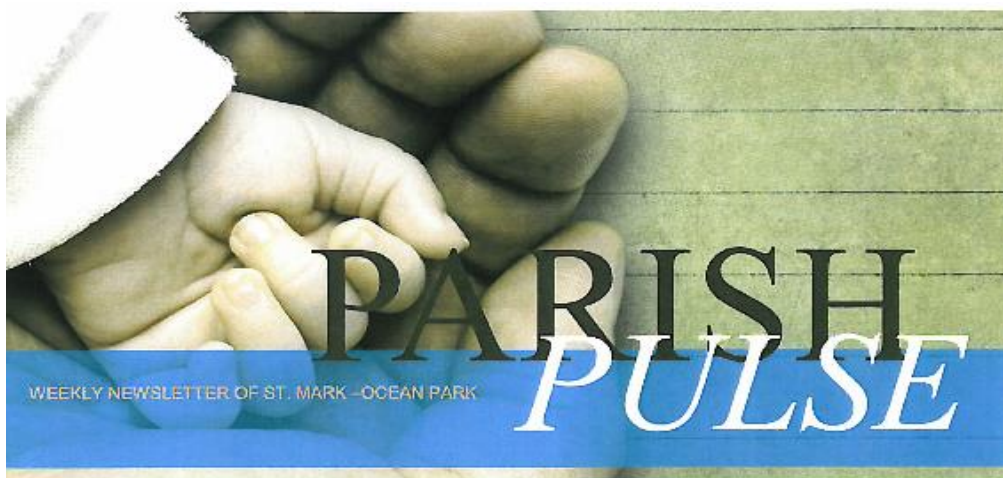


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NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH – NOVEMBER 24, 2013

**HOLLY BERRY FAIR–Sat. Nov. 30 11am - 2pm**

Only 1 week until the **Holly Berry Fair**. The ACW, Evening Guild, Men's Club, Youth, and Sunday School invite you to participate by donating the following: treasures & small household items in good condition; antiques & collectibles; baked goods, jams/jellies & preserves; Christmas items such as new or used decorations & candles; craft items; children's books; AND your time & talents! You can give your donations to Linda O'Donovan after the Sunday 10am service OR bring them to the Church Office. Linda can be reached at: 604-536-7983 OR [lindaodee@hotmail.com](mailto:lindaodee@hotmail.com).

**SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!**

**OH! OH! Have YOU been  
Faithful?.....**

**BOOK STUDY**

**“BECOMING A BLESSED CHURCH:  
Forming a Church of Spiritual Purpose,  
Presence and Power”**

Reverend Denise is offering a 7-week book study beginning in the first week of Advent as a follow-up to our recent conference on God's Abundance. A Blessed Church, author Graham Standish says, “is a glimpse of what a church can be. It is a vision, a glimpse of a healthy church uniquely grounded in a relationship with God that allows blessings to flow through it.” Together we will let Standish guide us into thoughtful discussion and action. We could meet mid-week in the afternoon or Sunday afternoons. Please let Rev. Denise know your preference, or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

**ST MARK – OCEAN PARK FINANCIAL STATUS at AUGUST 31, 2013  
OPERATING ACCOUNT**

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
TOTAL INCOME	34,173.20	304,895.79	346,676.67	(41,780.88)
TOTAL EXPENSES	38,783.09	325,372.40	346,676.67	(21,304.27)
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (4,609.89)	\$ (20,476.61)	--	\$ (20,476.61)

**Electoral Synod –  
Sat. Nov. 30, 2013**

**Who Are Your Synod Delegates?**

- 1) **Michael Klaver**  
Call 604-541-9598
- 2) **Tom Mackie**  
Call 604-530-1054
- 3) **Ernie Thiessen**  
Call 604-536-2590
- 4) **Greg Brown**  
Call 604-612-1676

**Further information is online at:  
[www.electoralsynod2013.com/](http://www.electoralsynod2013.com/)**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY**

Our focus is on Exodus 19:10-20:21

The Covenant

Learning that God gave us laws to guide  
and protect us.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!**

We're collecting donations of children's books, toys, puzzles & DVDs (no stuffies, please) & will sell these items at the Holly Berry Fair. All proceeds go to a Christmas Hamper for a needy family.

**SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR**

The new schedule is posted on the notice board in the Hall. Please check to see when you are listed and if it doesn't suit, phone Olive:

**604-535-2228.**

Christmas Baking – we request that you bake for the Christmas activities at Church:

- Christmas Lunch – Tues. Dec. 12, please bake dainty cakes or squares
- Children's Pageant – Sun. Dec. 15, please bake cookies
- Sunday, Dec. 22 – please bake minced pies or shortbread

***THANK YOU for all your help.***

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR** are given today in memory of Susan Jean and Robert Francis Peter;  
**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR** are given today by Lawrence and Lynne Hurd with thanksgiving for family.



**CHRISTMAS DECORATING MONDAY DEC. 2**

We will set up the "Journey of Christmas" outdoor display & decorate the Hall on Mon. Dec. 2, from 10am – 4pm. Come & decorate for the Christmas season. Pre-schoolers are welcome to help parents or grandparents decorate a tree. Friends & family are also welcome. If you wish to decorate Christmas trees please come after 11am. A hot lunch will be served to all helpers at around 12:30pm. Come & help bring the true Christmas spirit to our community. Call Brian Walks with any questions you may have: 604-538-3568.

**PWRDF in the Philippines**

Typhoon Haiyan affected an estimated 9.5 million people when it swept through the Philippines. PWRDF sent an initial grant of \$20,000, and has since committed a further \$20,000 to help people recover from the devastation. You can support this relief work by making your donation using an envelope found in your pew.

**LUNCH BASKET  
MEMORIAL &  
THANKSGIVING FUND  
DONOR PLEDGE CHART**

The 2014 Chart is now posted on the west wall in the Hall. Please sign up to donate to the Lunch Basket program. These donations help young single Moms with children under 18. Thanks to all who have donated this past year. Call Darlene Wiegand if you have any questions/concerns: 604-536-7107.

**The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children** is provided this week by David and Debbie Emery to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings and their grandson Oliver.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:  
December 1, 2013**

**The First Sunday in Advent**

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

**Psalms 122**

**Romans 13:11-14**

**Matthew 24:36-44**

**FLOWER CALENDAR**

The flower calendar is up & ready for you to sign up. Please sign up soon so that your date isn't taken. We have spaces for 2 people on each Sunday.

## **SENIORS UPDATE**

Last Wednesday get-together of 2013 is 1pm on Wed. Dec. 4 in the Family Room for games, Library for conversation group, tea and goodies to follow!

**Bus Trip** to H.R. MacMillan Planetarium, followed by Lunch. Bus leaves from Church at 9:30am. Tues. Dec. 3, Cost = \$40, plus lunch. Only 5 seats left!

**Christmas Lights Bus Trip** – Bus leaves church at 6pm, Tues. Dec. 17, Cost = \$25, includes bus & donations to various light displays – Tim Horton stop is extra at the end of the evening!

**Two Concerts** – Welsh Men's Choir on Fri. Nov. 29 and VSO Christmas concert 4pm on Dec. 19; please check your tickets; two are available for the VSO concert.

Please call Sue (604-531-4931)  
Or Janet (604-531-9585)



### **LIBRARY NEWS**

A Vision for the Aging Church, by James Houston & Michael Parker asks the question: "Are we ready for the opportunities and challenges facing the aging church?"

Now is the time for the church to offer ministry to its increasing numbers of seniors and to benefit from ministry they can offer. A noted theologian and an expert in the fields of social work and gerontology show that seniors aren't the problem. They are the solution.

## **BOUNDARIES TASK FORCE REPORT**



Diocese of New Westminster  
ANGELICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

Diocesan Council is considering proposed boundary changes and renaming of Deaneries and Archdeaconries as well as other recommendations to better enable good connections within the Diocese, better communication and more effective ministry. Parishioners are encouraged to review the report at [www.vancouver.anglican.ca](http://www.vancouver.anglican.ca) in the Announcements pane, on the left hand side, second section, Diocesan Council Highlights. If you prefer a paper copy of the report pl

ease contact Sheila in the Parish Office. If you have any comments, please provide them to Drew Gauntley by email: [drewgaun@telus.net](mailto:drewgaun@telus.net) not later than Wed. Dec. 4, 2013. We will be providing a synopsis of those comments

### **THE ORDER OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER**

St. Mark's has previously been honoured by Nancy Dexter, Stan Hodgson, Hilda Smith, John Reader and Rea Anderson as recipients of the Order, and it is now time to consider nominees for the coming year. Any lay member of the Parish may be nominated, but typically, nominees will have served in a Parish or number of Parishes or the Diocese in an outstanding manner on committees, parish councils, special outreach, etc. for a minimum and continuous period of ten years, although not confined to one activity or in one parish.

Written nominations, together with the supporting justification, may be submitted by any member in good standing to the Rev. Craig Tanksley, Rector, no later than Sunday December 15, 2013, preferably by email to: [tanksley@smartt.com](mailto:tanksley@smartt.com).

Please note that nominations submitted in previous years are no longer valid, and if you wish an individual to be considered, he or she must be nominated again.



**HEADING FOR  
CARNEGIE HALL in  
NYC....**

One of our own, Ashley Van Nes, is going to sing at Carnegie Hall in New York City in April of 2014 with the White Rock Children's Choir and their pianist, Janet Rendell. Ashley is selling delicious Purdy's Chocolate Bars for just \$2 each to help pay for her trip. She will be in the Hall after the 10am service. YUM! YUM!

**LOVELY LADY LARKS !**

About 30 parishioners were joined by over 200 from our community for the concert last Sunday to hear Boogie Woogie music, as well as selections by Irving Berlin, Gershwin and Duke Ellington. Our grateful thanks to Debra, Chris, John, Roberta, Tim, Janet, Lynne, Joyce, Karen, Brian, Jock, Elli and Josh and many others who helped make this such a great success. St. Mark's Concerts is off to a great start PWRDF will benefit greatly as a result.

**HINT** – our next concert is Sunday, February 9, 2014 at 3pm. Mark your calendars now and get your tickets when they go on advanced sale to parishioners. You won't want to miss it!

**ST. MARK'S YOUTH**

Youth4OnePurpose  
Contact: Josh  
youth@stmarkbc.org

**PRAYER CHAIN CONTACT**

Maggie Ferguson  
(604) 538-6160  
maggieferguson@telus.net

**TODAY!**

**SHOWER FOR BABY MIREYA**  
Join us in the Family Room, right after  
today's 10 a.m. service.

**TODAY!**  
**Souper Sunday**

It's Souper Sunday! Buy your  
Minestrone Soup this morning.

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

Perhaps you are thinking about a way to give back to St. Mark's and exercise the gifts God has given you. We have an opportunity for you to be part of Parish Council as a:

**People's Warden,  
Synod Delegate,  
Alternate Synod Delegate,  
or Member at Large.**

Please speak with Betty-Ann (604-536-8739) OR Drew (604-536-0330) if you are interested.

Roses are red violets are blue;  
The Flower Ministry really needs you;  
Join our team, make someone's day;  
Deliver a lovely flower bouquet.  
**See Lynne Brownridge in the Hall OR  
call her at: 604-531-3996**



**OFFICE HOURS**

**Tuesday-Thursday  
9am to 3pm**

**Friday 10am to 1pm**

**Upcoming Events**

**Monday, Nov. 25**

9am - Exercise Class – H

**Tuesday, Nov. 26**

9:30am - Bible Study FR  
7pm – Parish Council FR  
7pm – Youth YR

**Wednesday, Nov. 27**

9am - Exercise Class – H  
10am - Service – S  
7:30 - Choir Practice – S

**Thursday, Nov. 28**

9am – Holly Berry Fair set  
up in the Hall  
7pm – Journey Mtng - FR

**Friday, Nov. 29**

9am – Holly Berry Fair set  
up in the Hall

9am - Exercise Class -EdC  
10:30am - Bible Study - YR

**Saturday, Nov 30**

11am – to 2pm Holly Berry  
Fair in the Hall

**Sunday, Dec 1**

White Gift Sunday

**Monday, Dec 2**

10am – Journey Setup Day

**Saturday, Dec 7**

Christmas Men's Club  
Dinner

**Thursday, Dec 12**

11:30am - Seniors'  
Christmas Lunch

**Sunday, Dec 15**

10am – Children's Pageant  
6pm – Journey of  
Christmas Opens

**Tues. Dec. 24**

5pm – Childrens' Service  
7pm – Service  
11pm – Candlelight Service

**Sunday, Dec. 25**

10am – Service

**Sunday, Feb 16, 2014**

11am – Annual Vestry  
Meeting