



## St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016**

### **Annual Vestry - Attention St. Mark Ministry Leaders - Ministry Reports**

Our annual Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday February 19, 2017.

Please be reminded that we need your 2016 Ministry Report no later than **Monday, January 9, 2017** as we are under very tight timelines to produce the Annual Report to Vestry. If we don't receive your report by that date, we cannot guarantee that it will be included in the Annual Report.

Please email your 2016 Ministry Report in an Arial, 10-point font Microsoft Word document to Sheila at [office@stmarkbc.org](mailto:office@stmarkbc.org)

**The Healing Service** – with the Eucharist, 10am this Wednesday, December 21 – Come and experience the healing touch of our Lord Jesus. Everyone is welcome. **James 5:16** "...pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous (person) is powerful and effective."

**Next Seniors Get-Together** - is on Wed. January 4 at 1pm and will be an Epiphany Party!

**Coffee Hour and Children** – Please be mindful that the Hall is quite crowded during coffee time after the Service, and we want everyone to be kept safe from falls and injuries. Let's encourage the little ones to walk in that room, and let loose only under adult supervision outside. For sure, we want everyone to be included and enjoy social time and a snack.

### **Emergency Maintenance**

During the holiday both Don and Ken are away during the following dates:

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Don will be away in Florida so will not be available.

Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> to Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Ken will be away in the US and thus unable to take phone calls.

Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> to Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Ken will be away skiing and thus unable to take phone calls.

In Ken's case in severe emergency conditions, Ken can be reached on his cell but it will be long distance.

Cell no. 612-710-0246.

In their absence Phil Tubbs has agreed to look after any problems. His phone number is 604-531-0847. At the present time both Don and Ken know of no problems that have to be dealt with immediately so hopefully it continues for the next six weeks.

**Bible Readings for Next Sunday** – Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98, Hebrews 1:1-4, John 1:1-14

**Lunch Basket for Hungry Children** – The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children is provided by Shannon and Jef Poulsen to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for Natalie's 31<sup>st</sup> birthday.

**Flowers for the Altar** – are given today by Adela Rennie and family in loving memory of Ed on the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his passing, and to thank God for the many happy memories.

**Prayer Chain Contact** - The Coordinator is Lynne Hurd. You may reach her at [lynneh1@telus.net](mailto:lynneh1@telus.net) or at 604-542-2772

**Contribution Envelopes** - are available for pick up today in the Narthex.

**Rector's Christmas Letter** – is available for pick up today in the Narthex.

**Coffee Hour Roster** – The new coffee hour roster for December/January/February is posted on the bulletin board in the Hall. Please feel free to arrange your own trade if your assigned date does not work for you. Please advise me if you have traded dates. I would be happy to email you a copy if you let me know your email address.  
isabelchernoff@telus.net

**JOURNEY OF CHRISTMAS:** We are still looking for tour guides for Dec. 22, 23 & 24. Please sign-up after church today. Those will be busy evenings. We open at 6 pm nightly. Our Arts Showcases will feature:

- Tonight: St. Cuthbert's Delta choirs
- Mon. Dec. 19 Michael Dirk & Annabelle Ip for an organ and piano Christmas concert in the church
- Tue. Dec. 20: Staci Silva (WYAM missionary from Brazil & guitarist)
- Wed. Dec. 21 Steve Hovan (acoustic guitarist & ukelele)
- Thu. Dec. 22 St. Mark's choir Join them for a carol sing
- Fri. Dec. 23 Chris Simmons & Debra DaVaughn Christmas concert
- Sat. Dec. 24 Extended hours 3:30-9 pm. You can come early and experience the "Journey" at dusk.

**Tue. Dec. 27 9 am-1 pm - Take Down** ...Journey of Christmas & the Christmas decorations and trees in the Hall. *Thank you for your help.*  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND SEE YOU ON THE "JOURNEY OF CHRISTMAS"

- from Brian Walks & the Journey of Christmas Committee.

**Please Note That The Office Will Be Closed**

- **Mon. Dec. 26**
- **Tues. Dec. 27**
- **Wed. Dec. 28**
- **Thurs. Dec. 28**
- **Fri. Dec. 29**
- **Sat. Dec. 30,**
- **and on Mon. Jan. 2**

**Upcoming Events**

**Monday, December 19**

Evening - Journey of Christmas

**Tuesday, December 20**

Evening - Journey of Christmas

**Wednesday, December 21**

9am – Yoga – Education Centre  
10am – Healing Service – Sanctuary  
7:30pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary  
Evening - Journey of Christmas

**Thursday, December 22**

Evening - Journey of Christmas

**Friday, December 23**

Evening - Journey of Christmas

**Saturday, December 24**

Evening - Journey of Christmas – Closing Night

**Office Hours**

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

**December Schedule**

- December 24** 5pm - Family Service  
7pm – Candlelight Eucharist  
11pm – Candlelight Eucharist
- December 25** 10am Christmas Eucharist  
(no 8am Service)
- Wed. Dec. 28** There is no 10am Service