



St. Mark's Anglican Church

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**Rev. Denise is on holidays until
Friday, November 14th**

Credence Table-St. Mark's oak Credence Table was refinished six years ago. It is stained now, and is in desperate need of refinishing. Kathryn Smith asks that if anyone in the Congregation can volunteer for this task, or if anyone knows of a friend or family member who can volunteer, that you contact her on her cell: 778-549-0858.

Parish Council would like to hear your ideas on how we can deal with our deficit. If you have any thoughts, questions, comments or suggestions about this or any other matter, please use the pens and papers provided in the Narthex to communicate them in writing and put them in the box provided, either signed or anonymous as you would prefer.



Library News-If you enjoyed the first Appleseed Creek Mystery you will certainly enjoy **A Plain Scandal** by Amanda Flower. New to the area, computer specialist Chloe Humphrey may not share their customs, but she is certainly alarmed over the crimes against the Amish and worried how such events will impact her growing number of friends who are more connected to that way of life. A perfect afternoon read.

Episcopal Visit Sunday, November 16-Bishop Melissa Skelton's visit to St. Mark's is fast approaching. She is looking forward to preaching and presiding at both services on November 16 and has expressed a keen desire to meet as many people as possible following the 8am and 10am services. Coffee, tea and tasty treats will be served after the 8:00am service and a delicious buffet lunch will be held in the Hall following the 10am service. It is hoped that well over 200 people will attend the lunch. Please consider contributing to this blessed event to cover costs of food and advertising. Please use your own envelope or the pew envelopes directed to "The Episcopal or Bishop's Visit". If you have any questions or suggestions please contact a member of the Planning Group: Jack B, Anne S, Betty-Ann, Linda Z or the clergy. Thank you very much.

"PARISH PULSE"

NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2014

Sunday School-This week we focus on Matthew 25:1-13 – Exploring the Concept of Being Prepared.

THE HOLLY BERRY FAIR...

The Evening Guild NEEDS YOU!

We urgently need donations for our raffle and gift baskets for the Holly Berry Fair. Firstly, we need non-perishable food items. We are also looking for donations that can be used in gift baskets, such as spa & bath items, items you would like to "re-gift", etc. Any items not used in the baskets will be put onto the Treasure's Table, which benefits both the Evening Guild & ACW. Donations can be handed to either Linda O'Donovan or Debbie Maxwell on Sunday mornings, before OR after the 10am Service. If you wish to drop items off during the week please place them on the counter in the Evening Guild/Flower Room (in the Hall).

Any questions please call Linda at: 604-536-7983.

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". Also join us on Tuesday evenings at 7pm for our FUN weekly evening Bible Studies as we get to know some interesting characters from the Old Testament. For more information, or to sign up for our newsletter, visit www.stmarkbc.org/youth/

Operation Christmas Child is here! St. Mark's Youth invite you to bless children around the world by packing a shoebox of toys & essentials. Pick up a box & brochure in the Narthex. Boxes must be dropped off in the Narthex or Office **no later than Sun. Nov. 16**. This year shoeboxes will be distributed in Uruguay, El Salvador, Guatemala, Sierra Leone, Guinea Bissau, Venezuela, Equatorial Guinea, Costa Rica, Guinea, Haiti, Nicaragua, Chile – including Easter Island – and Senegal.

Seniors Christmas Luncheon-Please telephone Olive at 604-535-2228 and leave a message at that number stating your name and if you need transportation to the event. Please do not call the Office with your RSVP.

Flowers for the Altar-are given today by Laurie Stephenson to the Glory of God and in loving memory of his mother and father, Claire and Frank Stephenon. Flowers are also given this week by Nick Timms to the Glory of God and in loving memory of the Brady, Timms and Francey families.

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

Readers Ministry-It is time to update the 2015 Readers List for the 10am Service. If this is a Ministry you are interested in learning more about please speak to John or Roberta Braddock at 604-538-8642, or leave your name with the Office.

Next Sunday's Bible Readings-Judges 4:1-7, Psalm 90:1-12, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30.

ACW Announcements-The sock tree is back in the Narthex for the collection of socks, toques, work gloves, treats and small toiletries, to be made into Christmas gifts for the seafarers in port at Christmas time. The box for the bales to the North is also in the Narthex. The list of items required includes: men's PJs, mitts & gloves for all ages/gender, bars of soap, small cross-stitch projects, small make-up bags and items to put into them, used baby clothing. For babies under 24 months, new clothing is required. The 2015 Canadian Church Calendar is now available for purchase from Kathryn Smith.

St. Mark's Men's Club-is once again collecting unused Christmas cards for the Surrey Remand Centre. If you have any please place them in the box in the Narthex before Sun. Nov. 16. The next meeting of the Men's Club is on Tuesday, November 11th.

Mission Missive-Toni Wallis is collecting articles for the winter edition of the *Mission Missive*. Please contact Toni if you have an article idea.

Prayer Chain Contact-is Lynne Hurd for the months of November, December and January. You may contact Lynne at 604-542-2772 or lynneh1@telus.net with your prayer requests and updates.

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

Seniors News-Wednesday Get Togethers are alternate Wednesdays. Wed. Nov. 12—bus trip to Fort Langley leaves St. Mark's at 11am-Cost = 20 +cost of lunch. The next VSO Concert at the Bell Centre is Mon. Nov. 17 Bus leaves the church at 7pm
The bus for the March 13-15, 2015 trip to Victoria is filling up quickly. Bus + tours = \$110
Gilbert & Sullivan Christmas Pantomime “Santa Claus” at the Surrey Arts Centre – Wed. Nov. 26 in the evening. Tickets are ordered as per request, so call Sue as soon as possible: 604-531-4931. Or call Janet: 604-531-9585.

Christmas On The Peninsula-Anyone interested in participating in the preparation of Christmas on the Peninsula Festival is invited to volunteer in the planning and/or presentation of the Festival. On the Community Events bulletin board in the Hall you will find a list of volunteer tasks and contact information.

Important...Special Donation Envelopes at Easter & Harvest & Christmas-these envelopes are enclosed with the Rector's Letter and although they provide for the donor's Name/Address/Envelope # this information is seldom completed, and sometimes is illegible and even incorrect. Since Christmas 2013 we have attached Name & Envelope # stickers on the front of these envelopes to ensure that donations are posted to the correct account. You do have the option to remove the sticker from YOUR special donation envelope, in which case we ask that you PRINT your full name and address. Please be assured that your Rector, Wardens and Donation Secretary have discussed this topic and are satisfied that complete confidentiality is maintained. Thank you very much for your faithful contributions to these special envelopes throughout the year. If you have any questions, you may speak to Douglas Brown, Donation Secretary.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Nov. 11

OFFICE IS CLOSED

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday:

9am to 3pm

Friday: 10am to 1pm

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 10

9am – Exercise – Hall

10:15am – Israeli Folk Dance – Hall

Tuesday, November 11

The Office is Closed for Remembrance Day

6pm – Men's Club - Hall

7pm – Bible Study – Education Centre

7pm – Youth Group – Youth Room

Wednesday, November 12

9am – Exercise – Education Centre

9am – 3pm – ACW Regional Meeting – Hall & Kitchen

10am – Service – Sanctuary

7:30pm – Adult Choir Practice – Sanctuary

Friday, November 14

9am – Exercise – Hall

Sunday, November 15

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