

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Readings For Next Sunday: First Reading, Isaiah 60:1-6 * Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 * Second Reading, Ephesians 3:1-12 * Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12

Holiday Office Hours

Office will be closed Sunday Dec 28 - Sunday Jan 4, as Donna takes a week of vacation time. Please reach out to the Rev. Dr. Shawn Bullock or the Wardens Alison and Kathryn directly if you need anything.

Sunday December 28 - We will not be live-streaming the service.

Chalk it up to Blessings!

Next week, Sunday January 4th, we will be introducing a new-to-us tradition known as the Epiphany House Blessing, or Chalking of the Doors. We hope you will join us!

The service will start with everyone gathered in the Narthex (by the front doors). The chalk will be blessed, then the clergy will mark the door, praying for blessings for this place and all who enter here.

There will be enough chalk blessed for every household, so you can take a piece home and chalk your own door. The liturgy for the Epiphany House Blessing will be available for you to take home as well.

Tea & Coffee Hour - After every Sunday service we have our Tea and Coffee Fellowship time downstairs in the Lounge. Please do come and join us. Helping hands are always needed. The sign up sheet for coffee hour volunteers and baking is on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

Five Weeks of Giving - WOW!

**In this five weeks of Christmas giving
You all gave what was needed!
Jean says "THANK YOU EVERYONE!"
We really have succeeded!**

**I asked for socks and underwear,
For toiletries, treats and much more, too!
You've given them a better holiday so,
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you!"**

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

H & F Christmas Outreach - Such a Success!

The St. John's Hospitality & Fellowship Group gives back to community partners from our fundraising. For our Christmas Outreach, we matched parishioner donations for two North Vancouver groups: Magnolia House and Pathways Serious Mental Illness Society.

Thanks to your generous donations and H&F's matching donation, we are happy to be sending a cheque for \$1047.50 to each of the local charities.

Thank you so much for your giving spirit, and for keeping these groups in your prayers.

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!

Soup & Buns & Conversation - Jan. 7

Mark your calendars for Soup & Buns & Conversation at 11:30 on Wednesday, January 7th in the church lounge. Come and enjoy the hearty soup and Fellowship.

Coming Soon in 2026

Mark your calendar now!

Jan 4 - Epiphany Service with Chalking the Door

Jan 7 - Soup & Buns & Conversation

Jan 17 - Parish Council Meeting

Jan 24 - Hospitality & Fellowship Meeting

Feb 1 - Candlemas Service

Feb 4 - Soup & Buns & Conversation

Feb 17 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday Service

Feb 22 - Annual Vestry Meeting

Feb 28 - Long, Long Night of Hope

10th Annual Long, Long Night of Hope

2026 marks the 10th year of our amazing fundraiser for the Lookout Society Shelter in North Vancouver. In that time we have raised over \$144,000 to help those experiencing homelessness, and the need is still as strong. We hope you plan to join us this year, and make this our biggest campaign yet!

The Long, Long Night of Hope, February 28, 2026. Homelessness is not Hopelessness. Be the hope.

Quote of the Week

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.

“Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering, ‘It will be happier’.”

-Alfred Lord Tennyson

The turning of the year is always a time of reflection, of hope and expectation. May this new year 2026 bring you blessings beyond your wildest dreams, and inspiration to make the world a bit better in everything you do.



The Coming Week At St. John's

Sunday, December 28 * *Coffee Hour Today (Lounge) After the service*

Monday, December 29 * *Church Office is Closed*

Tuesday, December 30 * *Church Office is Closed * Alanon Meeting (Lounge) 7:00pm - 9:00pm*

Wednesday, December 31 * *Church Office is Closed * Never Alone Meeting (Lounge) 6:30 - 8:00pm*

Thursday, January 1 * *Happy New Year! Church Office is Closed * AA Meeting (Lounge) 7:00-9:00pm * No Choir Practice*

Friday, January 2 * *Church Office is closed * Chair Yoga with Andrea (Lounge) 10am * North Shore Young People AA Meeting (Lounge) 8:30pm - 9:30pm*

Saturday, January 3 * *Church Office is Closed*