



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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Merry Christmas and Thank You All—On behalf of the St. Mark Ocean Park Parish Council, clergy, staff and our many volunteers we want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry and Blessed Christmas. Thank you to everyone for your diligent service to our loving God and your prayerful support of our wonderful Parish, especially during this past year. God bless you all. — Your Wardens

Readers Ministry—Readers ministry: the new readings for 2016 are available and ready to be picked up in the narthex. — Roberta & John Braddock

Nightly Entertainment For Journey Of Christmas

- 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
- Tues. Dec. 22 at 6pm Steve Hovan on guitar and dulcimer 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.

Poinsettia Dedication To Date:

To the Glory of God and given by the A.C.W. in memory of Past Members.

Bible Readings for Thurs. Dec. 24—Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14

Bible Readings for Fri. Dec. 25—Isaiah 62:6-12, Psalm 97, Titus 3:4-7, Luke 2:1-20

Bible Readings for Sun. Dec. 27—1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26, Psalm 148, Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52

Flowers for the Altar—are given Dec. 24 – 27 by Doris and Bob MacKellar to the Glory of God and in remembrance of our parents Reta and Russell Taylor and Sarah and John MacKellar; ... and by Bea Ross to the honour and glory of almighty God and in thanksgiving for the love and blessings of family and friends.

"PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2015

Mark Your Calendars! For the EPIPHANY

DANCE for ages 2 through 92! Friday, January 8, 2016 between 6 and 9pm in the Hall. Watch for more information to follow.

Flowers for the Altar—are given today by Ingrid and Brain Switzer to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for His many blessings.

Seniors News—Wednesday Get-Togethers for conversation and games from 1pm to 3:30pm, with refreshments at 2:30pm. The next Wednesday gathering takes place on Jan. 6. For information regarding other outings please contact: Sue at 604-531-4931 or Janet at 604-531-9585

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.

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, 1-point font Microsoft Word document to Sheila at office@stmarkbc.org.

PWRDF UPDATE—In their annual joint Christmas message, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, and Bishop Susan Johnson, National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, reflected on the innkeeper in the Christmas story who provided a safe place to Joseph and Mary for the birth of the infant Jesus. Drawing parallels to the migrant refugee crisis today, they urged us to open our hearts and country to those seeking refuge as we celebrate the season.

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. Thank you to the Featherstones for hosting our Christmas Party! We will be taking a break until our next meeting on Tues. Jan. 5. Join our Facebook page or sign up for our newsletter at www.stmarkbc.org/youth.



Library News

Tears of Dark Water by Corban Addison is a riveting story of modern day piracy. Hostage taking, suspense, guilt, romance, and much more are included in this intricate tale. In this his most ambitious novel yet, Corban Addison once again brings together the compassionate storytelling, international scope, and masterful orchestration of suspense that have made his novels must-reads for lection lovers around the world.

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



Upcoming Events

Monday, Dec. 21

6-9pm – Journey of Christmas – Hall – entertainment by Story Teller Alex Browne

Tuesday, December 22

6-9pm – Journey of Christmas – Hall – entertainment by Steve Hovan on guitar and dulcimer in the Hall

Wednesday, December 23

6-9pm – Journey of Christmas – Hall – entertainment by Incanto

Thursday, December 24

5pm – Family Service/Eucharist

7pm – Eucharist Service

11pm – Eucharist Service

6-9pm – Journey of Christmas – Hall – Closing Night

Friday, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

10am – Service

Sunday, December 27

8am – Service - Sanctuary

10am – Service - Sanctuary

OFFICE HOURS

9am to 12 noon on Monday

9am to 3pm Tues., Wed. & Thurs.

9am to 12 noon on Friday

Office Hours during the Christmas Season:

Friday, Dec. 25	Office Closed
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