

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Readings For Next Sunday: First Reading, 1 Samuel 16:1-13 * Psalm 23 * Second Reading, Ephesians 5:8-14 * Gospel, John 9:1-41

Welcome to the Venerable Kevin Hunt - Our Guest Celebrant! Father Kevin was ordained in the Church of England, where he ministered for three decades. In 2015 he moved to Canada, and served as Regional Dean, Archdeacon of Burrard, and Rector of St. James' in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside until retiring in 2024. Over the years he has acted as mentor to those on the journey of discernment, and to the newly ordained.

Archbishop Douglas Hambidge 1927 - 2026

With sadness, the Diocese of New Westminster shares the news that Archbishop Douglas Hambidge died on March 2, 2026, just days before his 99th birthday.

Though he retired in 1993, he continued to serve in many ways, and was guest celebrant and led workshops at St. John's several times.

Details regarding a memorial service will be shared once they are confirmed.

Lenten Quiet Morning for Peace - March 14

When the world feels overwhelming and chaos seems to reign, we need to stop, and find solace in the quiet times with God. Join us **Saturday, March 14 from 9am-12 Noon** for a quiet morning at St. John's. Morning prayer, guided meditation, peaceful arts and crafts, walking the labyrinth, and more. Everyone is welcome to attend, so tell your friends and family. Doors open at 8:30am for those who want coffee or tea, or just need to gentle themselves into the peace. Sign up at the Welcome table, or just drop in. **Note: due to the Quiet Morning, the office will be open Noon -3:00pm.**

The 10th Annual Long, Long Night of Hope

We are over \$17,000 with another week of fundraising left! We thank everyone who was involved in our tenth annual fundraiser for the Lookout Society's shelter in North Van! Whether you participated or donated or simply prayed for our success, we appreciate you!

Fundraising will continue until March 15.

Service of Remembrance and Blessing the Memorial Garden

It's not too late to help with the special 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. Please contact Leeann at 604-980-4001, or popcornbunny46@gmail.com if you are able to help.

Caring in Community Workshop - Saturday, May 2 - 10:00am-12:00 Noon.

The workshop will be facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Shawn Bullock along with a priest colleague who is also a Chaplain Candidate in the Canadian Navy. They will both be drawing on their respective chaplaincy training to present some ideas on caring for each other in the community, and they will be leading an interactive discussion. More details will be provided soon. See Deacon Shawn if you have any questions.

Anglican 102 continues, Tuesdays 7:30pm

This series features a variety of voices from our wider Church community. We meet online weekly. Please join us if you are new, preparing for baptism, confirmation or reception in the Anglican Church, or if you simply want to learn more about our tradition and faith! Rev. Shawn is a part of the team offering Anglican 102 - Anglican Spirituality, and so please feel free to ask him any questions you might have.

The New Organ and Sound System

As you can see, the new speaker system has been installed at the front of the sanctuary. The sound is really impressive. We are aiming for Easter to fully launch the organ. Further adjustments to the new system were made this week. Many thanks to everyone on the Organ and Sound Upgrade Team!

Jean's Box Outreach - Mission to Seafarers

Jean's Box collects all year long for North Shore Crisis Services and the North Shore Shelter. For the Lenten Season, there is an extra appeal for Jean's Box for Missions to Seafarers. Each ship that visits our port has 20 to 30 seafarers and many struggle financially. Items needed for seafarers are warm toques, socks, medium sized body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes and reusable shopping bags. Leave your donation in Jean's Box, at the back of the church near the main doors.

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.

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.

"To save a life is a great and beautiful thing, but it is also very difficult and requires great care. To make a home for the homeless, yes, it must be a good thing, whatever the world may say, it cannot be wrong, and yet it is often considered a crime."

- Vincent van Gogh

Vincent van Gogh wrote this in a letter to his brother, Theo, in January 1883. The problems of poverty and homelessness have always existed. Once a missionary in Belgium, van Gogh often spoke of a responsibility to help when one is in a position to help.

The Coming Week At St. John's

Sunday, March 8 * *Coffee Hour Today (Lounge) After the service*

Monday, March 9 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm*

Tuesday, March 10 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Alanon Meeting (Lounge) 7pm - 9pm * Anglican 102 -(Online) 7:30-9:00pm (registration info found on our website)*

Wednesday, March 11 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Never Alone Meeting (Lounge) 6:30 - 8pm*

Thursday, March 12 * *Church Office is Open 12pm-3pm * Mother Goose Nursery Program (Lounge) 1-2:30pm * AA Meeting (Lounge) 7pm- 9pm * Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 7pm- 9pm*

Friday, March 13 * *Church Office is closed * Chair Yoga with Andrea (Lounge) 10am **

Saturday, March 14 * *Lenten Quiet Morning 9am-12pm * Church Office is Open 12pm-3pm*

Next Week - Book of Common Prayer Service / Fourth Sunday of Lent