

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Readings For Next Sunday's Service:

- * First Reading, Revelation 7:9-17
- * Psalm 34:1-10, 22
- * 1 John 3:1-3
- * Gospel, Matthew 5:1-12

Keeping you in prayer

One of my roles as a priest is to pray for members of our parish community, which I do during my daily prayers. Beginning this week, you will find a small black binder on the prayer bench in our chapel during Sunday Service. Please feel free to write your name and/or the name of someone you care about, along with the date, and I will keep your name in prayer for the next little while. First names are fine, and I will collect the binder at the end of church each Sunday. If you would prefer to share a particular prayer intention--for yourself or for someone you know--please do not hesitate to let me know in person or via email.

Peace and all good,

Father Shawn

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 visiting the Welcome Table or contacting the office: stjohnnv@telus.net or 604-986-1151.

Thanks, Alison & Kathryn, Church Wardens

Flu Shot Clinic Was a Huge Success! -

Thanks to our friends from Pharmasave, especially Abigail our wonderful pharmacist, our Flu Shot Clinic was a rousing success. 38 people got either the flu shot, covid shot, or both, while 9 people also updated their tetanus vaccine. At approximately 4 minutes per patient (on average) we got through everyone by 1:40pm. We have many suggestions for making next year's clinic even better, such as ensuring the sign-up sheet is followed in order, and having lollipops as an after-vaccine treat. If you have any suggestions for next year, please talk to warden Kathryn.

Christmas Fair - Saturday November 28

It is time to start planning our annual fundraising and fellowship event! Just five weeks from now, the lounge will be filled with delicious home-baked goods, hand-crafts, giftables, and more. Folks will be taking their chances with the Bottle Game, and we will also have our famous Gift Basket draw.

None of this happens without a lot of help from everyone in the parish. We will need baked goods and bottles, gift baskets and Christmas crafts, knitted treasures and more. There is a cafe where shoppers can have tea or cider and something to nibble, and staff will be needed for this. We will also need a crew of helpers to staff the different tables. Please see the sign-up sheet in the lounge.

Soup and Buns and Conversation - Wed.

November 4 - at 11:30am in the downstairs lounge. Please feel free to invite friends and family. While it is a drop-in program, please let Donna know if you plan to come and how many might be coming with you. (email the office at stjohnnv@telus.net or call 604-986-1151). We look forward to seeing you.

Upcoming at St. John's:

- Sunday Nov 1 - All Saints' Sunday
- Sunday Nov 8 - Remembrance Sunday
- Sunday Nov 15 - Feast of St Cécile, with blessing of music ministry

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 welcome.

Order of the Diocese of New Westminster -

Jean Welsh - We are very proud to announce our gardener, greeter, and volunteer extraordinaire **Jean Welsh** will be receiving the **ODNW** on Saturday November 7th. While the ceremony is by invitation only, the entire parish is invited to join us at coffee hour on Sunday November 8th, to celebrate her amazing achievement.

Quote of the Week

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

*"Ah, Lovely October,
as you usher in the season
that awakens my soul,
your awesome beauty compels my spirit
to soar like an leaf caught in an autumn breeze
and my heart to sing like a heavenly choir."*

- Peggy Toney Horton

We are deep in the "sweater weather" season, with leaves falling, gusts blowing, and sunsets appearing so much earlier. Author Peggy Toney Horton paints a beautiful picture of autumn with her words. What does this quote say to your soul?

Bakers' Helper - The baking tables are very popular tables at the Christmas Fair, so your help is needed! Not sure what to do? We have a quick Baking Guide with ideas on what to bake and how to package it for quick sale. See the Welcome Table.

The Coming Week At St. John's

Sunday, Oct 25 * *Coffee, Tea and Fellowship - Today (Lounge) After the service - 12:15pm **
AA Group (Lounge) 6pm-9pm

Monday, Oct 26 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * AA Meeting (Sanctuary) 7pm - 9pm*

Tuesday, Oct 27 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Alanon Meeting (Lounge) 7pm - 9pm*

Wednesday, Oct 28 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Never Alone Meeting (Lounge) 6:30 - 8:00pm*

Thursday, Oct 29 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Mother Goose Program (Lounge) 10:30-11:30am * AA Meeting (Lounge) 7pm- 9pm * Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:45pm*

Friday, Oct 30 * *Church Office is Closed * Chair Yoga with Andrea (Lounge) 10am **

Saturday, Oct 31 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Happy Halloween!*