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## **NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2014**

### **ANNUAL VESTRY REPORTS**

The Vestry Reports will be available in the Narthex for the next three weeks. We trust that you will appreciate that we have only printed enough copies to provide one to each family. Please respect that request and provide your name and signature on the acknowledgement pages provided. Thank you!

### **VESTRY MEETING – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

The Annual Vestry Meeting of St. Mark's will take place on Sunday, Feb. 16, 2014 following a combined Morning Prayer Service at 10am, and a lunch immediately following in the Parish Hall. We encourage every member to attend, and pray for this annual business meeting, as it is an important time to gather as a community and make important decisions based on where we see the Lord leading us as a Parish.

### **Newcomers**

There will be a light luncheon after the 10am service today in the Family Room, to meet some of St. Mark's leaders, learn a bit of history, and enjoy some fellowship.

### **Valentine's Concert – Sunday, February 9**

Please mark your calendar for Sun. Feb. 9 at 3pm for "Jaclyn Guillou, A Musical Valentine," the second concert of our new concert series ministry! This concert will feature one of Canada's hottest jazz artists, Jaclyn Guillou, and her band, and should be a very exciting event. Jaclyn was a recipient of the CBC Galaxie Rising Star award, and has performed at numerous jazz festivals worldwide. Her tours have taken her across the globe, including performances in the U.S., Belgium, and Luxembourg. Prior to focusing on jazz, she had a 15-year international career performing in music theatre around the globe. The Outreach Ministry will benefit from a portion of the profits of this wonderful concert. There will be tea and refreshments served in the Parish Hall following the performance. Tickets are \$15/each and will be available in the Narthex following the service over the next two weeks. There will also be a supply for purchase in the Church Office as well. Don't wait – tickets are going f-a-s-t !

### **PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS FOR 2014**

In the Narthex, you will see a poster listing nominations for Parish Council for 2014. Should you have a name that you would like to suggest, and that person has agreed to let their name stand, please contact Wardens: Betty-Ann (604-536-8739), Drew (604-536-0330) or Brian (604-535-1941), with your nomination.

The Nomination Committee will then contact that person and provide them with the Ministry Description, and add them to the list. We will also take nominations from the floor at Vestry, but we would prefer to have names in advance so that we can prepare for an election.

Thank you!

### **Next Week's Bible**

#### **Readings:**

Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalms 112:1-10

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Matthew 5:13-20

**Announcement** - Dean Peter Elliott has asked our Rector to serve with him on the Planning Committee for the Induction of our new Bishop, induction to take place on Saturday, March 1, 2014. Our prayers go out to Craig as he participates in the planning and staging of this historical event.

**Prayer Chain Contact** - is Lynne Hurd and she can be reached by calling: 604-542-2772, or by writing to her at: lynneh1@telus.net.

**Library News** - How are your New Year's Resolutions doing? We have lots of books in the library that might help you with your resolve. Be inspired by someone else's life, look in 920 for Autobiographies and Biographies. Want to brush up on your prayer skills? Try 242.8. Are your children pushing the limits or is it that your parents don't understand? Try 306.8 for some answers. Have you decided to read one book in depth or do you want a reading plan for the year (220)? Try some of the commentaries (220.7) and books on the history (222) and culture of Biblical times (220.9). Did you know that even the reference books can be taken home? Or are you just looking for some relaxation? Have you tried the fiction or DVDs lately?

**Seniors News** - Wednesday Get Togethers are alternate Wednesdays (until further notice) with the next one on Feb. 5. Join us at 1pm in the Family Room for games, or in the Library for conversation, both followed by light refreshments, tea and coffee at 2:30pm in the Family Room.

**Upcoming Event include:**

Tues. Feb. 25, Surrey Arts Club, "Chelsea Hotel", bus leaves the church at 6:45pm;  
Mon. March 10, VSO Concert at Bell Centre, bus leaves the church at 7pm.  
Events in March, April, May and the summer are in the early planning stages.  
If you are interested in any, or all, of the events, please call Sue at 604-531-4931, email Sue at [sinder@shaw.ca](mailto:sinder@shaw.ca), or call Janet at 604-531-9582.

**Youth** - Youth Alpha takes place on Sundays, from 10am, from Sun. Jan. 19 to Sun. April 13. This week's discussion is entitled: "Cross: Why did Jesus Die?" All middle/high school students are invited to join us in the Youth Room each week for breakfast and a time of fellowship and discussion. Please contact Josh at: [youth@stmarkbc.org](mailto:youth@stmarkbc.org), or call 604-614-5852 for more information.

**The Pie Guy** - Brian is happy to take your order for pies. He can be reached at 604-538-0269 or at [thepieguy@shaw.ca](mailto:thepieguy@shaw.ca)

**PWRDF** - The 2014 International Year of Family Farming (IYFF) aims to: raise the profile of family farming & smallholder farming by focusing world attention on its significant role in eradicating hunger & poverty, providing food security and nutrition, livelihoods, managing natural resources, protecting the environment, and achieving sustainable development, particularly in rural areas. For more information visit: [www.pwrdf.org](http://www.pwrdf.org)

**Sunday School** - The focus this week is Exodus 39:32-40/39 and Hebrews 9:1-12 - The Tabernacle and Jesus' Sacrifice - Jesus is the perfect, once-and-for-all sacrifice for our sins.

**Weekly & Monthly 2014 Envelopes** - If you have not picked up your envelopes, please ask one of the "Welcomers" as you arrive for either the 8am or 10am Service. Regular users of Pew Envelopes may request Weekly/Monthly envelopes, or for information about PAD (Pre-authorized Monthly Donations) contact Douglas Brown, Donation Secretary (604-535-9599).

**Flowers for the Altar** are given today by Barry, Kaitlin and Dylan Jones to the Glory of God in loving memory of Susan Jones, and by Ann Colman to the Glory of God and in memory of her husband Robert.

**Flower Chart** - The flower chart has room for more people to donate flowers. If you would like to dedicate flowers to a loved one or to celebrate a special event, please sign up before the days are taken. If you are giving flowers please let us know at least 2 weeks in advance if you wish us to get the flowers for you. You can do this by putting \$50 in your envelope marked for ALTAR FLOWERS. The other way is to call Margaret Kirkpatrick at 604-535-4975 or Kathryn Smith at 778-549-0858.

**The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children** is given with joy and thankfulness by Jef and Shannon Poulsen for the gift of their granddaughters Lily and Olivia.

**Forward Day by Day** - The Feb./Mar./Apr. 2014 installment is available from Carolyn Brown in the Narthex.

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday-Thursday**  
9am to 3pm  
**Friday 10am to 1pm**

#### **Upcoming Events**

##### **Monday, Feb. 3**

9am - Exercise Class - H

##### **Tuesday, Feb. 4**

9:30 - Bible Study - FR

7-9pm - Youth Group - Y

7pm - Bible Study - L

7pm - Bible Study - FR

##### **Wednesday, Feb. 5**

9am - Exercise Class - H

10am - Service - S

7:30 - Choir Practice - S

##### **Thursday, Feb. 6**

3pm - Book Study - FR

##### **Friday, Feb. 7**

9am - Exercise - H

#### **Today**

Newcomers Lunch following the 10am Service - FR

##### **Sunday, Feb. 9**

Jaclyn Guillou in Concert at 3pm - S

##### **Sunday, Feb. 16**

11:15am - Annual Vestry Meeting - H