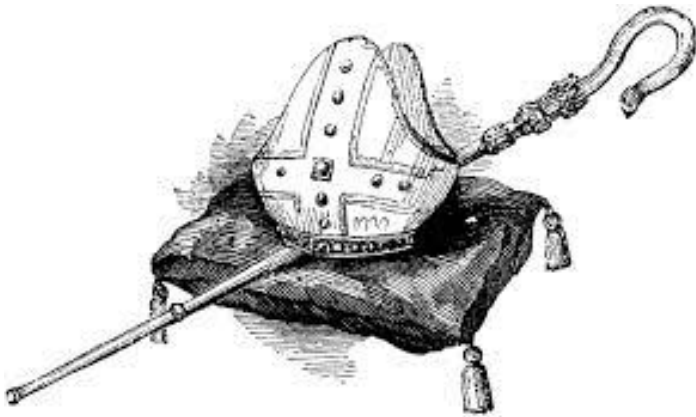




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Episcopal Visit – Bishop Melissa Skelton will be visiting our Parish on Holy Cross Sunday, September 14, 2014. We are very excited to present our Parish to her for the first time! We look forward to her ministry among us and hope to be a blessing to her as well.

Parish Council gave the Planning Group (Jack B., Anne S., Linda Z., Betty-Ann B., and Reverend Denise) their blessing on a proposal which involves the following program:

- 8am Holy Communion Service; the Bishop will be preaching and presiding;
- 9am Coffee Fellowship with the Bishop;
- 10am Intergenerational Holy Communion Service; the Bishop will be preaching and presiding; and
- 11:15am Ministry Fair and Reception with the Bishop.

As you can see we hope that all Ministry Leaders will make preparations for the Fair. Reception planning is underway, thanks to Debbie Emery. Look for further communications. If you have any questions please ask a member of the Planning Group.

Day-by-Day – The August – to – October, 2014 installment of “Forward Day-by-Day” is available. Please see Carolyn Brown in the Narthex.

“PARISH PULSE” NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2014

Next Sunday's Bible Readings – Genesis 25:19-34, Isaiah 55:10-13, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Prayer Chain Contacts – Michael and Jean Weller.
Call 604-538-9334 or email: weller301@shaw.ca

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children is provided this week by Ian and Betty-Ann Bainbridge to the Glory of God and in gratitude for the St. Mark's church family.

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. After taking a summer break, Youth will begin to gather on Tuesday evenings in September for fellowship and Bible study. For more information or to sign-up for our newsletter visit www.stmarkbc.org/youth/

Flowers for the Altar – are given this week by Margot McDermott to the Glory of God.

Summer Sunday School – starts next Sunday, July 13.

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.

Wednesday Services in the Summer – Please note that the monthly Healing Service will begin again on the third Wednesday in September. May God continue to bless you and heal you as you present your requests to Him. Request to Him, for His word says in Exodus 15:26: “I am the Lord who heals you.”

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 ... **today!**

Seniors News – Wednesday Get Togethers are alternate Wednesdays with the next one this Wednesday, **July 9**. 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 her at sinder@shaw.ca, or call Janet at 604-531-9585.

Craig's Blog – Access the “Pastor's Blog” via www.stmarkbc.org/blog/ on St. Marks' website. **Also** Craig and Holly's stories are pinned up on the Hall's bulletin board. Today Craig and Holly are in Athens, Greece.

Please see below for a couple of recent photographs featured on Craig's Blog:



A Greek Orthodox Church on the Island of Cyprus.

Craig writes: “The southern half of the island of Cyprus is predominantly Christian. Many of the people we meet have Christian names like Andreas (Andrew), Salvatora (salvation) and Anastasia (resurrection). There are active and living churches here. The message of Jesus continues to inspire faith in the lives of people on Cyprus, as it did through Paul, Barnabas and Mark.”

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9am to 3pm

Friday 10am to 1pm

Upcoming Events

Monday, July 7

9am – Exercise Class - H

Tuesday, July 8

2pm – ACW Mtng. – FR

6pm – Men's Club – H/K

Wednesday, July 9

9am - Exercise Class – H

10am - Service – Sanctuary

1pm – Senior's – FR/L

Friday, July 10

9am - Exercise Class – H

Craig writes: “Orthodox and not-so-Orthodox Jews heading toward the Western Wall in Jerusalem (see photo below) on a Friday late afternoon. Large groups of yeshiva boys and young men stream past, singing at the top of their lungs. We followed them down to the Wall late this evening – already throngs of families and yeshivas had come singing past our street, on their way home to family meals – for this is an important part of the Sabbath. It was an eye-opener to see the numbers of people still at the Wall at 8:30/9 o'clock. God prescribed a Sabbath rest, a family time, and a breathing space in busy lives. Every Sabbath becomes a celebration.”

