



## St. Mark's Anglican Church

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## "PARISH PULSE"

### NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH

**SUNDAY, OCT. 5, 2014**

**Our Church Janitorial Position**—Congratulations to Heather Jacoby and Geoff Higginson on their appointment to this position. They will be assuming their duties following a period of on-the-job-training.

**Alpha Wednesday's Launch Nite Is Coming!**—On Wed. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, in the Christian Education Centre, we will launch Campus Alpha with the presentation: "Is This It?" This is for anyone curious about God and the Christian faith. Please contact Rev. Denise if you can help host this event and the course to follow. Course dates are: Wed. Nov. 5, Wed. Nov. 19, Wed. Nov. 26 & Wed. Dec. 3, Wed. Dec. 10 and Wed. Dec. 17. Pass the word!

**Brian the Pie Guy**—Drop by his booth and see Brian at the annual "Fall Marketplace Montage", at the Ocean Park Hall, 1577 128<sup>th</sup> Street – 10am to 4 pm **Sat. Oct. 11** – Admission to the event is by donation – All income from pie sales goes to the St. Mark's Men's Club.

**St. Mark's Concert Ministry**—Buy your tickets now for the Sun. Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> Concert – ***Fire & Ice – Sonatas for Piano & Cello***. The concert is in the Sanctuary and starts at 2pm. Benjamin Louwersheimer on cello and Krystyna Tucka on piano. Tickets are \$15/each and are on sale in the Narthex after today's 10am Service OR buy on-line at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/867315](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/867315)

**Episcopal Visit Sunday, November 16**—We are eagerly looking forward to Bishop Melissa Skelton's visit on Sun. Nov. 16. We know she would like to meet as many of you as possible in her short time with us and a special luncheon is being planned. We hope that you will be thrilled to contribute to this very blessed event in the life of our Parish. Please consider making a donation using your own envelope, or the pew envelopes, directed to "The Bishop's Visit" or "The Episcopal Visit". Thank you very much.

**Invitation to All Folk Who are New(ish)! to St. Mark's Congregation**—You are invited to a light luncheon after the 10am Service on Sun. Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. Please join us in the Family Room to meet some of our Ministry Leaders, and to learn a bit more about St. Mark's.

**Sunday School**—Focus is on Matthew 21:33-46 – Recognizing that we are stewards of the earth.

**Next Sunday's Bible Readings**—Deuteronomy 8:7-18, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, Luke 17:11-19

**Prayer Chain Contact**—is Joyce Ness. She can be reached at 604-535-0460 or [joybill@telus.net](mailto:joybill@telus.net)

**Flowers for the Altar**—are given today by Betty and Bob Bear, and the Bears thank God for His continued blessings and a healthy great-granddaughter.

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

**Think Of Our Lord Speaking To You And Saying** ... "You do not have to be clever or eloquent to come to me. All you have to do is want to love me." Ever wondered about the "Prayers of the People"? "Intercessions"? Come and join us for a teaching and sharing time led by Dorothy Mash. See if our Lord may be calling you to this Ministry: Sat. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 11:30am, in the Family Room. For information contact Anne Schreck at 604-536-0072 or [anne\\_schreck@shaw.ca](mailto:anne_schreck@shaw.ca) **All are welcome.** Please call so we have an idea of numbers who plan to attend.

**St. Mark's Youth**—Youth gather on Sundays at 10am in the Youth Room for their learning series: "Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God". On Tues. Oct. 7 there will be no Youth Group at the Church. Instead, **Youth will be meeting on Fri. Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8pm**, at the Bose Corn Maze, at 64<sup>th</sup> Ave. & 156<sup>th</sup> St. in Surrey, weather permitting. If it is raining Youth will enjoy a movie night. Parents should contact Josh Brown at 604-614-5852 or [youth@stmarkbc.org](mailto:youth@stmarkbc.org)

**PWRDF**-Just three of the projects PWRDF currently features on its website are: (i) "Groups Deplore 'Crimes Against Humanity' in Iraq". Eleven international Christian & Muslim groups have issued an urgent appeal to the U.N. and the League of Arab States to address the horrific suffering of Christians, and other minority groups, in the northern & western parts of Iraq. (ii) PWRDF has sent \$15,000 in response to the Ebola outbreak in W. Africa; and (iii) PWRDF has sent an initial grant of \$20,000 for relief work in the aftermath of severe flooding after torrential monsoon rains killed or injured 500+ people in Punjab, Pakistani-administered Kashmir, and Gilgit Baltistan Province, Pakistan. For details on these projects, and the many other activities of PWRDF, log onto: [pwrdf.org](http://pwrdf.org)

**Seniors News**-Wednesday Get Togethers are alternate Wednesdays. The next one is on **Wed. Oct. 15th**. Games are in the Family Room & chatting in the Library from 1pm to 3:30pm, with refreshments at 2:30pm. Advance Notice: there will be no get together at the Church on Wed. Nov. 12th, due to an ACW event that requires all of our space. We shall try to have an outing that day instead so stay tuned!

Upcoming Events include:

VSO ticket packages are ready to be delivered so please call or see Sue to receive yours. Our first concert is this Mon. Oct. 6th at 8pm. The bus will leave the Church at 7pm;

A few tickets are left for the Fri. Oct. 24th outing to Telus Science World, for the murder mystery/science for "adults only night", 7-10pm. The cost is \$27 per ticket, and \$20 per person if you wish to ride on Denny's bus.

Costume attire is optional...should be a fun filled event!

If you are interested in any, or all, of the events, please contact Sue at 604-531-4931, or [sinder@shaw.com](mailto:sinder@shaw.com), or call Janet at 604-531-9585.

**First Fruits Garden Project**-concluded on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. A *very heart-felt thank you* to all who participated in this year's project. Your time, skills and generosity have raised an amazing **\$1,062.10**. With this gift further work on the Memorial Garden shall commence very soon. Thanks be to our generous God for allowing us to share in His abundant creation. Our special **thanks** to two of our very gifted gardeners: Isabel Powell and Doreen Deane whose bountiful gifts were shared and enjoyed by so many of us. – Anne Schreck

**Day-By-Day**-The November – to – January installment is now available. Please see Carolyn Brown in the Narthex.



**OFFICE HOURS**

**Tuesday through Thursday**

**9am to 3pm**

**Friday 10am to 1pm**

**Upcoming Events**

**Monday, October 6**

9am – Exercise - H

10:15am – Israeli Folk Dance – H

**Tuesday, October 7**

9:30am – Bible Study – FR

1:30pm – Prayer Shawl Mtng - FR

7pm – Bible Study – FR

7pm – Chapel-in-the-Woods Mtng  
– Educ. Centre

(n.b. no Youth group this evening,  
please see Fri. Oct. 10)

**Wednesday, October 8**

9am – Exercise – H

10am – Service – S

7:30pm – Adult Choir Practice – S

**Thursday, October 9**

7pm – All Leaders Meeting – FR

**Friday, October 10**

9am – Exercise – H

6-8pm – Youth to meet at Bose  
Corn Maze, Surrey

**Sunday, October 12**

Children's Choir Rehearsal after  
the 10am Service in the Sanctuary

**Monday, October 13**

OFFICE CLOSED all day for  
Thanksgiving Monday