



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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“PARISH PULSE”

NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK’S CHURCH

SUNDAY, DEC. 14, 2014

William Coupland-Bill Coupland died on Monday, December 8th. His family has made arrangements to celebrate his life at a gathering to be held: today, Sun. Dec. 14, at Crescent Gardens, at 3:30pm. Parishioners are invited to attend.

Church Balcony Cleanup-As part of our ongoing cleanup to deal with our silverfish infestation, we’re cleaning our balcony in the Church. The following are items that have been stored in the balcony for several years. Please speak to Betty-Ann Bainbridge after today’s 10am Service if you need an item listed below. Otherwise they will be removed some time this coming week. We plan to donate the items we can (e.g. the wheelchair) to local charities. Items: pink chair (on castors), child’s wheelchair, foot stool, senior’s walker, small bookcase, office chair, large heavy desk, hoover vacuum (doesn’t work), Electrolux vacuum (doesn’t work).

Attention Ministry Leaders-Please be reminded that your 2014 Ministry Report is due in the Office no later than Monday, January 12, 2015, as we are under very tight timelines to produce the Annual Report to Vestry. Please email your report to Sheila at office@stmarkbc.org as a Microsoft Word document, in “Arial” 10-point font. The Vestry Meeting is on Sunday, February 15, 2015.

Entertainment at Journey of Christmas

- White Rock Children’s Choir in the Sanctuary at 7pm on Sun. Dec. 14
- Pauline Turnham on piano with vocals by Holly Bear Tanksley on Mon. Dec. 15
- Janet Rendell and St. Mark’s Choir, Christmas Music on Thurs. Dec. 18
- Christmas sing-along with the Gilbert & Sullivan Society Singers on Sat. Dec. 20
- Christopher Simmons & Debra DaVaughn on Mon. Dec. 22

Mission Missive Ready-The 2014 Winter Edition of the *Mission Missive* is available for pick up. You will find copies on the counter in the Narthex, or you can ask Toni Wallis for a copy.

Important Role-Would you like to volunteer in a very important role at St. Mark - Ocean Park as “Recording Secretary” for Parish Council meetings? If so, we need you! Meetings are held every 4th Tuesday of the month, from 7-9pm, and they do not occur in December, February or July. The Recording Secretary also records the February Vestry Meeting minutes. Minimal training is required and is provided. It is an appointed position. This is an opportunity to work with a great team in service to God and to each other. Please give this your prayerful consideration. If you feel called in this way please speak to any Warden: Betty-Ann 604-536-8739, Roger 604-531-6084, or Brian Switzer 604-535-1941.

Christmas Baking-Please bake for the Sunday before Christmas (Coffee Hour Dec. 21) when we always have Minced Pies and Shortbread – that’s our tradition. Bring your baking to the Kitchen before the 10am Service Sun. Dec. 21.

TREASURER’S REPORT – NOVEMBER 30, 2014 PARISH OF ST. MARK – OCEAN PARK OPERATING FUND ACCOUNT

In spite of our revenue being higher than last year’s by.....\$ 24,624.64
And our expenses being below budget by.....\$ 6,873.61

WE REMAIN IN A DEFICIT OF.....\$(28,454.97)

Dear Parish Family,

At Vestry, we committed to the budget presented. A budget that supports the work serving our Lord Jesus and the stewardship of the gifts given us. Many work long volunteer hours from which we all benefit and are grateful for. This is a time of unity, let us rise up and honour our commitment to God and each other. Please help, as you are able, to finish the year with a balanced budget.

Yours Faithfully, Treasurer

2015 Donation Envelopes-Please pick up your set of envelopes in the Narthex. The weekly donation boxes are in alphabetical order in trays. The monthly donation boxes are in labelled foolscap envelopes in alphabetical order in a separate tray. Should you not find your donation envelopes, or if you want a set of 2015 donation envelopes, please contact either Douglas Brown, Donations Secretary, at 604-535-9599 or the Church Office at 604-535-8841.

Wanted: Flat Screen TV-Are you buying a new TV for Christmas and want to get rid of your "old", but still working, smaller flat screen TV? Please consider donating your "old" flat screen TV to us. We'd love to have a flat screen TV (somewhere between 21 and 40 inches) to use in our Hall for slide presentations during funerals, meetings, etc. Please speak to one of your Wardens if you can help us with this.

With Gratitude-On behalf of my brothers and extended family I offer our sincere gratitude to members of the Prayer Chain for their constancy and faithful support during Mother's last days. We are extremely grateful to all who assisted in the preparation, execution and clean up that made a wonderful celebration of her life.

- Ann Schreck

Sunday School-This week we have the Christmas Pageant.

Next Sunday's Bible Readings-Genesis 3: 1-20, Isaiah 40:1-11, Micah 6:6-8, Isaiah 35:1-10, Zephaniah 3:14-20, Luke 1:5-25, Luke 1:26-38

Prayer Chain Contact-is Lynne Hurd. You may contact her at 604-542-2772 or at lynneh1@telus.net

Coffee Hour Roster-The Coffee hours list is posted in the Hall. Please check and see when you are listed and if it is unsuitable, telephone Olive at 604-535-2228

Flowers for the Altar-are given today by Brenda Horner to the glory of God and in celebration of her father's 80th birthday, as well as in memory of loved ones.

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children-is provided this week by Debbie and David Emery to the glory of God and in celebration of Alexa's graduation from university.

Silverfish Cleanup and New Storage Guidelines-As some of you may know, we currently have a silverfish infestation in our church buildings. We'd like to try to deal with this without using chemical sprays. As the first step to help us to contain this infestation Parish Council has recommended that we strengthen our storage policies and is asking that all St. Mark's ministries clean their storage areas. To do the cleanup we'd ask each ministry group to please empty and vacuum its storage area. If there are any spots that require sealing or caulking to prevent the travel of insects along the baseboard, for example, please speak to People's Warden Brian Switzer and he'll arrange for that to happen. Please sort all stored items and discard anything not needed. Package all the items to be re-stored in sealable lidded plastic containers or bins. All lids should fit snugly. Nothing should be stored in plastic bags, paper bags or cardboard. Sheila, our Office Administrator, has emailed all ministry leaders the cleanup and storage guidelines. If anyone has questions about these guidelines, please speak to one of your Wardens. Thank you so much for your prayers, patience, understanding, and your help in starting to deal with this infestation. God bless.

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/

THE ORDER OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER-St. Mark - Ocean Park, has previously been honoured by Nancy Dexter, Stan Hodgson, Hilda Smith, John Reader, Rea Anderson, and Ken Turnham as recipients of the Order, and it is now time to consider nominees for the coming year. Any lay member of the Parish may be nominated, but typically, nominees will have served in a Parish, a number of Parishes, and/or the Diocese, in an outstanding manner, on committees, parish councils, special outreach, etc. for a minimum and continuous period of ten years, although not confined to one activity, or in one parish. Written nominations, together with the supporting justification, may be submitted by any member in good standing, to the Rev. Craig Tanksley, Rector, **no later than today, Sunday December 14, 2014**, to: tanksly@smartt.com. Please note that nominations submitted in previous years are no longer valid, and if you wish an individual to be considered, he or she must be nominated again.

The Lunch Basket Memorial & Thanksgiving Fund Donor Pledge Chart-The 2015 Chart is now posted in the Church Hall. Please sign up to donate to the Lunch Basket program. These donations go to help single young moms with children under 18 years old. Thank you to all who have donated this past year. The chart is located on the west wall in the Hall. Please call Darlene Wiegand at 604-536-7107 if you have any questions or concerns.

Seniors News-Wednesday Get Togethers are alternate Wednesdays from 1pm to 3:30p,. The next one is on Wed. Jan. 7. From 1pm to 3:30pm. Games are in the Family Room, chatting is the Library, and all gather for refreshments at 2:30pm.

| DATE | EVENT |
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| Dec. 15 – Mon. | Journey of Christmas |
| Dec. 16 – Tues. | Journey of Christmas |
| Dec. 17 – Wed. | Service of Holy Communion & Journey of Christmas |
| Dec. 18-Thurs. | Journey of Christmas |
| Dec. 19 – Fri. | Journey of Christmas |
| Dec. 20 – Sat. | Journey of Christmas |
| Dec. 21 – Sun. | 8am Service & 10am Lessons & Carols Service & Journey of Christmas |
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| Dec. 22 – Mon. | Journey of Christmas |
| Dec. 23 – Tues. | Journey of Christmas |
| Dec. 24 – Wed. Christmas Eve | 5pm Service & 7pm Service & 11pm Service & Last Night of Journey of Christmas (Office Closed) |
| Dec. 25-Thurs. Christmas Day | 10am Service (Office Closed) |
| Dec. 26 – Fri. | Office Closed |
| Dec. 27 – Sat. | Take Down of Journey of Christmas |
| Dec. 28 – Sun. | 8am Service & 10am Service (No Sunday School) |
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| Dec. 29 – Mon. | (Office Closed) |
| Dec. 30 – Tues. | (Office Closed) |
| Dec. 31 – Wed. | (No Service) |
| Jan. 1 – Thurs. | (Office Closed) |
| Jan. 2 – Fri. | (Office Closed) |
| Jan. 3 – Sat. | |
| Jan. 4 – Sun. | 8am Service & 10am Service |
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| Jan. 5 – Mon. | Office Re-Opens |
| Jan. 6 – Tues. | |
| Jan. 7 – Wed. | |
| Jan. 8 – Thurs. | |
| Jan. 9 – Fri. | Epiphany Party (evening) |

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday

9am to 3pm

Friday 10am to 1pm

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 15

6-9pm – Journey of Christmas - Hall

Tuesday, December 16

6-9pm – Journey of Christmas - Hall

7pm – Bible Study – FR

7pm – Youth Group - Y

Wednesday, December 17

10am –Service – S

6-9pm – Journey of Christmas – Hall

6:30pm – Alpha Course - EdC

7:30pm – Adult Choir Practice – S

Thursday, December 18

6-9pm – Journey of Christmas – Hall

Friday, December 19

6-9pm – Journey of Christmas - Hall

Saturday, December 20

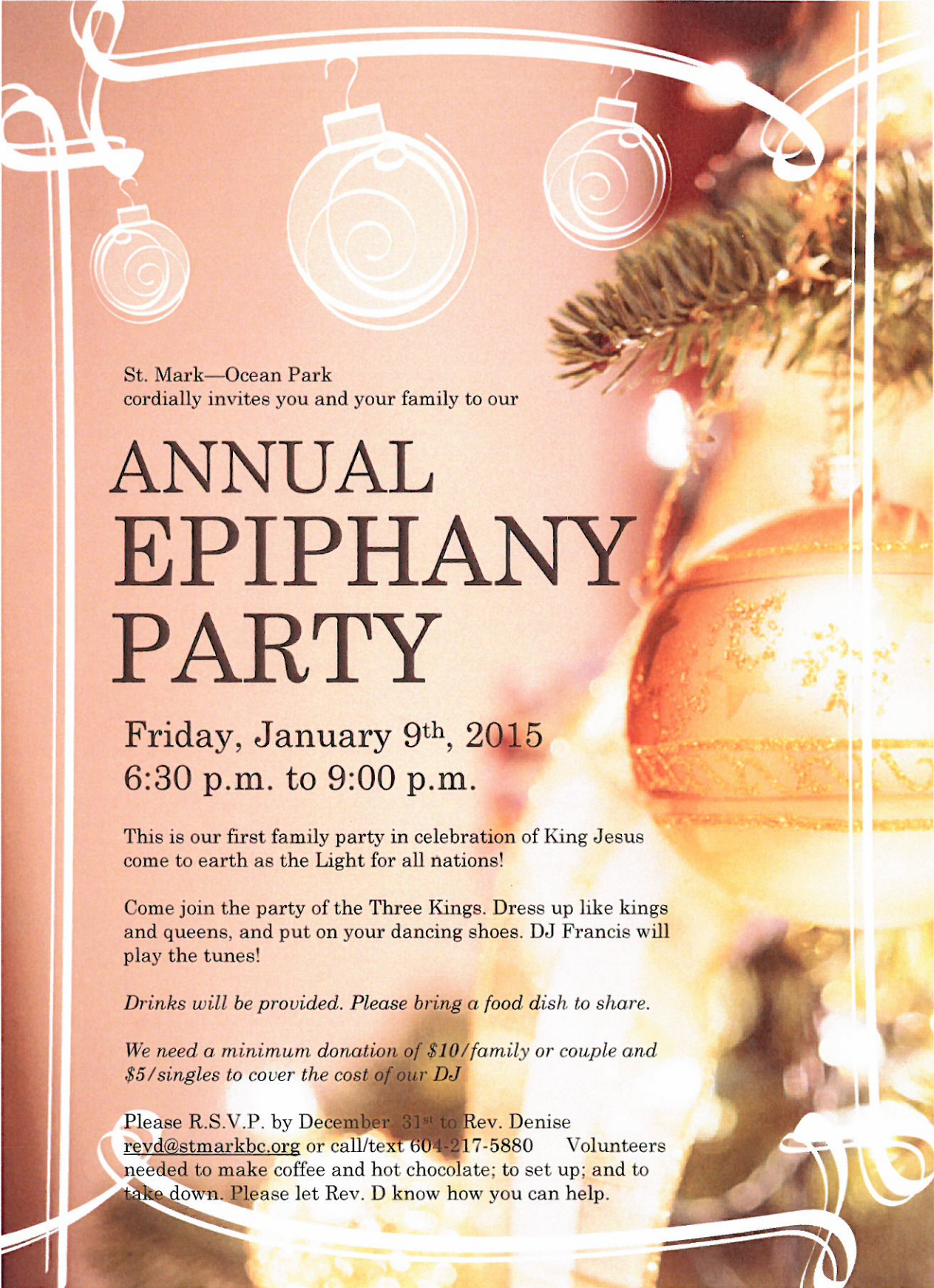
6-9pm – Journey of Christmas - Hall

Sunday, December 21

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

6-9pm – Journey of Christmas - Hall

TURN OVER to see info re: Epiphany Party



St. Mark—Ocean Park
cordially invites you and your family to our

ANNUAL EPIPHANY PARTY

Friday, January 9th, 2015
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

This is our first family party in celebration of King Jesus
come to earth as the Light for all nations!

Come join the party of the Three Kings. Dress up like kings
and queens, and put on your dancing shoes. DJ Francis will
play the tunes!

Drinks will be provided. Please bring a food dish to share.

*We need a minimum donation of \$10/family or couple and
\$5/singles to cover the cost of our DJ*

Please R.S.V.P. by December 31st to Rev. Denise
revd@stmarkbc.org or call/text 604-217-5880 Volunteers
needed to make coffee and hot chocolate; to set up; and to
take down. Please let Rev. D know how you can help.