christian memories are of being invited to break bread with seafarers during their lunch break, on ship. The spirit of generosity and community one finds in crews with members who come from all over the world is incredibly powerful.

For my second field placement, I have been blessed to be placed at Christ Church Cathedral. The complexities and opportunities of the various ministries and worship opportunities at Christ Church have been a wonderful way for me to explore my passion for parish ministry in different forms. I have served at a variety of services using many different liturgies, taught children’s programming, and engaged with pastoral visiting as well as provided significant adult formation opportunities. I am deeply grateful for generosity of the many different parishioners who have taken the time to share parts of their faith journey with me.

On a personal note, I am deeply connected with the Francophone community, *alors les conversations en français seront bienvenues, car je parle français dans ma vie quotidienne!* I have a visual arts practice and a sadly less frequent music practice. My biggest source of personal development outside of the Christian faith has been my lifelong practice of traditional martial arts, which I have practiced for over four decades.

At the heart of my faith is prayer and community-based relationships. I never cease to be amazed, and deeply moved, by the ways God works in the world and by the everyday acts of kindness we can witness if we engage with our local communities. As Rowan Williams once remarked – It is up to us to discern our response!

Shawn+



Advent - Christmas Services



**Blue Christmas Service
at St. Andrew's United Church
1044 St. Georges Ave.
Wednesday, December 17 6:00pm**

**Christmas Eve Family Service
Wednesday, December 24 5:00pm**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Wednesday, December 24 8:00pm**

**Christmas Day Service
at St. Agnes Anglican Church
530 East 12th St.
Thursday, December 25 10:30am**