



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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Tax Receipts Available For Pick Up In the Narthex Today.



Library News

If you have been reading the Amish Quilt Shop Series, book 3 has just arrived. In **Murder, Plainly Read** by **Isabella Alan**, Angie once again gets embroiled in a mystery while organizing a book sale for the library. The Quilting Circle is there to help as is Angie's mother who is in the middle of renovations. A satisfyingly complex cozy read.

Vestry Meeting Today-Our Vestry meeting will begin, as soon as is practical, after the conclusion of the 10am combined service and a light lunch provided by our wonderful ACW team. After the service, please make your way into the hall and sign the Vestry Register Book. There will be soup-serving stations on the tables along with buns and squares. If you would like gluten-free buns, you can get them at the kitchen counter. Please help yourself to tea or coffee.

2015 Annual Report-The Annual Report for 2015 is available in the Narthex today. We have only printed enough copies to provide one Annual Report for each family.

Calling All Musicians!-Do you love to sing? Do you play an instrument? We'd love to have you join us as part of our choir and/or as part of our newly forming worship teams! Singers...pianists... woodwindsbass guitarists...string musician...brass... percussion...All are welcome. Come get involved in the ministry of music here at St. Mark's! Chat with Bev today after the service in the hall, or connect with her by email: bevydean@shaw.ca. Looking forward to connecting with you!

Calling All NewComers to St. Mark's!-You are warmly invited to a light luncheon after church on Sunday, March 6 for a 'meet and mix' with some of our leaders, and a brief orientation of the church. We'll meet in the Family Room just after the 11am service. Please RSVP to Holly Tanksley 778-294-0970.

PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2016

Anglican Church Women News

The ACW gratefully thanks all those who contributed and helped with the preparation and serving and cleaning up at the Reception held after Wendy Aiken's Celebration of Life Service. Wendy was a very honoured member of ACW and she loves us all, and we all contributed to her Service and Reception.

And...

The ACW would like to thank all of our wonderful knitters who are making the small sweater and hat sets for the newborns in the slums worldwide. So far this Parish has donated 650 sets to this ongoing, worthwhile Diocesan project. Wool and simple instructions are available from our ACW members, or by contacting Janet Van Nes: 604-535-0818; or Kathryn Smith: 604-560-1455

And...

Boxes for contributions to "Bales For The North" will be out until the end of February.



Spring Metal Recycling
Saturday, March 12
9am to 12noon
More information to come!
Anne Schreck 604-536-0072

Lunch Basket for Hungry Children-is provided this week to the Glory of God and to our son-in-law Ron, father of Kevin and Stephanie; with love from Elizabeth and Ralph Darbyshire.

Next Sunday Bible Readings-Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

St. Mark's Hosts the 2016 Lenten Lunch this Thursday, Feb. 25 at First United Church at 12 noon. Rev. Craig will Preside, Rev. John will preach, and Melodie Zhang will play the piano.

Prayer Chain Contact- Joyce Ness is the contact and she can be reached at: 604-535-0460, or at joybill@telus.net

Syrian Emergency Relief



...with Scott and Miriam Tolhurst	
What is Contemplative Prayer? 7pm – Tonight - Sunday, Feb. 21	Education Centre
God is closer than we think. 7pm Sunday, Feb. 28	Education Centre
We are Saved. We need to be saved. We will be saved. 7pm Sunday, March 6	Education Centre
When prayer doesn't seem to work. 7pm Sunday, March 13	Education Centre
Where is all of this taking us? 7pm Sunday, March 20	Education Centre

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. The next one is Wed. March 2. For information regarding other outings please contact:
sinder@shaw.ca 604-531-4931 (Sue) and
acormode@shaw.ca 604-531-9585 (Janet)

A Lenten Journey led by Deacon Steve Bailey	
7:30pm Thurs. Feb. 25 Delving Deeper Into Anglican History – Our Origins & Development in Terms of the Gospel & Historic Christianity	Family Room
7:30pm Thurs. March 3 Anglican Understandings of Being the Body of Christ: Thomas McKenzie's "Compass Rose" Model of Contemporary Anglicanism	Family Room
7:30pm Thurs. March 10 Anglican Spirituality: Some Traditional & Contemporary Practices for our Walk with Jesus	Family Room
7:30pm Thurs. March 17 "Go Into the World": Canadian & World Anglicanism in Mission and Outreach – Some Current Issues	Family Room

Office Hours

9am to 12noon on Monday and Friday.
9am to 3pm on Tuesday & Wednesday & Thursday

The government of Canada has extended the deadline for matching funds for eligible donations to Canadian agencies working to provide relief to Syrians displaced within Syria and living as refugees in the surrounding countries to **Monday, February 29, 2016**.

Funds raised will provide assistance to meet the ongoing humanitarian needs of those affected by the conflict in Syria, including shelter, food security, health care, water and livelihoods. 2.4 million people are in need of shelter in Syria according to the UN 2016 Humanitarian Needs Overview.

PWRDF continues to respond to the needs of displaced Syrians through the ACT Alliance and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, as well as through its long-time partner Refuge Egypt in Cairo. The ACT Alliance appeal for 2016 is a continuation of its 2015 appeal and PWRDF has approved \$300,000 from designated donations for the 2016 appeal.

PWRDF has received over \$526,000 from Anglicans in Canada for the ongoing Syrian refugee crisis.

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.

Upcoming Events

Monday, February 22

9am – Exercise – Hall

Tuesday, February 23

9:30 – Bible Study – Family Room

7pm – Youth Meeting – Youth Room

Wednesday, February 24

9am – Exercise – Hall

10am – Service – Sanctuary

7:15pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday, February 25

12noon – St. Mark's Hosts the Lenten Luncheon at First United Church (on Buena Vista, White Rock)

7:30pm – Lenten Journey with Deacon Steve – Family Room

Friday, February 26

9am – Exercise – Education Centre

Saturday, February 27

1pm – Wedding of Maria and Ben - Sanctuary

Sunday, February 28

7pm – Contemplative Evening Prayer – Educ. Centre