

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Readings For Next Sunday: Trinity Sunday

* First Reading, Genesis 1:1-2, 4a * Psalm 8 *
Second Reading, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 * Gospel,
Matthew 28:16-20 *

Welcome Father Kevin Hunt - We welcome back the Venerable Kevin Hunt as our guest celebrant for today's special service for Pentecost, Baptisms and Celebration of Renewal of the Memorial Garden.. The Reverend Georgina Harris will return on Sunday May 31.

Deacon Shawn Away - After the Sunday service, Deacon Shawn will be taking a week off, starting Monday May 25 through Sunday May 31. In his absence, please reach out to Reverend Georgina with any pastoral concerns. Deacon Shawn returns June 1.

Jean's Box Outreach - Jean's Box collects all year long for North Shore Crisis Services and the North Shore Shelter. Needs include seasonal clothing, toiletries, treats and more. Leave your donation in Jean's Box, at the back of the church near the main doors.

The weather has started to get warmer, so layered clothes are a great idea. Underwear and socks are always needed, too.

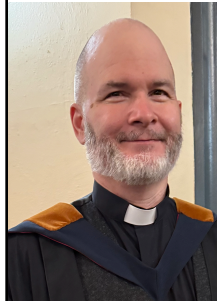
Blessings and Congratulations, Rong & Fei!

The parish of St. John's Church is excited to welcome Yunrong and Haofei Wang as baptised members of our thriving community! Their baptism today marks the next step in their journey as loving members of God's family. Please take time to give your congratulations to them during the reception after today's service.



Congratulations, Deacon Shawn!

Deacon Shawn was delighted to attend his graduation from VST this past week. He received his Master of Divinity (Anglican Studies) degree from VST and his Certificate in Leadership from the Sauder School of Business (UBC). Deacon Shawn was humbled to learn that he was awarded both The Professor S. Vernon Fawcett Prize in Hebrew



Bible Studies and the Rev. Dr. Robert Robinson Morrison Prize in New Testament Studies. He wishes to express his gratitude to all of those who supported him over the last couple of years, and to the parish of St. John's for holding him in prayer and support during this final academic term. We look forward to celebrating the next big step in Deacon Shawn's journey: "It is Archbishop John's intention to ordain the Rev Shawn Bullock to the sacred order of priests. The liturgy will take place at **Christ Church Cathedral on Saturday, June 27th, 2026** beginning at **10:30am.**" All are invited to attend.



Service of Celebration for the Memorial

Garden - The planning for the refurbishment of St. John's Memorial Garden, and for the service of celebration, began more than fourteen months ago. Many, many people were involved in all aspects of this event, and we are grateful for their time, talents and treasures. Special thanks to the Garden Team, especially Jean, Heather, Bev, Janet, Alison, and Maurice. We also give a special thanks to Leeann for all her efforts, along with the clergy and volunteers in planning this service and reception. We cannot possibly name everyone involved, but our sincerest thanks go out to all of you. We hope you all find the Memorial Garden a tranquil space for meditation.

Chair Yoga with Andrea - Fridays at 10 am in the Lounge. Chair Yoga is a drop in by donation group No experience is necessary and all are welcome. Donations are kindly accepted at the door. Come and fit in a fun and effective way 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.

A Plea to be Scent-Free - We respectfully ask for your understanding for people with breathing issues, and ask that you avoid wearing strong scents to church. Thank you so much.

Welcome Tea for Parish Newcomers - Plans are underway to hold a Welcome Tea on Sunday, June 7, at 2:00pm. Please contact Alison if you know someone who should be invited, or if you would like to help.



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.

**“There’s a very special garden
Where the trees of memory grow,
Nurtured by the kindness
And concern that good friends show.**

**The roots are cherished memories
Of good times in the past,
The branches tender promises
That souls endure and last.”**

-Author unknown

As we celebrate our Memorial Garden, and honour the memory of loved ones interred there, let us ponder this poem in our hearts.

No Soup - Just a reminder that our Soup and Buns and Conversation program is now on hiatus for the summer, returning in September.

The Coming Week At St. John's

Sunday, May 24 * *Baptisms and Memorial Garden Celebration & Reception- Today (Lounge)
After the service*

Monday, May 25 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm*

Tuesday, May 26 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Alanon Meeting (Lounge) 7pm - 9pm **

Wednesday, May 27 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Never Alone Meeting (Lounge) 6:30 - 8pm **

Thursday, May 28 * *Mother Goose Nursery Program (Lounge) 10:30-11:30am * Church Office is Open 12pm-3pm * AA Meeting (Lounge) 7pm- 9pm * Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 7:00pm*

Friday, May 29 * *Church Office is Closed * Chair Yoga with Andrea (Lounge) 10am **

Saturday, May 30 * *Church Office is Closed due to the Diocesan Mission Conference*