



St. Mark's Anglican Church

"PARISH PULSE"
NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH
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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 <http://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.

"First Fruits" Garden Project - Prov. 3:8 "Honour the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all your crops, then your barns will be filled". Since this Garden Project resumed in 2008 it has raised more than \$10,000 to assist within and outside the Parish. It provided a wonderfully vibrant place after the Sunday morning services to exchange gardening tips, recipes and samplings of home-grown fruit, vegetables, flowers, seedlings, bulbs etc. All this for a donation to serve those in need. Monies raised have been used within the parish to refurbish the Memorial Garden six years ago and for contributions to St. Mark's Ministries and the Capital Campaign. Beyond St. Mark's this project has sent money through the Primate's World Relief & Development Fund (PWRDF) and through Doctors without Borders to assist with humanitarian needs and to assist victims of natural disasters that ranged from Famine in the Sahel region of Africa and in the Horn of Africa, to floods in Pakistan, Tsunami, and Earthquake relief in Japan, and for relief for refugees and victims of the bloodshed in Syria. **Does God have another plan or purpose for the time and resources it takes to manage this or a similar project? Please pray for God's will to become clear regarding such a project.** --- Anne Schreck

Library News – The psalmist wrote: "I will not fear, though the earth give way...and mountains quake...for God is my refuge and strength". What does it mean to have that kind of confidence in God? How does a woman grow in true inner strength and peace? With warmth and utterly practical common sense Pat Holt leads us step-by-step to the one source of confident living that cannot be destroyed by outward circumstances. More than a reading experience, **Ten Myths That Damage A Woman's Confidence** lays a simple, but sure path, to a godly confidence that will change your life.

During Craig's Sabbatical Read His "Pastor's Blog" – Craig & Holly off on their three month Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and are following the footsteps of Paul. St. Mark's website now features photos & articles by Craig. The link is: www.stmarkorg/pastorsblog/ The "Pastors Blog" is found under the drop-down menu of the "News" tab on the home page. Watch this space throughout the three month Pilgrimage period for brief excerpts from the blog.

Prayer Chain Contacts – in May, June and July are Michael and Jean Weller. Please call 604-538-9334 or email: weller301@shaw.ca

The Healing Service - is in the Sanctuary at 10am on Wednesday, May 21.

St. Mark's Youth – Youth gather on Sundays at 10am in the Youth Room Sundays for "The Thinking Series: Asking Life's 5 Biggest Questions" until May 25.

Youth gather on Tuesdays at 7pm and they explore Scripture to discover the power of the Resurrection. For more information or to sign-up for our newsletter visit www.stmarkbc.org/youth/

Sunday School – May is "Missions Month". All month the Sunday School will be collecting for the Food Bank's Lunches For Kids program. Needed items are: nutritious snacks, granola bars, real fruit snacks, real fruit juice boxes, tinned tuna, tinned ham, and soup. Also, after May 18th donations of fresh apples and oranges will be gratefully accepted.

The Sunday School focus this week is – On The Road To Emmaus – based on Luke 24:13-25

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

Next Sunday's Bible Readings – Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children is provided this week by Ann Colman to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her Mother Mary.

Flowers for the Altar – are given today by Graeme and Daniela Harfman in celebration of their marriage. Flowers for the altar are also given today by Olive Pociwuschek 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. On now until 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, May 5

9am – Exercise Class – H

Tuesday, May 6

1pm – Prayer Shawls – FR

7pm – Bible Study – FR

7pm– Youth Group – Y

Wednesday, May 7

9am - Exercise Class – H

10am - Service

7:30pm – Choir – Sanctuary

Friday, May 8

9am - Exercise Class - H

Sunday, May 11

3pm - Mamma Mia! Concert
in the Sanctuary

Seniors News – Wednesday Get Togethers are alternate Wednesdays with the next one on **May 14**. 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.

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 – On March 2nd of this year the Primate of the Anglican of Canada, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, visited Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria. He joined the congregation to speak with the children of the parish and to preach about the work of the PWRDF. The primate's stories focused on the current Food Security campaign and efforts to bring clean drinking water to First Nations communities in Canada.

Mission Missive – Toni Wallis is collecting articles for the next edition of the *Mission Missive*. Please contact Toni if you have an article idea.