

"PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2014

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<u>Wednesday Morning Services in April</u> – Please be advised that the April 16 10am Healing Service <u>will not take place</u>. There is a 7:30pm Compline Service that evening. Also, the April 23rd 10am Service <u>will not take place</u>.

Mamma Mia! SAVE THE DATE! — The next concert in our St. Mark's Concert Series will be on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11 at 3pm in the Sanctuary. It is entitled Mamma Mia! and will feature a wide variety of great music honouring mothers, and those who have lost children.

This concert will feature St. Mark's own professional singers Debra DaVaughn and Christopher Simmons, as well as Mezzo-Soprano Tamara Croft, Baritone Andrew Greenwood, Pianist Karen Lee-Morlang and Guitarist Francis von Roode. They will perform Strauss, Elvis and everything in between. Please plan to spend the afternoon with them on Mother's Day.

As always tickets are \$15 and are available after church, starting today. The proceeds from this concert will be used to help fund some much-needed repairs to our lovely Chickering piano in the Sanctuary. The ACW will be providing refreshments in the Parish Hall during intermission. Buy your tickets early to ensure you get a seat! There will be a feature story running in the Peace Arch News on the event, so we expect the local community to be here in numbers!

<u>Formation of a New Concert Series Ministry Team Co-ordinated by Tim Rendell</u> – A new Concert Series Ministry team to support Debra and Christopher has been formed. It comprises a small group of parishioners, and is coordinated by the enthusiastic and very capable Tim Rendell. Through this outreach ministry we want to welcome the community into St. Mark's, bring quality entertainment to our parishioners and the public, and donate proceeds to various causes and ministries. Please pray for God's blessings on our new Concert Series Ministry, and for Debra, Christopher, Tim and their new team.

<u>Forward Day By Day</u> – The May/June/July installment is available in the Narthex. To pay the \$5 cost please see Carolyn Brown.

<u>New Nursery Digs!</u> Thanks to all who have contributed items to make our nursery all that we hoped it could be. Now parents have the practical things required to enter into worship with little children in hand.

- In gratitude, Rev. Denise

<u>A Baptismal Journey</u> - Jacob and David Higginson are on a baptismal journey this Lent. Please pray for them during this time!

<u>A Communion Program for Children</u> – "Life in the Eucharist: A Communion Program for Children", will be offered soon. A meeting will be held today following the 10am service. The meeting is for parents/guardians, children ages 4-9 years, and those wishing to be companions to the families who will participate.

<u>Prayer Chain Contact</u> is Lynne Hurd. She can be reached by calling: 604-542-2772, or by writing to her at lynneh1@telus.net.

<u>Youth</u> – Today at 10am is the final Youth Alpha. Today's topic is: "Church: What About Church And Telling Others?" All middle/high school students are invited to join us in the Youth Room for breakfast and a time of fellowship and discussion. Please contact Josh at: <u>youth@stmarkbc.org</u>, or call 604-614-5852 for more information.

Sunday School - The focus this week is "Jesus Enters Jerusalem" - John 12:12-16; next week's focus is "Jesus is Alive" - John 20:1-18

Wednesday of Holy Week Bible Readings – Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 70, Hebrews 12:1-3, and John 13:21-32. Maundy Thursday Bible Readings - Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, and John 13:1-17, 31b-35,

Good Friday Bible Readings - Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22, Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9, John 18:1-19, 42 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Readings - Job 14:1-14, Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16, 1 Peter 4:1-8, Matthew 27:57-66 Next Sunday's Bible Readings - Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3:1-4, and Matthew 28:1-10.

April Meeting of the Evening Guild - The Evening Guild will meet in the Family Room on Tuesday, April 22nd at 7:00pm. (This meeting was originally scheduled to take place on Tuesday, April 15 – the date has changed.)

ATTENTION Those Who Participate in the Pre-Authorized Donation Program - If you require changes to your P.A.D. donation, please email douglas@myowncity.com OR drop off a note for Douglas Brown, Donations Secretary, at the Office. P.A.D. donations are processed by the Diocesan Office on the 15th day of each month. Thank you once again for your faithfulness and financial support of St. Mark's, Ocean Park.

OFFICE HOURS

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

Upcoming Events

Monday, April 14

9am - Exercise Class - H Tuesday, April 15

7pm - Bible Study - FR

7-9pm - Youth Group - Y

Wednesday, April 16

9am - Exercise Class - H (10am Healing Service will not take place)

1pm - Seniors Get Together

- Hall & Library

7:30pm - Compline Service In the Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday, April 17

6pm - Passover (Seder) Celebration – a Christian Seder Supper

Good Friday, April 18

9am - Hot Cross Buns in the Hall:

10:30am - Celebration of the Lord's Passion - Sanctuary 11:30am - Stations of the Cross

3pm - Stations of the Cross for Families.

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children is provided this week by Olive Pociwauschek to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alec, Marjorie and Stanley Curtis, and in thanks for His many blessings.

H.M.S. Pinafore will be presented by The Fraser Valley Gilbert & Sullivan Society. Dates: Wed. April 30 to Sat. May 10. Place: Coast Capital Playhouse, Johnston Road, White Rock. For tickets call: 604-536-7535

Seniors News - Wednesday Get Togethers are alternate Wednesdays with the next one on April 16. 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. For information on upcoming events please call Sue at 604-531-4931 or email Sue at sinder@shaw.ca, or call Janet at 604-531-9585.

Monday, April 28 – the last VSO Concert of the current season – the bus leaves St. Mark's for the Bell Centre at 7pm. If you need a ride to the bus please contact Sue or Janet.

Saturday, May 3 - the Welshman's Choir Concert at 7:30pm at White Rock Baptist Church - please call Sue as soon as possible if you are interested. Car rides can be arranged.

Thursday, May 8 - HMS Pinafore, with the Gilbert & Sullivan Society of the Fraser Valley – 8pm at the White Rock Playhouse - \$27 per person. Rides to the theatre can be arranged. Please phone Sue or Janet.

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	Cur	rent Month Year to Date		Budget			Variance	
TOTAL INCOME		37,685.10	93,400.54	10	8,376.47		(14,975.93)	
TOTAL EXPENSES		35,718.79	109,966.94	108,376.47			1,590.47	
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$	1,966.31	\$ (16,566.40)	\$	-	\$	(16,566.40)	