

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Readings For Next Sunday's Service:

- * First Reading, Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
- * Psalm 25:1-9
- * 1 Philippians 2:1-13
- * Gospel, Matthew 21:23-32

Refugee Family Co-Sponsorship Update –

Some good news to report: after waiting for over 2 years, the refugee family have finally been invited to interviews at the Visa Office abroad. This is a big step forward in their application process. These interviews are to determine whether they are eligible and admissible for resettlement to Canada and whether resettlement to Canada is the best solution for their situation. Please pray for the family members as they prepare for this important event.

Jean Welsh - Order of the Diocese of New Westminster 2026 - We are thrilled to tell you Jean Welsh will receive the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster on November 7, 2026. Jean is an amazing volunteer whose spirit of hospitality and compassion is unsurpassed. From Jean's Box collections for the shelters to tending the gardens at St. John's, from welcoming newcomers to providing food cards and bus fare to people in need, Jean Welsh is always giving, and she truly deserves this great honour! Congratulations, Jean!

September 30 - A National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - The church office will be closed on Wednesday, September 30. We encourage everyone to wear their orange shirt in solidarity with the victims, and to spend some time learning about the tragic legacy of Canada's Residential School system.

In Memorium - Dolores Steele - Dolores Steele was a long time member of St. Martin's, and was active in their community prior to the merger. For the last 8 years Dolores has been in care at Amica Village in Edgemont Village. She died on Friday June 26, 2026 at the age of 95.

A Memorial Service for Dolores will be held at St. John's on Saturday, October 3 at 11am. There will not be a reception afterward, as there will be an interment off-site immediately after the service.

Jean's Box Outreach - Jean's Box collects items all year long for **North Shore Crisis Services, Lookout Shelter, and the Mission to Seafarers**. Needs include toiletries & feminine hygiene products, treats and more. With Autumn on its way, warmer clothes and layers are most welcome - flannel shirts, long sleeves, long pants. Socks, underwear and seasonal clothing are needed.

We ask that you only donate new clothing or cleaned almost-new clothing.

Thanksgiving Food Drive and Fundraiser - Every year at Thanksgiving St. John's Church collects food and money for the Harvest Project food bank in North Vancouver. The need continues to be great, and we know you want to help.

Non-perishable, not expired food donations can be brought to church on Sunday Oct. 11.

This year we are making giving easier than ever! You can donate online by scanning the QR code. All money received through this campaign will be donated directly to the Harvest Project.



If you prefer to donate by cash or cheque, you can put an envelope on the collection plate on Sunday, or you can contact Donna in the office.

St. John's Anglican Church

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Vacation Alert

Kathryn Atkinson will be until October 5th.

Father Shawn will be away:

- Sept 23 - Oct 2
- Oct 5 - Oct 11

In case of a pastoral emergency during Father Shawn's absence, please contact church wardens Alison or Kathryn.

The Reverend Dr. Stuart Mennigke, Honorary Associate Priest at Christ Church Cathedral, will preside on September 27.

Flu Shot Clinic Returns - Sunday Oct. 18

After the great success last year, we are partnering once again with TravelVax / Pharmasave to bring a seasonal flu shot clinic on site. Parishioners and their families can sign up to get the flu shot, Covid shot, and other available vaccines. The clinic will begin as soon as the service ends, so you can get a shot then sit and have your coffee. **Sign up in advance at the Welcome Table** to ensure we have enough vaccine available. Email Donna in the office for more information.

Games Day - Games Night will return in November! It's a fun time for all ages, and everyone is welcome! Games and snacks provided, you just need to bring the fun! More details to come! Stay tuned!

Quote of the Week

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

'Water has to live, it can hear, it can sense what we're saying, it can really, really, speak to us. Some songs come to us through the water. We have to understand that water is very precious.'

—**Josephine Mandamin**
Anishnaabe founder of Mother Earth Walkers

A member of the Anishnaabe reserve of Wikwemikong Unceded Territory in Ontario, Josephine Mandamin was dedicated to the protection of water and educating others on water issues we face in Canada.

What do Josephine's words say to your soul?
What can we do to protect the living water?

Soup and Buns and Conversation Returns -

Mark your calendars for Soup & Buns on Wednesday, October 7 at 11:30 am in the lounge. If you can help, please speak with Diane.

Many Thanks! Thanks to everyone who helped make our Welcome Back Potluck so spectacular!

The Coming Week At St. John's

Sunday, Sept 20 * *Coffee, Tea and Fellowship - Today (Lounge) After the service* * AA Group (Lounge) 6pm-9pm

Monday, Sept 21 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm* * AA Meeting (Sanctuary) 7pm - 9pm

Tuesday, Sept 22 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm* * Alanon Meeting (Lounge) 7pm - 9pm

Wednesday, Sept 23 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm* * Never Alone Meeting (Lounge) 6:30 - 8:00pm

Thursday, Sept 24 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm* * AA Meeting (Lounge) 7pm- 9pm * Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7pm

Friday, Sept 25 * *Church Office is Closed* * Chair Yoga with Andrea (Lounge) 10am *

Saturday, Sept 26 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm*