



St. Mark's Anglican Church

"PARISH PULSE"
NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH
SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2014

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Dahlia Sale Today – In the Parish Hall, after the 10am Service (*at approximately 11:30am*) purchase a great selection of colourful Dahlias. Payment by donation with all proceeds going to the Church Garden Fund.

St. Mark's Ladies Evening Guild Annual Bursary – The application form is available at the Office. Applicants must be active members of St. Mark's & have been accepted into a post-secondary education institution. Other details are outlined on the application form. ***Deadline for applications is Sunday, June 1.***

**The next concert in our St. Mark's Concert Series is Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11
3pm in the Sanctuary.**

The concert is **Mamma Mia!** presenting popular music tributes honouring mothers, with selections ranging from Strauss to Elvis and everything in between, and featuring 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.

Tickets are \$15 and will be available in the Hall following the 8am and 10am services today. For convenience, tickets are now also available by credit card through Brown Paper Tickets: call 800-838-3006, or buy online at mammamia.brownpapertickets.com

Buy now and make it a family affair to honour Mothers on this special occasion!

Proceeds will be used to fund much-needed repairs to our lovely Chickering piano in the Sanctuary. Refreshments provided on May 11 by the ACW in the Parish Hall during intermission.

Library News – *The Gift of an Ordinary Day*, by Katrina Kenison, is a story of midlife longings and discoveries. From deciding to leave all she knows in a Boston suburb and move to a rural New Hampshire town to grapple with the high-stakes game of college admissions for her older son, and, holding her breath and tongue, as her younger son makes his way through the trials of early adolescence, Kenison illuminates many a mother's fears and desires by so poignantly describing her own. Throughout the tumult of life with adolescents and midlife transformations, Kenison is surprised to find that the times she treasures the most are the ordinary moments of everyday life, the very moments she once took for granted. A very inspiring read.

A Baptismal Journey - Jacob & David Higginson are on a baptismal journey. Please pray for them during this time.

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

Youth – St. Mark's Youth – Youth4OnePurpose – contact Josh: youth@stmarkbc.org

Sunday School - The focus this week is "Jesus Appears to the Disciples" – John 20:19-29.

Next Sunday's Bible Readings – Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19, 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children is provided this week by Craig and Holly Tanksley with thanksgiving to God for our Godchildren Gareth Featherstone and Vivian Wu.

Flowers for the Altar – are given today by Violet Reimer to the Glory of God and in treasured gratitude to our Exalted, Risen King Jesus for His Everlasting Faithfulness and Abiding Love and Commitment for each of us!! Hallelujah!!! Risen up to serve my Master again! Eternally His, Violet. “How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!” Psalm 2:12

Flowers for the Altar are also given today to remember Joseph, with sadness after 20 long years, yet with joy knowing he’s with Jesus! To the glory of God – Susan Simmons and family.

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday

9am to 3pm

Friday 10am to 1pm

Upcoming Events

Monday, April 28

9am – Exercise Class – H

Tuesday, April 29

7pm – Parish Council - FR

7pm – Bible Study – L

7-9pm – Youth Group – Y

Wednesday, April 30

9am - Exercise Class – H

10am - Service

1pm – Seniors – FR & L

7:30pm – Choir – Sanctuary

Friday, May 2

9am - Exercise Class - H

Seniors News – Wednesday Get Togethers are alternate Wednesdays with the next one on **April 30**. 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.

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; 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 telephone Sue or Janet.

PWRDF News

- PWRDF has announced a new joint program with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). PWRDF will contribute \$2.7 million over five years towards the \$10.8 million project that will focus on maternal and child health in 59 villages in Burundi, Mozambique, and Tanzania.
- In Cuba, PWRDF is working with the Cuban Council of Churches (CCC) and the Christian Centre for Reflection and Dialogue (CCRD) to raise food production, reduce rural poverty, improve nutrition, improve resilience to climate change, foster gender empowerment and break dependency on imported food. This will improve the quality of life and conditions for food production and consumption for families in urban and rural communities in Cuba. More information is available at: www.fredsays.ca

