

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Readings For Next Sunday:** First Reading, Isaiah 9:1-4 \* Psalm 27:1, 5-13 \* Second Reading, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 \* Gospel, Matthew 4:12-23

**Episcopal Visit** - On January 25th, St. John's will be welcoming for Sunday worship the Most Rev. John Stephens, Archbishop of the Diocese of New Westminster and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon. For this Episcopal Visit, Archbishop John will be the celebrant for the Family Eucharist service at 10 am and our guest for the lunch following the service. Accompanying the Archbishop will be the Venerable Nick Pang, Executive Archdeacon and Archdeacon of Vancouver. We look forward to welcoming them to North Vancouver.

## **Memorial Garden Service & Reception**

**Committee** - This is a call out to those interested in joining the committee to help plan for the Memorial Garden Service and Reception, honouring the refreshed memorial garden. The celebration will take place Sunday, May 24, 2026. Help will be needed inviting people to the service and organizing ways to invite people, as well as determining who we would like to invite. We would also be organizing a reception to be held after the service. All ideas will be welcomed! Let's make this important event special. Please call or text Leeann at 604-980-4001, or email her at popcornbunny46@gmail.com if you are able to help.

**Hospitality & Fellowship Meeting** - All are welcome to come and share your ideas at the next Hospitality & Fellowship meeting on **Saturday, January 24 at 10:00am** in the Church Lounge. Refreshments served. If you can't make it in person, join by Zoom.

**The 10th Annual Long, Long Night of Hope - Feb, 28, 2026** - We started with a handful of hopeful volunteers committing to sleep in their cars or on the church floor, raising awareness for those experiencing homelessness. That first year, against all odds, we raised over \$10,000.



Register today at [www.longlongnightofhope.ca](http://www.longlongnightofhope.ca). If you have any questions, or you are interested in helping us, talk to Donna or Alison.

Homelessness is not Hopelessness. Be the Hope.

**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. Get started with those new year's resolutions in a fun and effective way! Come and get fit again with chair yoga!

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Feel free to join them every **2nd and 4th Tuesday at 1:30pm**, in the chapel or the lounge. They gather to pray, knit and gift. "Knit one, Pray two". Wool is provided. Please bring your own knitting needles.

## **Update on Rev. Patrick**

As the months go by, we continue to think and pray for Rev. Patrick. Patrick has let us know that he sincerely thanks us all at St. John's for our continued prayers and well wishes. It has meant a lot to him. He wanted you all to know that he misses us dearly and we are very much in his prayers as well. He sends his love, hugs and peace. He also appreciated so very much all your messages of love and concern in the Christmas cards we sent to him in December with the basket of treats. The special prayer shawl that was blessed for him in December has been put to good use. It is with a sad heart that he has shared that under his doctor's advice, he is going onto Long-Term Disability for the months ahead. Please continue to keep Patrick close in your prayers for his return to health.

Kathryn & Alison, Church Wardens

## Jean's Box Outreach

Jean's Box collects all year long, supporting the North Shore Crisis Services Society and Lookout Housing and Health Society's Shelter in North Vancouver. We welcome donations of toiletries, snack food, blankets, and seasonal clothing items. Jean's Box can be found at the back of the church, near the big double doors.

**Last Week to Get Your Chalk!** On Sunday, January 4th, we introduced a new-to-us tradition known as the Epiphany House Blessing, or Chalking of the Doors. Enough chalk was blessed for every household, so you can take a piece home and chalk your own door. The liturgy for the Epiphany House Blessing is available for you to take home as well.

**Vestry 2026 is coming!** - St. John's annual Vestry meeting is happening on **Sunday, February 22, after the Sunday 10:00am Worship service**. Vestry reports are due in the church office by Wednesday January 28th. Please submit your report as soon as possible so Donna can get the full Vestry Report assembled, vetted, and printed in advance of the Vestry meeting.

## 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.

**"Unity is a divine mandate at the core of our Christian identity, more than simply an ideal. It represents the essence of the Church's calling – a call to reflect the harmonious oneness of our life in Christ amidst our diversity."**

- [www.weekofprayer.ca](http://www.weekofprayer.ca)

As you ponder this quote, ask yourself, "What can I do to promote unity and healing with other people of faith in my life and in my community?"



## The Coming Week At St. John's

**Sunday, January 18** \* *Coffee Hour Today (Lounge) After the service*

**Monday, January 19** \* *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm*

**Tuesday, January 20** \* *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm* \* *Alanon Meeting (Lounge) 7pm - 9pm*

**Wednesday, January 21** \* *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm* \* *Never Alone Meeting (Lounge) 6:30 - 8pm*

**Thursday, January 22** \* *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm* \* *Mother Goose Children's Program (Lounge) 1:00-2:30pm* \* *AA Meeting (Lounge) 7pm- 9pm* \* *Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 7pm- 9pm*

**Friday, January 23** \* *Church Office is closed* \* *Chair Yoga with Andrea (Lounge) 10am* \* *North Shore Young People AA Meeting (Lounge) 8:30pm - 9:30pm*

**Saturday, January 24** \* *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm* \* *Hospitality and Fellowship Meeting (Lounge and Zoom) 10am - 12:00 noon*