

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Readings For Next Sunday's BCP Service:

\* First Reading, Isaiah 44:6-8 \* Psalm 86:11-17 \*  
 Second Reading, Romans 8:12-25 \* Gospel,  
 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 \*



## Help Needed - Coffee Hour Volunteers!

The summer is here and many of our regular coffee hour volunteers are vacationing. Can you help? We need folks (any gender will do!) to set up, make coffee, bring treats, serve, and clean up. No one does it alone, and many hands make light work. Talk to Alison if you have any questions.

**Summer Programs Schedule** - Many of our programs take breaks over the summer, while others continue on. Here is a summary:

\* **Coffee Hour Service** - Sundays  
**Continues through the summer**  
 \*Volunteers needed\* - bakers, servers, cleaners

\* **Chair Yoga with Andrea** - Fridays 10am  
**Continues through the summer**  
 Drop-in, by donation, all levels welcome

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - 2nd & 4th Tuesday  
 On hiatus through July and August

**Soup & Buns & Conversation**- 1st  
 Wednesday  
 On hiatus June through September

**Choir Practice** - Thursdays  
 On hiatus through July and August

**Greeters & Welcome Table** - Sundays  
 On hiatus through July and August

**In Memorium - Chris Gilbert** - It is with great sadness we announce the death of our dear sister in Christ, Rosina "Chris" Gilbert, just six months short of her 100th birthday. Chris was a long time member of St. John's and a dear friend to everyone in the community. Chris died peacefully in her sleep on Friday June 26, 2026.

The first public memorial service will be at 1:00pm on August 1st at Boal Chapel and Memorial Gardens, North Vancouver. We are still working with the family to arrange a memorial service for Chris here at St. John's, which will probably take place mid-August. We will let you know when more details are available.

May Chris rest in peace and rise in glory.

## Reminder - Alongside Hope Donations -

- *More than 3000 people have died*
- *As many as 50,000 are still missing*

In the devastating aftermath of the June 24th earthquakes in Venezuela, Alongside Hope is collecting donations as part of the Humanitarian Coalition. **The Government of Canada will match donations made to Alongside Hope from June 25 to July 14.**

For more information on Alongside Hope and their response in Venezuela, and to donate to their Humanitarian Coalition appeal, please visit their website: [www.alongsidehope.org](http://www.alongsidehope.org).

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

With summer in full swing, some items to consider: sunscreen, insect repellent, bottled water, light clothing, and sun hats. Socks and underwear are always needed.

**Upcoming Vacation Alert - Father Shawn**

Father Shawn Bullock will be taking a week off, from Thursday, July 23 to Wednesday, July 29. Archdeacon Stephen Muir will be available for any pastoral emergencies. We will welcome back Father Kevin (the Reverend Kevin Hunt) as our celebrant on Sunday, July 26.

**Upcoming Vacation Alert - Wardens**

Our hardworking Church Wardens will be taking some time off during the summer:

Alison Brookfield will be on vacation from July 24, through the entire month of August. Please reach out to Kathryn Atkinson (Warden), Father Shawn, or Donna in the office during Alison's absence.

Kathryn Atkinson will be away this weekend, as well as the weekend of August 22-23, plus a few days on either side of that weekend. In Kathryn's absence, please reach out to Father Shawn, or to Donna in the office.

**Office Closure Alert** - Please note Donna will be taking a few vacation days in July, and the church office will be closed Thursday July 23 through Saturday July 25. Thank you for your patience.

**Quote of the Week**

Here is this week's quote that provides food for thought or inspiration, or, better yet, both.

*“A flower does not think of competing with the flower next to it. It just blooms.”*

—Zen Shin

This quote is attributed to Zen Shin, which is the pen name for author, Sensei, and former Buddhist Bishop, Rev. Koshin Ogui. In these words, Ogui encourages us to stop comparing ourselves to others, and to enjoy our personal journey of growth. What does this quote say to your heart?

**Speaking of Flowers:** At St. John's, there are many ways we provide gifts to the glory of God. One way is to donate fresh flower bouquets for the Sunday altar in thanksgiving for a blessing, birthday or anniversary, or in memory of a loved one. The Flower Calendar for 2026 is in the Narthex (church entrance). Please sign up for the Sunday you would like to donate altar flowers, and note the occasion or person you are remembering. Please deliver the flowers you purchase to the Church on Saturday morning for the Altar Guild to arrange. If you have any questions, please contact Donna in the office.

**The Coming Week At St. John's**

**Sunday, July 12** \* *Coffee, Tea and Fellowship - Today (Lounge) After the service*

**Monday, July 13** \* *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm*

**Tuesday, July 14** \* *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm \* Alanon Meeting (Lounge) 7pm - 9pm \**

**Wednesday, July 15** \* *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm \* Never Alone Meeting (Lounge) 6:30 - 8pm \**

**Thursday, July 16** \* *Church Office is Open 12pm-3pm \* AA Meeting (Lounge) 7pm- 9pm \**

**Friday, July 17** \* *Church Office is Closed \* Chair Yoga with Andrea (Lounge) 10am \**

**Saturday, July 18** \* *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm \**