



St. Mark's Anglican Church

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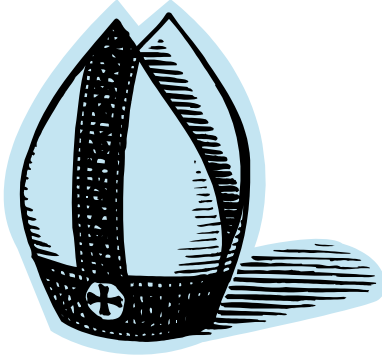
"PARISH PULSE"

NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2014

Episcopal Visit

The Episcopal Visit has been rescheduled for Sunday, November 16.



Bishop Melissa Skelton will grace us with her presence during both of our Sunday Services on that day. We will also prepare a small informal reception following the early Service, and a larger lunch reception in the Hall following the 10am Service. We are very excited to present our Parish to her for the first time! If you have any questions or comments please contact a member of the Planning Group: Jack B., Anne S., Linda Z., Betty-Ann B., or Rev. Denise.

Ministry Fair – is coming on Holy Cross Day, Sunday, September 14! This is an event to showcase our current ministries for all members -- current and newcomers -- of St. Mark's. The Fair helps ministries develop and take on new members. The Fair is inspirational as well, inspiring participants to consider new ministries. So, mark your calendars and come out for this Fair and see where the Spirit moves you to serve in the upcoming year. Ministry leaders are encouraged to prepare a booth for presentation in the Hall following the 10am Service. Please contact a Warden for more details.

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. Craig and Holly are now in Greece.

Sunday School – St. Mark's Sunday School is looking forward to a new year with a new crew of volunteers. On Saturday, August 9, from 9:30am to 11:30am, we are coming together to prepare ourselves to love and serve the children of our parish. Please consider attending this training and team-building session if you too would like to nourish children in the faith of Jesus Christ. We need at least four more volunteers for the coming year. If you can give one Sunday a month to help out please come out on August 9. Contact Rev. Denise for more details.

Seeking Accommodation – Needed: a basement suite (or similar) for Morny White's daughter, Kathy, a nearly-retired teacher, with two well-behaved, indoor cats. Occupancy starting anytime on or before September 1, 2014, ending June 30, 2015. If you can help with this search for a living space please call Kathy at: 778-808-9010.

Next Sunday's Bible Readings – Genesis 29:15-28, 1 Kings 3:5-12, Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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 Michael Houston to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for his three brothers-in-Christ: Bob, Les, and James. And Charlie-the-Pup, too. 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Flowers for the Altar – Flowers for the Altar are given by Mary Bridger, to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Denis, her husband. Flowers are also given by Irene Snow, to the Glory of God and in loving memory and thanksgiving for a wonderful husband, Bill. Margot McDermott gave flowers for the Altar on Sunday, July 6 in thanksgiving for her granddaughters Grace, Olivia, and Sarah.

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 gather in September on Tuesday evenings for fellowship and Bible study. For more information or to sign up for our newsletter visit www.stmarkbc.org/youth/

Summer Sunday School – will be held downstairs in the Education Centre during July and August.

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 – “Officially” 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. 3:9, at a table in the Parish Hall. Please donate to this fun and very interactive offering of vegetables, fruits, seedlings, flowers, bulbs, etc. by some of our very generous gardeners. 2014 donations will be used for ongoing work in the Memorial Garden.

Seniors News:

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.

Thurs. July 24 – “Blythe Spirit” – White Rock Playhouse – 8pm – telephone Janet or Sue for tickets OR information a.s.a.p.

Thurs. Aug. 7 – “Legally Blonde” directed by Kerry O’Donovan at Theatre Under The Stars – the bus leaves the Church by 5:45pm for the 7:30pm curtain.

Tues. Aug. 12 – Crescent Beach Bard – Contact Janet.

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.

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9am to 3pm

Friday 10am to 1pm

Upcoming Events

Monday, July 21

9am – Exercise Class - H

Wednesday, July 23

9am - Exercise Class – H

10am - Service – Sanctuary

1pm – Seniors – FR/L

Friday, July 25

9am - Exercise Class – H