

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Readings For Next Sunday's BCP Service:

- * First Reading, 1 Kings 3:5-12
- * Psalm 119:129-136
- * Second Reading, Romans 8:26-39
- * Gospel, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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 Yasmine or 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

Altar 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.

In Memorium - Chris Gilbert - It is with great sadness we announce the death of our dear sister in Christ, Rosina "Chris" Gilbert, 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 Celebration of Life will be at 1:00pm on August 1st at Boal Chapel and Memorial Gardens, North Vancouver.

St. John's Church will host a Memorial Service for Chris on **Saturday, August 15th**. If you can help with the reception to follow, please contact Kathryn Atkinson.

May Chris rest in peace and rise in glory.

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 Venerable 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 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.

UPDATE: For the summer only, Thursdays the office will now be open 9am - 12pm.

Quote of the Week

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

"We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty."

—Maya Angelou

Much like the story of the ugly duckling, this quote reminds us that life is not always easy or beautiful at the start. Over time we change and grow; a metamorphosis happens. If we persevere on our journey, immeasurable beauty may greet us in the end.



Vicar Night - 2026 marks the 50th anniversary of women's ordination in the Anglican Church of Canada. To celebrate, this Fall we would like to host a "Vicar of Dibley" night at St. John's, possibly as a fundraiser. "Vicar" is a wonderful British comedy about a female minister working in a tiny English village. If there are any Vicar fans who would like to be included, or if you would like to help plan this event, please talk to Donna.

The Coming Week At St. John's

Sunday, July 19 * *Coffee, Tea and Fellowship - Today (Lounge) After the service*

Monday, July 20 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm*

Tuesday, July 21 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Sound Installation (Sanctuary) - all day * Alanon Meeting (Lounge) 7pm - 9pm **

Wednesday, July 22 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Sound Installation (Sanctuary) - all day * Never Alone Meeting (Lounge) 6:30 - 8pm **

Thursday, July 23 * *Church Office CLOSED * AA Meeting (Lounge) 7pm- 9pm **

Friday, July 24 * *Church Office is Closed * Chair Yoga with Andrea (Lounge) 10am **

Saturday, July 25 * *Church Office is CLOSED*

Sunday, July 26 - Holy Worship with The Venerable Kevin Hunt