



## St. Mark's Anglican Church

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## WELCOME BACK CRAIG & HOLLY!

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**The Chapel in the Woods** – First, a bit of background for those who are new to our Parish. The original Chapel was a consecrated space in the woods behind the Church, where occasional Sunday services were held in a colourful, fragrant, and serene setting. Over time, this area became focused on the Journey of Christmas tableaux, and the ground in the Chapel was reabsorbed into its natural state.

However, this lovely forested space has always remained in the hearts and minds of many as a blessed resource of St. Mark's. Over the past few years parishioners have discussed re-creating the Chapel in the Woods and funds have been generously donated for this purpose. The chapel can be used by the Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Youth Group, Bible Studies, for Church services, as a contemplative holy space for prayer, for special services, etc., and for use by community groups such as Brownies and Scouts.

Following lots of prayer, study and consultation, a report was prepared last year by the Braddocks with input from approximately 20 interested parishioners. It was recommended that up to \$5,000 be authorized from bequested funds to help re-establish the Chapel. Because they are bequested funds, and not operating funds, the money spent wouldn't increase any deficit we have. The Chapel report and expenditure were discussed at Parish Council on April 29 this year and approved by Parish Council in May.

It was felt that the altar and seating should be low maintenance and integrated into the woodland setting, but be flexible to meet diverse possibilities for use of this space. To this end, some free bark mulch was used to help level the chapel site and 10 polywood benches and an altar table were purchased, which were assembled on Tuesday this week. Now, we are looking at various ways to securely install the furniture in the Chapel. This autumn we will be adding some greenery to the chapel to enhance the privacy and natural beauty of the site.

If you have any questions about the Chapel in the Woods, please don't hesitate to speak to Betty-Ann Bainbridge, Brian Switzer or Roger Hussen.

## "PARISH PULSE"

### NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2014**

#### **Ken Turnham – Order of the Diocese of New Westminster**

- We are pleased to announce that our new Bishop, The Right Reverend Melissa Skelton, has awarded the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster to Ken Turnham. His membership in the Order is a sign of gratitude for his many years of faithfully serving the church with distinction, and for all he has done in Christ's ministry at both St. Mark's and at the diocesan levels. Further information about Ken can be received from the greeters.

**Maintenance Coordinator** – After many years of dedicated and faithful service Les Edmonds has decided to retire. A celebration of Les's custodial ministry is planned for Sunday, Sept. 7.

We are formally advising the members of our Parish of a competition for the position of **Maintenance Coordinator**. The job requires about 20 hours of work a week, usually spread over 5 days a week, with days worked being negotiable. It pays an honorarium of \$750 per month. To qualify for this position, the prospective candidate should be able to demonstrate through job history, or volunteer work around the church, that he or she has the knowledge, skills and abilities to fulfill the job duties. Qualified candidates will be invited to an interview. To apply for this position you will need to obtain a **job description**, which includes a statement of qualifications, and an **application form**. These documents may be obtained from any church warden or the church office. All completed applications must be received by the church wardens or church office by 3:00pm on Monday, August 25, 2014.

**Consultation on Marriage** - As you may be aware, General Synod enacted a Resolution that directs that a Motion be brought to the floor of General Synod in 2016 that would amend Canon XXI on Marriage in the Church so as to enable same-sex marriage in the Anglican Church. This Resolution further directs that there be a broad consultation within the Anglican Church about the preparation of the Motion and consideration of particular matters specified in the Resolution. Amongst other things, this includes a biblical and theological rationale on the nature of Christian marriage. This is an extremely important step for the Church and all parishioners are encouraged to make their views known through submissions. These submissions can be in a variety of formats, including written papers or videos. Further instructions and details of how submission can be made are available at [www.anglican.ca/about/cc/cogs/cm/c](http://www.anglican.ca/about/cc/cogs/cm/c). The June edition of the Anglican Journal features a story on the consultation process. If you have any questions please contact members of Parish Council.

## **! SAVE THE DATE !**

### **St. Mark's Concert Sunday, October 26, 3pm**

**Featuring  
Cellist BENJAMIN LOUWERSHEIMER &  
Concert Pianist KRYSTYNA TUCKA**

**Hope You Will Come !**

**Next Sunday's Bible Readings** – Genesis 45:1-15, Psalm 133, Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15:10-28

### **Episcopal Visit Sunday, November 16**

We are very excited to present our Parish to our new Bishop, The Right Reverend Melissa Skelton 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.

**Baptismal Candidates** – Emma-Lee and Liam will be baptized during the 10am Service on Sunday, August 31. This will be a Service of Holy Communion. Please keep the Baptismal Candidates in your prayers during their Baptismal journey.

**Prayer Chain Contact until August 16** - Lynne Hurd. Call 604-542-2772 or email: [lynneh1@telus.net](mailto:lynneh1@telus.net). Prayer Chain Contact between August 17 and 31 is Mary Brown who can be reached by calling 604-535-6408.

**Youth Night Sliding At Cultas Lake  
Waterpark on Friday, August 15!**

**We'll meet at the church at 6:30pm and  
be back before midnight. Cost is \$18.  
Please RSVP with Josh at  
[youth@stmarkbc.org](mailto:youth@stmarkbc.org).**

**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/](http://www.stmarkbc.org/youth/)

**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.

**Flowers for the Altar** – The flowers are offered by Margaret & Anne Schreck to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Harold, Annie, and Lt. Andrew Fraser Bushell.

**The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children** The Lunch Basket for hungry children is offered to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for those dedicated to the Care and Spiritual Formation of the children and youth of this parish.

**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.

**Next Men's Club Meeting** – will be Tuesday evening, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday through Thursday**

**9am to 3pm**

**Friday 10am to 1pm**

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Monday, August 11**

9am – Exercise Class - H

#### **Wednesday, August 13**

9am - Exercise Class – H

10am - Service – Sanctuary

#### **Friday, August 15**

9am - Exercise Class – H