

All Saints Anglican Church

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**‘The ground we walk does not belong to us; for thousands of years it has been
- and remains - the territory of the Stó:lō. We are grateful for their sharing.**

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OUR DOOR IS OPEN AND ALL ARE WELCOME

September 27th, 2026, Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Priest in Charge: The Reverend Philip Barker

Hosts: Graham Featherstone/Jennifer Pinlac

Intercessor: Lynn Laughlin

Lay Administrator: Dorothy Cresswell

Announcer: Virginia Jennings

Organ/Piano: Francesca Froehlich

Readers: Keith Fossey/Valerie Hamilton

Coffee Time: David/Valerie

**Baptism and Pet
Blessing Sunday**



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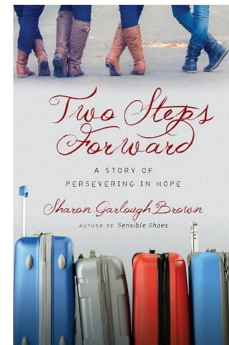


Please contact either warden if you have an issue that needs to be brought to the attention of the Vicar - or contact the Vicar direct (see above for details).

All Saint's Calendar/Announcements:

- **Book Club** – On August 19th Book Club will be starting "Two Steps Forward" by Sharon Garlough Brown, an experienced leader of spiritual formation retreats in the UK and US. The 4 women from Sensible Shoes are taking their next steps in the spiritual formation journey. But each of them is finding roadblocks along the way.

Please contact Sheila Barker at sjbarker0379@gmail.com if you would like an invitation to the Zoom meetings at 5.00 pm on Wednesdays or a copy of the book. The book is available on amazon for \$31.43 including tax.



- **Bible Study is every Saturday morning 0830-0900 on Zoom.** All are welcome to preview and discuss the readings for the Sunday service. Please ask Valerie to add your email address to the invitation list.
- Prayer Requests can be given on a piece of paper to either of the Wardens or the Vicar or entered in the Prayer Request Book on the lectern. Alternatively, you can contact Anthea Lewis at antheamlewis@shaw.ca for Pray First Prayer Circle, which is a confidential online prayer circle.
- Music Requests may be given to the Wardens or the Vicar.
- AA meets in the hall every Tuesday and Friday at noon.

- Every Thursday in the hall 1100-1200 we have a social time with coffee, games if you like or just talk.
- At 1000-1100 on Thursdays there is an Interactive Bible Study on the day's Lectionary readings. All are welcome – discover the treasures in this amazing book!
- 5th Sunday of each month will be a potluck lunch after the service.
- **Please sign up to help with the October 3rd garage sale, on the notice board by the kitchen.**
- **If you would like to book a table at the Craft Fair on October 24th, please see Fran. Cost is \$35**
- **This Sunday is a special day – Baptism of Lyric's little brother, Pet Blessing (all dogs welcome – no snakes) and Philip and Sheila's last Sunday with their All Saints Agassiz family. Bring your own Kleenex**

Ministerial Meandering

Second chances

She didn't seem to have a headache, but was more interested in the perfume counter it seems. Mama bear and cub made big local news after they strolled around Hope Pharmacy last week. The reaction of shop staff was exemplary; no-one panicked, and an appropriate call was made to the local police for advice. However, once any official had arrived, mama and cub had left. They had gone to the check-out, clearly explained that they were only looking, and hadn't purchased anything, and then they went on their way. No-one harmed, no-one having hissy fits, no-one screaming blue murder.

And yet mama was killed. For being too domesticated. That did upset people.

Sheila and I had a large Great Dane in South Africa - (I don't think they come in small sizes) - and Jake wanted to be friends with everyone. This didn't go so well when we had a home insurance inspection, to assess our security and home protection. Most homes in South Africa have dogs for protection, and some are distinctly nasty. But they do the job.

Having a dog who could easily take 'hidden' food off the top of your fridge, could pop his front paws on your shoulders and happily lick the top of your head - if it was hairless, like mine - and have people cross the street to avoid him because of his sheer size, we thought he would be regarded as a huge asset to our home security. Not so.

Having a friendly dog was the last thing our insurance assessor wanted. If Jake had entered and taken a chunk out of his leg, we would (in theory) have had a reduction in our insurance premium. As it was, after Jake had bounced into the man, licked his hand, sat down in front of him with the big eyes - in case he had any food in his pockets...our premium went up. Our dog was just far too friendly - clearly no deterrent at all. So we had to pay more.

So I started to wonder; one mama bear gets penalized and put down - because she shows no aggression and is supposed to be a wild animal; another dog is also penalized (and our insurance premium goes up) because he also shows no aggression. But he is supposed to be a domesticated animal. It seems that sometimes animals just can't win.

I would have thought that each of these examples could have had a second chance. The bear especially; after all, if she had mauled someone, she would have been shot for being a danger and savage. But because she is too docile and domesticated - she still gets shot. She never had a chance - and her cub was released into the wild too early to fend for himself.

I would also have thought that Jake could have been given a second chance. If the insurance agent had seen the average person's reaction to Jake - just on seeing our big boy, they might well have changed their minds. More than once, when out with Jake, particularly out of the centre town or in the sugar cane fields, if we came upon another person and the cane break would not allow them to get any distance away, their reaction was to stop and yell at me, "Must I climb a tree?" - or "Will he eat me?" To which I always enjoyed yelling back, "Not unless I tell him to!"

Philip+



Something to think about...

Any opportunity to witness the love of Jesus and the sanctity of God's creation is to be embraced. Make your stated belief match your observed behaviour, or else no-one will know or believe that you are a Christian. No, we can't all be Jesus, but we can all do our bit - and do our best. And you just don't know, your 'bit' and your best could be huge - and change the course of history! Well — why not?



Birthdays in the September

Rick Probert – 4
David Hamilton – 10
Allen Cresswell – 19

Wendy Young – 10
Sonya Hill – 17
Fern Northcott – 28

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We Pray for the Clergy and Congregation:

127 Society for Housing – Ms Joan Seidl, President ; St. Barnabas, New Westminster - The Revd Emilie Smith, The Revd Martha Cameron, The Revd Neil Seedhouse

Anglican Church of Canada Cycle of Prayer – We Pray for:

The Rt. Rev. Clara Plamondon, Bishop, and the clergy, and people of The Territory of the People. Every child matters! Remember the Indigenous children who did not return home from residential school; for survivors and their families; for truth, healing, and reconciliation

Collect

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

Exodus 17:1-7

Keith Fossey

¹The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?”

³But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?”

⁴Then Moses cried out to the Lord, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

⁵ The Lord answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

¹ My people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.
² I will open my mouth with a parable;
I will utter hidden things, things from of old—
³ things we have heard and known,
things our ancestors have told us.
⁴ We will not hide them from their descendants;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,
his power, and the wonders he has done.

¹² He did miracles in the sight of their ancestors
in the land of Egypt, in the region of Zoan.
¹³ He divided the sea and led them through;
he made the water stand up like a wall.
¹⁴ He guided them with the cloud by day
and with light from the fire all night.
¹⁵ He split the rocks in the wilderness
and gave them water as abundant as the seas;
¹⁶ he brought streams out of a rocky crag
and made water flow down like rivers.

Philippians 2:1-13

Valerie Hamilton

¹ Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same

love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used
to his own advantage;
⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Matthew 21:23-32

Vicar Philip Barker

²³ Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”

²⁴ Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁵ John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?”

They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’”²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”

²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

²⁹ “‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰ “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

³¹ “Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.”³² For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

Odds and Ends



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We will miss you.....

