



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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“PARISH PULSE” NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK’S CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2015

TREASURER’S REPORT NOVEMBER 30, 2015 **Parish of St. Mark – Ocean Park Operating Fund Account**

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

In spite of our revenue being higher than last year’s our revenue is below the budget by **\$(33,655.56)**
Thankfully our expenses are below budget by\$8,748.99
WE REMAIN IN A DEFICIT OF**\$(24,906.57)**

TONIGHT-Singing Prayers inspired by the songs and heart of Taize – 6pm in the Sanctuary. Everyone Welcome

Christmas Baking - If you can supply shortbread or mince pies for the Coffee Hour on the Sunday before Christmas we would be very grateful. – Olive Pociwuschek

The Lunch Basket Memorial & Thanksgiving Fund Donor Pledge Chart-The 2016 Chart is now posted in the Church Hall. Please sign up to donate to the Lunch Basket program. These donations go to help young single 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.

Next Sunday Bible Readings-Isaiah 35:1-10, Isaiah 64:1-9a, John 1:1-14, Luke 1:26-38, Micah 5:2-4, Luke 1:57-80, Isaiah 11:1-9

The Healing Service-Healing Service with the Eucharist, 10am this Wed. Dec. 16 – Come and experience the healing touch of our Lord Jesus. Everyone is welcome. **James 5:16** “...pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous (person) is powerful and effective.”

Flowers for the Altar-are given today by Brenda Horner to the Glory of God and in loving memory of family members who are with the Lord.

Rector’s Letter-is ready for pick up. You will find the box of letters in the Narthex.

2016 Donation Envelopes-Please pick up your set of envelopes in the Narthex. The weekly donation boxes of envelopes are in alphabetical order in trays. The monthly donation envelopes are in labelled business-size envelopes in alphabetical order in a separate tray. Should you not find your donation envelopes, or if you want a set of 2016 donation envelopes, please contact Douglas Brown, Donations Secretary, at 604-535-9599.

Nightly Entertainment For Journey Of Christmas

- Sun. Dec. 13 at 7pm Pauline Turnham on piano with Holly Bear Tanksley & Sheila Neyedli (vocals) in the Hall
- Mon. Dec. 14 at 6pm Domaren Consort (recorder group from Tsawwassen) in the Hall
- Thurs. Dec. 17 at 6pm St. Mark’s Choir with Guides and Brownies in the Hall
- Fri. Dec. 18 at 6pm Fraser Valley Wind Ensemble in the Hall
- Sat. Dec. 19 at 6pm Gilbert & Sullivan Society Singers in the Hall
- Sun. Dec. 20 at 6pm St. Cuthbert’s Anglican Choirs in the Hall
- Mon. Dec. 21 at 6pm Story Teller Alex Browne in the Hall
- Wed. Dec. 23 at 6pm Incanto in the Hall
- Mon. Dec. 28 from 9am to 11:30am take down Journey of Christmas – Many Volunteers Are Needed!

Poinsettia Tree – If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia please fill in the chart by the plants before Tuesday, December 22, and put your money either in your envelope marked “Poinsettia” or in envelope with chart.

The Flower Chart for 2016-is up. Please fill it in early to get your choice. Please, only two per week. Easter is an exception.



Library News

Yes all the Christmas reading is on the cart and displayed on the shelves. Two new Christmas books are **Silent Night Holy Night** by **Colleen Coble** – it is great if you are looking for Christmas with mystery and suspense. Silent Night involves Bree Matthews and her faithful search-and-rescue dog Samson following the trail of a troubling mystery in the snowy forests of Rock Harbor. **Silent Night Holy Night** has you on the edge of your seat when one sinister phone call has derailed Leia and Bane’s Christmas Wedding. Will it keep them apart forever? Will Leia save her sister in time?

The Lopsided Christmas Cake by **Wanda E Brunstetter** is about Elma and Thelma Hochstetler, twin sisters who inherit their grandparent’s house and general store. Will they be able to make a go of the store? Could a lopsided Christmas cake be the key to opening the door to romance? If you enjoy Amish and need something light to read this is the book for you.

Annual Vestry – Attention St. Mark Ministry Leaders – Ministry Reports

Our annual Vestry Meeting will be held on Sun. Feb. 14, 2016. Please be reminded that we need your 2015 Ministry Report no later than Mon. Jan. 11, 2016 as we are under very tight timelines to produce the Annual Report to Vestry. If we do not receive your report by that date, we cannot guarantee that it will be included in the Annual Report. Please email your 2015 Ministry Report in an Arial, 10-point font Microsoft Word document to Sheila at office@stmarkbc.org.

St. Mark’s Ocean Park invites you to a
Messy Church Christmas Morning
Saturday, December 19, 2015

10am - Noon

Theme: What God Wants For Christmas?



This morning will be a new twist on an old theme. Pat Zammit and Rev. Denise will lead parents/guardians and children through a spiritually enriched program of Christmas craft-making, interactive dramatic presentation, songs, prayer, and cookie decorating followed by a light lunch. Messy Church is messy worship for adults and children to experience side by side. Come prepared to engage God with your children as we do activities designed to help everyone answer this question: What God wants for Christmas?
Please R.S.V.P. to Pat Zammit or
Rev. Denise

Large Print Hymn Books-We have received additional Common Praise hymn books with large print. If you would like to use one please pick it up from the shelves at the back of the Sanctuary and return it after the Service.

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

Prayer Chain Contact- Lynne Hurd is the contact and she can be reached at: 604-542-2772, or at Lynneh1@telus.net.

St. Mark's Youth- Youth Nights are Tuesdays at 7pm in the Youth Room. Join our Facebook page or sign up for our newsletter at www.stmarkbc.org/youth.

Seniors News-Wednesday Get-Together for conversation and games from 1pm to 3:30pm, with refreshments at 2:30pm. Get-Togethers resume on Wed. Jan. 6 at 1pm. For information regarding other outings please contact: sinder@shaw.ca 604-531-4931 (Sue) and acormode@shaw.ca 604-531-9585 (Janet)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16—SENIORS GET TOGETHER-1-3:30 P.M. IN FAMILY ROOM FOR CHAT , HALL FOR GAMES, CHRISTMAS REFRESHMENTS AND SOCIAL TIME IN HALL AT 2:30 p.m.—HOPE ALL WHO HAVE COME OUT THROUGH THE YEAR WILL JOIN US!!

THURSDAY, DEC. 17—8 P.M.—BELL CENTRE—VSO CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH CHRISTOPHER GAZE—BUS LEAVES CHURCH AT 7 P.M.-COST \$15—TICKET COST \$35

SATURDAY, JAN. 2, 2016—SATURDAY—PANTOMOME CINDERELLA AT THE WHITE ROCK PLAYHOUSE—2:30 P.M.—COST \$22 PER PERSON—SUPPER AT THE WHITE SPOT TO FOLLOW



Diocese of New Westminster
ANGELICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

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, Ken Turnham, Olive Pociwascsek and Dorothy Mash 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 **Tuesday December 15, 2015**, preferably by email, to: tanksley@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.

OFFICE HOURS

9am to 12 noon on Monday

9am to 3pm Tues. and Thurs.

9am to 12 noon on Friday

Office Hours during the Christmas Season:

Monday, Dec. 28 Office Closed

Tuesday, Dec. 29 Office Closed

Wednesday, Dec. 30 Office Closed

Thursday, Dec. 31 Office Closed

Friday, Jan. 1 Office Closed

Monday, Jan. 4 Office Closed



Upcoming Events

Monday, Dec. 14

6 – 9 pm – Journey of Christmas – Hall, with entertainment by Domaren Consort: recorder group from Tsawwassen

Tuesday, December 15

6 – 9 pm – Journey of Christmas – Hall

7pm – Youth – Youth Room

Wednesday, December 16

9am – Exercise – Hall

10am – Healing Service – Sanctuary

1pm – Seniors' Get-Together – Hall & Family Room

6 – 9 pm – Journey of Christmas – Hall

7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday, December 17

6 – 9 pm – Journey of Christmas – Hall, with entertainment by St. Mark's Choir with Girl Guides

Friday, December 18

6 – 9 pm – Journey of Christmas – Hall, with entertainment by Fraser Valley Wind Ensemble

Saturday, December 19

10am – noon – "Messy Church" a spiritually enriched program of Christmas craft-making, interactive dramatic presentation, songs, prayer, and cookie decorating followed by a light lunch.

6 – 9 pm – Journey of Christmas – Hall, with entertainment by Gilbert & Sullivan Society Singers

Sunday, December 20

6 – 9 pm – Journey of Christmas – Hall, with entertainment by St. Cuthbert's Anglican Choirs