



## St. Mark's Anglican Church

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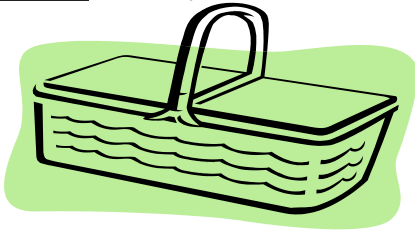
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**Next Sunday's Bible Readings** – Genesis 22:1-14, Psalm 13, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42.

**Prayer Chain Contacts** – Michael and Jean Weller. Please call 604-538-9334 or email: [weller301@shaw.ca](mailto:weller301@shaw.ca)

**The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children** is provided this week by Jeff and Shannon Poulson to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of granddaughter Olivia May.

**PARISH PICNIC** – Today!



**St. Mark's Youth** – Youth gather on Sundays at 10am in the Youth Room. Our current series, "For The Life Of The World" will help us integrate our faith with life in the modern world.

Youth gather on Tuesdays at 7pm for fellowship and Bible study. For more information or to sign-up for our newsletter visit [www.stmarkbc.org/youth/](http://www.stmarkbc.org/youth/)



**Library News** – If you are reading the "Wives of the Patriarchs" series by Jill Smith, *Rebekah* has just arrived. As Rebekah experiences the joy of young love and the bitterness of misunderstanding and betrayal, her resolve is tested. When the rift between her and Isaac grows so wide it is surely too great to be mended, can she trust the God of Isaac's father Abraham to bridge the gap?

## "PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2014



**Craig's Blog** – Access the "Pastor's Blog" via [www.stmarkbc.org/blog/](http://www.stmarkbc.org/blog/) on St. Marks' website. You will see on the other side of today's "Pulse", a recent article by Craig. **ALSO** his stories are pinned up on the Hall's bulletin board. The photos and articles by Craig describe highlights of his and Holly's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

**Flowers for the Altar** – are given today to the Glory of God and in ever loving memory of William Hussen and John Vanderleur, by Roger, Mari Anne and Joyce Hussen.

**Summer Sunday School** – starts on Sun. July 13.

**First Fruits Garden Project** – First Sundays, June to October. Following the 8am and the 10am Services each first Sunday of the month there will be an offering of the "First Fruits of our produce..." Prov. 3:8, at a table in the Parish Hall. This is a fun and very interactive offering of vegetables, fruits, seedlings, flowers, bulbs, etc., by some of the very generous gardeners amongst us. Come and check it out July 6.

**Vacation Bible School** – This year's theme is "Son Treasure Island". The VBS runs between Mon. August 18 and Fri. August 22. Application and consent forms are available Monday through Friday in the Church Office.

**Seniors News** – Wednesday Get Togethers are alternate Wednesdays with the next one on **June 25**. 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](mailto:sinder@shaw.ca), or call Janet at 604-531-9585.

## **Christ Church in Jerusalem**

by Rev. Craig Tanksley, May 29, 2014

It is time to say a few words about this Church that is hosting us and helping us with this Sabbatical Journey. It is the oldest Protestant Church in the Middle East. It is actually built on top of what was King Herod's Palace gardens. There are large cisterns and tunnels below us, one of which is thought to have been an emergency escape tunnel for Herod.

Christ Church was started in 1849 by a German born Messianic Jew named Michael Solomon Alexander. He was a true visionary who believed, one hundred years before it happened, that the Jews would return to their homeland. He was also a man of great compassion. When appointed as the first Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem, he helped impoverished Jews, he began a hospital and an Anglican school. He founded this church on the vision that it would share the good news of the Messiah, Jesus, with the Jewish people and that has remained its primary mandate ever since.

What a busy place this is. As we sit in the courtyard, literally hundreds of people pass through. Many come to worship as three congregations share this church in English, Hebrew and Arabic. Many come from all over the world to see the Holy Land led by the talented guides of Shores Ministries, established to help Christians understand the Jewish roots of their faith. When they arrive they are housed, like Holly and I, in the guest-house facilities which include 34 rooms.

Others come to see the historical ruins beneath the ground and are given a tour of this place and an opportunity to learn

more about the Messiah. One day we saw no fewer than forty Muslim women come through the Heritage Center, then followed by a Israeli Jewish group.

There is a school which provides courses, often to poor African pastors. There is a growing library with some amazingly old and important archival material.

There is a vibrant and popular coffee shop and a dining room which offers delicious food cooked by a chef trained in French cuisine at Notre Dame.

They also offer sabbaticals to clergy. Praise God. So we are here, learning, growing, stretching and exploring.

We are very grateful to our beloved congregation for allowing us this opportunity, and to the minsters and staff of Christ Church for providing a place to settle and to grow.

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Thursday

**9am to 3pm**

Friday **10am to 1pm**

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Monday, June 23**

9am – Exercise Class - H

#### **Tuesday, June 24**

7pm– Youth Group – Y

7pm – Parish Council - FR

#### **Wednesday, June 25**

9am - Exercise Class – H

10am - Service – Sanctuary

1pm – Seniors – FR/L

#### **Friday, June 27**

9am - Exercise Class – H