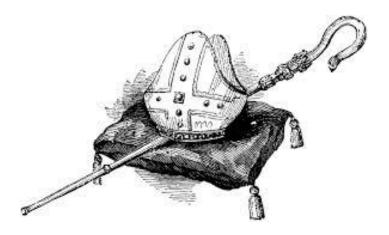


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**Episcopal Visit** – Bishop Melissa Skelton will be visiting our Parish on Holy Cross Sunday, September 14, 2014. We are very excited to present our Parish to her for the first time! We look forward to her ministry among us and hope to be a blessing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

<u>Day-by-Day</u> – 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 13, 2014**

<u>Next Sunday's Bible Readings</u> – Genesis 28:10-19a, Isaiah 44:6-8, Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children is provided this week to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

<u>St. Mark's Youth</u> – 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 <a href="https://www.stmarkbc.org/youth/">www.stmarkbc.org/youth/</a>

<u>Flowers for the Altar</u> – are given by Margaret Kirkpatrick, to the Glory of God, and on the occasion of her sister Joan Pepper's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday; and in memory of their sisters Louise Tillotson and Honor Harris.

<u>Birthday Thanks</u> – Michael Houston wishes to thank his Church family, and Les and Charlie-the-Pup for making his July birthday so special. Psalm 18:24

Summer Sunday School - starts today.

<u>Vacation Bible School</u> – 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 ... August 3.

<u>Seniors News</u> – Thank you to **Denny** for a wonderful day trip to W.I.G. and the Boathouse Restaurant.

Wednesday Get Togethers are on alternate weeks, with the next one on Wed. **July 23**. 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.

Sat. July 12 – Bard on the Beach – "A Midsummers Night's Dream" – matinee begins at 2pm – bus leaves the Church at 12noon – either lunch early OR plan to pick up a snack there.

<u>Thurs./Fri. – July 17/18</u> – Train trip to Whistler – bus leaves the Church at 6am on Thursday, returns late in the day OR early evening on Friday.

<u>Thurs. July 24</u> – "Blythe Spirit" – White Rock Playhouse – 8pm – telephone Janet or Sue for tickets OR information a.s.a.p.

<u>Thurs. Aug. 7</u> – "Legally Blonde" directed by Kerry O'Donovan at Theatre Under The Stars – bus leaves the Church by 5:45pm for the 7:30pm curtain.

<u>Tues. Aug. 12</u> – Crescent Beach Bard – Contact Janet.

For information on upcoming events please call Sue at 604-531-4931 or email her at <a href="mailto:sinder@shaw.ca">sinder@shaw.ca</a>, or call Janet at 604-531-9585.

Brian the Pie Guy - Order your pies from our resident Pie Guy - Brian! \$12 for each full pie, or \$6.50 for each half-pie. Choose from Apple, Blueberry, Strawberry, Raspberry, Peach, Rhubarb, or any "combo" of berries. Or, order a signature Goat Cheese & Blueberry pie for \$15 each, or \$8 for a half-pie. Need a brunch or dinner suggestion? Savoury Tourtiere pies are \$18 each or \$9 for a half-pie. Brian can be reached at 604-538-0269 or at thepieguy@shaw.ca

<u>Craig's Blog</u> – Access the "Pastor's Blog" via <u>www.stmarkbc.org/blog/</u> on St. Marks' website. **Also** Craig and Holly's stories are pinned up on the Hall's bulletin board. Craig and Holly are now in Greece.

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Thursday 9am to 3pm

Friday 10am to 1pm

### **Upcoming Events**

### Monday, July 14

9am - Exercise Class - H

### Wednesday, July 16

9am - Exercise Class – H 10am - Service – Sanctuary

#### Friday, July 18

9am - Exercise Class - H



Thanks be to God that our summer is so beautiful.