



St. Mark – Ocean Park
Anglican Church

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"PARISH PULSE"
NEWSLETTER OF
ST. MARK'S CHURCH
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2016

Men's Club – The first regular meeting of the Men's Club will be held on Tues. Oct. 11 at the regular time of 6pm. Our speakers are Brian & Karen (Art Tucker's daughter) Shaben, founders of the World Wide Life Humanitarian Partnership Society. They have worked with a number of social organizations including the Mission for Seamen, International Humanitarian Hope Society, and have been doing hands-on humanitarian work overseas since 2008 in such countries as Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam. In 2014 they heard the call to work full time with the youth of the Hill Tribes in Thailand and have been there since Nov. 2015. Please let Brian Walks know if you are attending.

Readers Ministry

If you would like to read the lectionaries at the 10am Service for the next calendar year, please contact Roberta Braddock at 604-538-8642.

Deacon Steve Says - The Diocese is holding a **Vocations Information Day** on Saturday, October 22 at the Synod Office. Anyone who wants further information on exploring a call to ordained ministry can pick up an information card from Deacon Steve...and **Five Ways of Engaging the Heart** is a five session exploration of different faith traditions. It is sponsored by the diocesan Ecumenical and Multi-faith Unit. Registration can be done through the diocesan web site. Information cards are available from Deacon Steve.

Bible Readings for Next Sunday – Jeremiah 31:27-34, Psalm 121, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8

Lunch Basket for Hungry Children – is provided this week by Louise and John Ritchie to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings and 46 wonderful years of marriage.

Flowers for the Altar – are given today by Barbara Grantham to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her father Herbert Emerson White.

Prayer Chain Contact - The Coordinator for the Prayer Chain is Maggie Ferguson. Call her at 604-538-6160. Or email magferg@telus.net

The Property Committee – has purchased a steel container for storage to replace the three sheds at the back of the Church. We are looking for help on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 9am to move tools and disassemble one shed. Please speak with Don Hamilton and/or Phil Tubbs.

CANCELLED – Please Note: There will be no 10am Service on Wednesday, October 12



First Fruits - Thank you to our Gracious God of Abundance and Beauty and to each of you who enjoyed the giving to, and receiving from, the First Fruits Project 2016. Your generous donations have allowed us to raise an additional \$530.55 in September to support our refugee families. This year your donations of \$1,585 supported recovery from the earthquakes in Japan & Ecuador, Famine Relief in Ethiopia, and support for our refugee families.



Library News

The Glass House by **Priebe & Jenkins** is full of intrigue and suspense. Avery, Kate, Tuck, and Kendrick take charge of an underground network of kidnapped children, inspiring them to believe that their past does not dictate their future and pledging to do the hardest thing of all . . . reunite the children with the homes they left behind. When they discover that one among them might be the lost child of a man who wants them dead, will everything they work for be lost?

St. Mark's Youth October Update

We started up with regular meetings in September and had a great kick-off event at the *Jesus, Life, and World Religions* event in downtown Vancouver, featuring a pizza dinner and Skeptics Forum, where a couple of our students had the chance to ask the panel some tough questions (see www.facebook.com/saintmarksyouth for videos!). This was followed by a lecture from world-renowned Christian apologist, Ravi Zacharias. We were also blessed to be joined by our very own Deacon, Rev. Steve, as he challenged us to consider God's calling for our lives and helped us to understand the role of a Deacon in the Church. We capped off the month with a Chocolate Fondue and Games night.

For the latest updates and events, visit us on Facebook or sign-up for our newsletter at www.stmarkbc.org/youth.



Operation Christmas Child Project

Pick up your shoeboxes in the Narthex! Operation Christmas Child is happening again this year, and the St. Mark's Youth invite you to fill a box with love to bring hope to children worldwide. Each box has a brochure inside with detailed instructions. If you would rather donate, the youth group can make gift purchases on your behalf to fill shoeboxes. Please email youth@stmarkbc.org or speak with Josh for more info. Last date for dropping off your box at the church is Sunday, November 13.



Gifts for Mission

See the centerfold
in the October
Anglican Journal



Gift of the Month

This October, **help a farmer replant after an emergency or conflict.** Through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, provide small-scale farmers with seeds, tools and education in new farming techniques to rebuild their farms and livelihoods after an emergency or conflict.

 Every dollar is matched by FOUR dollars from Global Affairs Canada.

Call to order: **1-866-924-9192**

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Gifts for Mission gift guide contact:
jbeckford@national.anglican.ca
or call 1-866-924-9192.



Essentials Of Modern Health: Mental Health for a Modern World With Dr. Mark Davies, Thursdays from 7pm – 9pm in the Family Room:

Oct. 20	-	Anxiety
Nov. 3	-	Depression
Nov. 24	-	Positive Psychology

For more information please call:

Rev. Craig Tanksley
604-525-8841, ext 103

Upcoming Events

Monday, October 10

OFFICE IS CLOSED

Tuesday, October 11

9:30am – Bible Study – Family Room

2pm – ACW Meeting – Family Room

6pm – Men's Club - Hall

7pm – Youth Meeting – Youth Room

7:15pm – ESL Bible Study – Education Centre

Wednesday, October 12

9am – Exercise – Yoga – Education Centre

3pm – Finance Committee Meeting – Family Room

Thursday, October 13

1pm – Pain Management Class – Family Room

Friday, October 14

All Day = Peace Arch Hospital Auxiliary Event - Hall

9am Exercise – Education Centre

Sunday, October 16

Souper Sunday Soup Sales

Office Hours

Monday	9am – noon
Tuesday	9am to 3pm
Wednesday	9am to 3pm
Thursday	9am to 3pm
Friday	9am to noon