



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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The Ladies Evening Guild invites you to join us at our meeting on Tues. April 19 at 7pm in the Family Room. Our guest speaker will be St. Mark's own Don Hamilton.

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.

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

Lunch Basket for Hungry Children-is provided this week by Carol Scott to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for her Mother Lucy Bowes.

Flowers for the Altar – are given today by Brenda Horner to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of her husband, Blain Stokowski, who went to be with our Lord in April, 1996. And by Genelle Leifso, with gratitude for God's many mercies, including the faithful St. Mark's family.

Men's Club – The monthly meeting of the Men's Club will be held on Tues. April 12, commencing at 6pm with appies, followed by a pasta dinner at 6:30, with garlic bread, Caesar salad, and dessert. Price for this meal will be \$12. The speaker will be Captain Gordon Wilson, retired Canadian Air Force and commercial pilot. During his time with the CAF he flew with the 414 Electronic Warfare Squadron throughout North America. After leaving the air force he flew with Pacific Western and Canadian Airlines from 1974 to 2000. He is the author of several books, including two on the Avro Lancaster bomber, and one on NORAD, entitled "NORAD and the Soviet Nuclear Threat". He will speak on April 12 on his experiences with NORAD. All men of St. Mark's are welcome.

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. April 13. For information regarding other outings please contact:
sinder@shaw.ca 604-531-4931 (Sue) and
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Bible Readings for Next Sunday – Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016

Library News – Come to the Library for a special treat on Sun. April 17 after the 10am Service, during Coffee Hour. Have you ever wondered what a whoopie pie is? What about Amish Friendship Bread? Or shoefly pie? We will have all the answers for you and a taste or two.



Bales To The North-The A.C.W. is once again collecting for the "Bales to the North". The collection bins will be in the Narthex until Sun., April 17, after which they will be delivered to A.C.W. Place. Of particular interest at this time is layette items for both girls and boys up to the age of 24 months. These items must be new. Also they have a need for baby towels and face cloths. They have also asked for clothing for both boys and girls from size 2 and up especially pants, skirts, shorts and tops. They would also like small games, toys, and puzzles as well as children's books. For adults, as well as clothing, towels, sheets and blankets, they would like crossword books and small embroidery kits. Thanks for your contributions.

Sat. May 14, 2016 marks the first Diocesan-wide Mission Conference.

All members of the Diocese are welcome – clergy and lay people from all parishes and of all ages.

Saturday, May 14, 2016, 9am to 4:30pm with a dinner option;

At the Musqueam Community Centre and Cultural Education Resource Centre, 6735 Salish Dr, Vancouver;

Cost is \$25 per person. Dinner – a Wild Salmon BBQ is \$30 per person and requires separate registration.

(please see reverse side for more information.....)

This event has three purposes:

- (i) For the diocesan community to gather and connect in a less formal way than Synod, with more of the community present. This goal developed out of the Reconnect Task Force's work in 2012-2013.
- (ii) To be an opportunity for the diocesan community to think about mission – what is it that God is doing in our Diocese (through individuals, parishes, and groups outside of the Diocese) and how are we participating?
- (iii) To energize and strengthen Anglicans as they are sent into the world (in their homes, schools, workplaces, community and civic organizations) to participate in God's mission in this time and place.

All members of the diocesan community are invited to participate – **registration is now open** and will remain open throughout the month of April. Register on line at <http://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/news/diocese-of-new-westminster-mission-conference>

The registration form is available online at: Unlike Synod where delegates are elected by parishes and each parish is assigned a number of delegates based on the size of the parish, **the Mission Conference can be attended by anyone**. The program is designed to welcome clergy and lay people, adults, youth, and children.

The program will include a plenary session with Bishop Melissa Skelton, Diocese of New Westminster, and Bishop Brent Alawas, Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines. Being present at the Mission Conference will be part of a longer official visit by Bishop Alawas as our Companion Diocese Relationship continues to develop. The two bishops will share time discussing what mission looks like in our different contexts and wondering together about what we might learn from one another about being sent into the world as participants in God's mission.

Following the plenary session, there will be three opportunities for Mission Conference participants to attend workshop sessions. Workshop titles and leaders are still being confirmed. Anticipated workshops include sessions such as:

- an opportunity to learn more about the Musqueam on whose land we will be meeting
- time for parish leaders involved in or hoping to provide community meal programs to gather and exchange ideas

- reflections on how our baptismal identities shape us in secular vocations
- skills-building offerings around welcoming and supporting individuals with mental health challenges in our communities.

Mission Conference 2016 will conclude with a celebratory salmon dinner. Although the dinner is optional to accommodate those with Sunday morning commitments and long drives, the Planning Team hopes many people will stay and that some from the diocesan community might join us just for dinner. The dinner will include a special guest speaker and offer opportunities for fellowship within and across parishes.

The Planning Team has been led by the Rev. Ruth Monette, Director for Mission and Ministry Development, and the Rev. Helen Lingham, deacon at St. Andrew's, Langley, whose professional work is in organization and leadership development.

If you'd like to register for the dinner only and not the Mission Conference, you do not need to complete the registration form. Instead, please e-mail Phil Colvin at the Synod Office: pcolvin@vancouver.anglican.ca

Upcoming Events

Monday, April 11

9am – Exercise – Hall

Tuesday, April 12

9:30am – Bible Study – Family Room

2pm – Anglican Church Women mtng. – Family Room

7pm – Men's Club mtng – Hall

7pm – Youth Meeting – Youth Room

7:30pm – ESL Bible Study – Education Centre

Wednesday, April 13

9am – Exercise – Hall

10am – Service – Sanctuary

7:15pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Friday, April 15

9am – Exercise – Hall

Office Hours

9am to 12noon on Monday and Friday.

9am to 3pm on Tuesday & Wednesday & Thursday