



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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Next Sunday is White Gift Sunday - For over a decade St. Mark-Ocean Park has had White Gift Sunday on the Second Sunday of Advent. Working with the local Salvation Army to make Christmas more delightful for underprivileged children in our community, we invite you to bring a new (or mint-condition previously owned) toy, wrapped in white paper, to the 10am Service next Sun. December 6.



THANK YOU—for your prayers and visits and cards while I was in hospital. God loves you all, and so do I. Psalm 118:24 -Brother Michael Houston

MANY THANKS—from Charles and Isabel Powell for all of your strong backs and brains, to put together our wonderful 60th Anniversary Reception in the Hall last Sunday.

Readers Ministry—If you would like to read the Lessons at the 10am Service on Sundays, please contact Roberta Braddock at 604-538-8642.

Next Sunday Bible Readings—Malachi 3:1-4, Canticle: Luke 1:68-79, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6

Flowers for the Altar—are given today by Violet Reimer to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of her family and Church members who have gone Home to be with their Saviour Christ Jesus. Hallelujah!! Matthew 5:4 “Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.”

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 PULSE” NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2015

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.

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

Operation Christmas Child Update-The Youth Group says *THANK YOU* for helping contribute to the 68 shoeboxes that were collected this year. They will be distributed in the name of Jesus to children around the world this Christmas. Thanks so much! - Josh Brown

Library News



Just arrived Book 4 of the Alaskan Courage series, **Silenced** by **Dani Pettrey**. Jake is involved in a mysterious climbing accident. Will he be able to solve the mystery before

anyone else is put in danger? Will his past be repeated? Good page turner, and of course you have to keep reading so that the book can be returned for someone else to read.

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

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

Help Needed for Journey of Christmas

-this Sunday sign-up begins for tour guides, kitchen help and hosts/hostesses. This Tues. Dec. 1, from 10am to 4pm, help decorate the Christmas trees and the Hall, and install the stage. Help needed to place mannequins, props, and sound systems in the 9 outdoor theatres. Help string up over 2000 lights! Hot lunch will be served. On Sun. Dec. 13 at 6pm the Journey of Christmas opens, and we are open Dec. 13 through the 23 from 6 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

Lunch Basket for Hungry Children-is provided this week by Jack and Pauline Blachford to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for Children and Grandchildren.



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.

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-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 604-531-4931 (Sue) and
acormode@shaw.ca 604-531-9585 (Janet)

TUESDAY, WELSHMEN'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT-
SURREY ARTS CENTRE—7:30 P.M.—RIDE AVAILABLE —
CALL SUE—3 TICKETS AVAILABLE, COST \$30

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2—REGULAR GET TOGETHER FAMILY
ROOM FOR CHAT, HALL FOR GAMES—1–3:30 P.M.—
WITH REFRESHMENTS

SUNDAY, DEC. 13—MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH-
2350-148th AVE., 3:30 P.M. ORPHEUS MEN'S CHOIR
CHRISTMAS CONCERT—COST FOR SENIORS \$20—
LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS AVAILABLE SO ORDER
FROM SUE SOON!!! DRIVE AVAILABLE

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!!

(Seniors' News continued on next page....)

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

JOURNEY OF CHRISTMAS—OUTSIDE AT ST. MARKS—
DURING THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS—CHECK THE
PARISH PULSE FOR EXACT DATES AND TIMES—ALSO
THE ENTERTAINMENT LINE-UP FOR THE SEASON
INCLUDING OUR CHOIR, ST. CUTHBERT-S CHOIR,
GILBERT AND SULIVAN SOCIETY OF THE FRASER VALLEY,
BARBERSHOP, CHILDREN'S CHOIR, AND MORE!!!



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 Pociwuschek 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: 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.

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 30

9am – Exercise – Hall

Tuesday, December 1

9:30am – Bible Study – Family Room

7pm – Youth – Youth Room

Wednesday, December 2

9am – Exercise – Hall

10am –Service – Sanctuary

10am – Journey of Christmas Set Up – Hall

1pm – Seniors Get-Together – Family Room

7pm – Strategic Planning Comm. Mtng – Family R.

7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday, December 3

All Day – Set Up Men's Club Christmas Dinner –
Hall & Kitchen

Friday, December 4

9am – Exercise – Education Centre

All day – Set Up Men's Club Christmas Dinner –
Hall & Kitchen

Saturday, December 5

Evening – Men's Club Christmas Dinner – Hall

Sunday, December 6

Second Sunday in Advent – White Gift Sunday

OFFICE HOURS

9am to 12 noon on Monday

9am to 3pm Tues. and Thurs.

9am to 12 noon on Friday

Syrian Emergency Relief

As the winter months approach, the need for warm bedding and clothing becomes even greater for those displaced by the Syrian refugee crisis. 1.2 million Syrian refugees currently live in Lebanon, making up 20% of the population of that country at the moment. The influx of so many people into the country has led to social, political and economic problems. PWRDF continues to provide relief through the ACT Alliance and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGF) to refugees in Lebanon and Jordan as well as to displaced people within Syria and to Syrian and other refugees through Refuge Egypt in Cairo.

The Government of Canada has created the Syria Emergency Relief Fund and will match every eligible dollar donated by individual Canadians to registered Canadian charities in response to the impact of the conflict in Syria up to \$100 million until December 31, 2015. For every dollar donated to PWRDF, the Canadian government will put one dollar into its Syria Emergency Relief Fund.

Thank you - because of the generosity of Anglicans in Canada \$170,000 has been received by PWRDF for the Syrian refugee crisis.



Photo: Paul Jeffrey

Donations can be made in the following ways:

On-line

Go to <http://pwrdf.org/donate>

PWRDF Donations By Phone

For credit card donations contact:

Jennifer Brown

416-924-9192 ext. 355; 1-866-308-7973

Please do not send your credit card number by email or fax.

By Mail

Please make cheques payable to **PWRDF, Syria Response** and send to:

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

The Anglican Church of Canada
80 Hayden Street
Toronto, Ontario M4Y 3G2

PWRDF Humanitarian Response Coordinator

Naba Gurung
416-924-9192 ext. 321
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Anglicans in Canada are praying, acting and giving to those affected by this refugee crisis. Please watch for updates on PWRDF's response to the situation at www.pwrdf.org.

Thank you for supporting PWRDF's continuing work of providing relief to Syrian refugees.

