

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Readings For Next Sunday's Service:

- * First Reading, Sirach 38:1-4, 6-10, 12-14
- * Psalm 147:1-7
- * 2 Tim 4:5-13
- * Gospel, Luke 4:14-21

October 18 - Service in the language of the Book of Common Prayer

Welcome Father Kevin!

Father Shawn is still away, and in his absence we are pleased to welcome back the **Venerable Kevin Hunt** as celebrant for today's **Harvest Thanksgiving service**.

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

LAST CHANCE! 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.

Today we are collecting non-perishable, **not expired** food donations. Food donations will be placed on the altar today and then delivered to the Harvest Project this week.

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, stop by the Welcome Table, or you can contact the office.

Flu Shot Clinic Returns Next Sunday -

Oct. 18, 2026 - 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. Shots will be given in the Forbes meeting room, and the line-up will start in the office area. *(Please remember to exit the lounge before 12:30pm, so the Korean Church can set up for their service.)*

*** BRING YOUR CARE CARD ***

*** WEAR SHORT SLEEVES ***

Sign up in advance at the Welcome Table to ensure we have enough vaccine available. Consent forms are required, and can be filled out in advance, or when you come to the clinic.

Email Donna in the office for more information.

Call to Action - Many roles to fill -

Have you heard the term, "Many hands make light work"? Here at St. John's there are many tasks that need to be done, and we are hoping some of you will step forward to help. The more volunteers we have, the easier it is for everyone!

- Altar Guild - set up the altar and prayer candles (Saturdays & Sundays)
- Intercessions - write and/or read the Prayers of the People (Sundays)
- Eucharistic Administrator - offering the bread and wine (speak to Father Shawn if you are interested)
- Coffee Hour - Set the tables, make coffee & tea, arrange goodies, clean up (Saturday and Sundays)
- Readers, Greeters, Welcome Table

Training is provided for all roles, and you will be supported all the way. If you have any questions, or you are ready to sign up, please contact Father Shawn, the Wardens, or the Church Office.

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. Autumn clothing - 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.

Games Day! November 14th - 3pm - 8pm
Games day returns for an afternoon of fun for all ages! From Monopoly and Trouble to cribbage, Taboo and Scrabble, and Klask and Boggle too, there is something for everyone. Play a favourite, or try something new. Snacks will be provided. RSVPs to Christie are helpful, but drop ins are

Office Closed Thanksgiving Day - Monday October 12 - The church office is closed on all statutory holidays, so the staff may enjoy time off with their families. Thank you for your understanding.

Quote of the Week

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

'The unthankful heart discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day and, as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings!'

—Henry Ward Beecher

If we face each day with a thankful heart, we are more likely to see God's blessings all around us. Take a moment and look around you. Which of God's blessings do you see right now?

Vicar Night - Celebrating Women in Ministry

This Autumn we celebrate the 50th year of women ordained to the Anglican Priesthood. To mark the occasion, we are having a Vicar Night! Join us for pizza dinner and a few episodes of the classic British comedy show, **"The Vicar of Dibley"**. See Donna for more details. Date to be announced.

The Coming Week At St. John's

Sunday, Oct 11 * *Coffee, Tea and Fellowship - Today (Lounge) After the service - 12:15pm **
AA Group (Lounge) 6pm-9pm

Monday, Oct 12 * *Church Office is CLOSED * AA Meeting (Sanctuary) 7pm - 9pm*

Tuesday, Oct 13 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Alanon Meeting (Lounge) 7pm - 9pm*

Wednesday, Oct 14 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Never Alone Meeting (Lounge) 6:30 - 8:00pm*

Thursday, Oct 15 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Mother Goose Program (Lounge) 10:30-11:30am * AA Meeting (Lounge) 7pm- 9pm * Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7pm*

Friday, Oct 16 * *Church Office is Closed * Chair Yoga with Andrea (Lounge) 10am **

Saturday, Oct 17 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm **

Thanking Rev. Patrick

Parishioners are invited to attend an informal get-together with Rev. Patrick, our former Rector, on **Sunday, November 1st at 2:30 pm** in the **Trendell Lounge at the Diocesan Synod Offices** at 1410 Nanton Avenue in Vancouver. We will have an opportunity to thank Rev. Patrick in person for his years of faithful service among us at St. John's. Light refreshments will be provided. As Rev. Patrick continues to be under his doctor's care, we need to remain flexible in our scheduling as his health may change. We will let you know. **RSVP is required** by contacting the office: stjohnnv@telus.net or 604 986-1151.

Thanks,

Alison & Kathryn,
Church Wardens.



*Happy
Thanksgiving!*

