



## St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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**WITH THANKS**-I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the ladies and gentlemen of St. Mark's for their constant support during my extended stay in hospital. Thank you. – George Wilson

**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.

**Housekeeping Note**-If you see that the pen in your pew is not working please discard it so that we will know to replace it.

**Next Sunday Bible Readings**-Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

**Flowers for the Altar**-are given today to the Glory of God by Rose Anonby in memory of her husband Daniel. and by Irene Snow to the honour and glory of God and in memory of my beloved husband, Bill.

### **Nightly Entertainment For Journey Of Christmas**

- Sun. Dec. 13 at 6pm Singing Prayers in the Sanctuary
- 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 Alex Browne (story teller) in the Hall

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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2015**

### **Help Needed for Journey of Christmas**

Next Sunday, Dec. 13 at 6pm, the Journey of Christmas opens, and we are open Dec. 13 through Dec. 23 from 6pm to 9pm, and on Thurs. Dec. 24 from 3:30-9pm. When signing up for tour guides please keep in mind that Christmas Eve is traditionally our busiest night. Thank you for helping us out.  
- Brian Walks

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



### **Library News**

What can Jezebel, the Bible's most devious queen, reveal about God's holiness, power, and even his sense of humour? What about the woman at the well – the

one with five husbands and a live-in lover? **Wicked Women of the Bible** by **Ann Spangler** offers fresh understanding to anyone looking for deeper insight into the Scriptures. As you delve into these women's stories you will begin to understand not only why their stories appear in the Bible, but also how they can yield fruitful insights into your own life.

**Choir Director - St. Mark Ocean Park**-St. Mark Ocean Park Anglican Church in South Surrey BC, seeks a part time (4-5 hours per week) Choir Director (Sept. to June). The position involves choosing the Sunday service music and anthems (in consultation with the music director), a weekly 2 hour Wednesday night rehearsal (adult choir) to prepare the Sunday service music, and a monthly anthem, a ½ hour children's choir rehearsal after the service on Sunday morning, attend a regular Sunday morning worship service (10 am) and a few extra services at Christmas (e.g. Christmas Pageant music) and Easter. We pray that the person chosen to fill this position enjoys working with enthusiastic, but not professionally trained, singers who love to serve their Lord in the wonderful ministry of music (contemporary and traditional). The closing date for applications is Dec. 10th. For further information, please contact Roger at [stmarkchoirdirector@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkchoirdirector@gmail.com)

### **New Policy for Hall Set Up & Take Down**

All requests by internal or external users for a church hall set up and take down of chairs and tables are to be reported to Sheila, our Office Administrator. This will allow us to keep track of all hall users and better plan church activities. Once advised, Sheila will assign the work to either the Men's Club, or our Custodial Group. All requests should be accompanied by a diagram showing the placement of tables and chairs, if not already on file. This policy has been endorsed by the Clergy and Wardens. Thanks and blessings, Brian Switzer

**Parish Council**-Perhaps you are thinking about a way to give back to St. Mark's and exercise the gifts God has given you in abundance. We have an opportunity for you to be part of Parish Council as a: Peoples Warden OR Synod Delegate OR Alternate Synod Delegate OR Member at Large. The Nominating Committee will be approaching candidates over the next two months and if you are interested in serving the Parish, please contact one of your wardens, Catherine Featherstone, Brian Switzer or Roger Hussen for further information.

### **Creation Care – Environmental Stewardship-**

Thank you to all who contributed to St. Mark's first scrap metal recycling drive. Special thanks to Laurie Stephenson and Tom Chernoff for their time, expertise, muscle and wheels. The more than 470lbs of metal collected raised \$365 towards the cost of saving seven mature trees in St. Mark's Forest! There will be another metal recycling project in 2016. Perhaps you could keep a bucket by your garage door for miscellaneous keys, locks, door knobs and other bits & pieces. Sorry! We cannot store your contributions at the Church between projects.  
– Anne Schreck

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



**Advent Challenge**  
**Purchase A Journal.**  
**Set A Time Each Day.**  
**Acknowledge Your Blessings.**  
**Set Spiritual Goals.**  
**Record Prayers.**  
**Review Journal Entries.**  
**Encounter God Through Journaling.**

**Prayer Chain Contact**- Lynne Hurd is the contact and she can be reached at: 604-542-2772, or at [Lynneh1@telus.net](mailto: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](http://www.stmarkbc.org/youth).

**Seniors News**-Wednesday Get-Togethers for conversation and games from 1pm to 3:30pm, with refreshments at 2:30pm. Alternate Wednesdays until mid-December. For information regarding other outings please contact:  
[sinder@shaw.ca](mailto:sinder@shaw.ca) 604-531-4931 (Sue) and  
[acormode@shaw.ca](mailto: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—THERE ARE PROBABLY TICKETS AVAILABLE IF YOU LET ME KNOW ASAP—TICKET COST \$35



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## **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 Pociwauschek 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](mailto: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

## **PWRDF UPDATE**

On October 3, 2015, 55 riders and walkers set out, in 12 locations across Canada, to ride their bicycles or walk for PWRDF in the Ride for Refuge. Together, they raised \$30,865 to support PWRDF's partner Refuge Egypt. The Ride for Refuge is an umbrella charity bike ride and walk which invites teams to raise funds for 234 different charities across North America, including PWRDF.

The staff of Refuge Egypt sent a letter to the riders describing the work they supported with the Ride:

*With the money you raise, we are able to keep our Well Baby and Well Child Clinics running in 6 locations in Cairo and Alexandria. These clinics work with the most vulnerable—newborns and the under-5s—of the most vulnerable...refugees from Syria, Sudan, South Sudan, and elsewhere. You are helping make sure refugee children grow up healthy and strong, and that refugee mothers in Egypt are cared for and empowered. Many of these refugees have fled war and conflict, crossing great distances to find refuge in Egypt. As you cross great distances of your own, feel proud that your journey is helping those who have endured journeys of their own.*



PWRDF riders had many reasons why they participated in the Ride for Refuge. Tony Lovink of Ottawa is part of the parish of St. John the Evangelist, Ottawa. Through his work with St. John's, Tony learned about Refuge Egypt.

*"We sponsored 2 families to Canada. Those families talked to me. Did some research and found that people had to go through Cairo, and that the Anglican Church in Cairo had a great program to help refugees, especially women. One woman, Helena, talked about how great the Cathedral program was, the quality of their programming, and how they had provided her family with food."*



## **Upcoming Events**

### **Monday, Dec. 7**

9am – Exercise – Hall

### **Tuesday, December 8**

2pm – Anglican Church Women – Family Room

7pm – Youth – Youth Room

### **Wednesday, December 9**

9am – Exercise – Hall

10am – Service – Sanctuary

7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

### **Thursday, December 10**

11:30am – Seniors Christmas Luncheon – Hall

### **Friday, December 11**

9am – Exercise – Education Centre

### **Sunday, December 13**

10am – Service and Pageant – Sanctuary

6pm – Singing Prayer Service – Sanctuary

7pm – Pauline Turnham on piano with Holly Bear  
Tanksley and Sheila Neyedli, vocals – Hall