



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016

Pat's Christmas Crafts - Saturday, December 10 from 10am to noon in the Parish Hall. Call Pat Zammit at 604-536-7443 for further information.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

To all the volunteers at the Holly Berry Fair who made jams, pickles, jams and preserves, crafts, knitting and gift baskets, helped with set up and pricing, put up posters and signs, prepared and served the delicious lunch, sold lunch and raffle tickets, sold the "goods", cut holly and collected cones, did baking and helped with take down and storage - we thank you all for your help.

Thanks too to everyone in the congregation who donated treasures and came to support the Holly Berry Fair. Many of you made it a family affair and it was a fun "Parish" event.

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2018

This month Holly and Craig launched a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land that they are leading in 2018. For those who were unable to make their first presentation they are offering it one more time today following the 10AM service, in the Family Room. They want to make it clear that this journey is being offered and led by Holly and Craig and not a program being sponsored by St. Marks Parish. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit the land where our Bible was written and our faith was born.

Bible Readings for Next Sunday – Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

Lunch Basket for Hungry Children – is provided this week by Morny White to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for those dedicated to the care and spiritual guidance for our children and youth.

Flowers for the Altar – are given today by Robin and Michael Klaver to the Glory of God and in loving memory of the late parents of Robin – Richard Sanchez and Barbara Johnson.

Prayer Chain Contact - The Coordinator for the Prayer Chain is Maggie Ferguson. Call her at 604-538-6160. Or email magferg@telus.net; The Coordinator for the next three months will be Lynne Hurd, beginning next Sunday, December 11. You may reach her at lynneh1@telus.net or at 604-542-2772

The Next Contemplative Prayer Service – with Scott and Miriam Tolhurst takes place in the Family Room next Sunday, Dec. 11, at 7pm.

Christmas Baking Required – For the Christmas season, donations of baking for the following events would be much appreciated:

- Senior's Lunch, Thurs. Dec. 8 – dainty cookies, tarts or squares
- Shortbread or dainty mincemeat tarts for the Dec. 18 Lessons & Carols service

Any questions please contact Isabel Chernoff. Thank you.

Coffee Hour Roster – for the 10am Service for the next quarter is 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 trade or if you would like me to email you a copy of the schedule. – isabelchernoff@telus.net

Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"...

is being read by Peace Arch News Arts Editor Alex Browne at St. Mark's on Fri. Dec. 9 at 7:30pm. Between chapters the St. Mark's Choir will be leading Christmas carol singing. This event will be a ticketed event with funds raised going to those who need our help at Christmas. For tickets see Roger Hussen or Brian Walks, or purchase tickets at the door. Everyone welcome.

JOURNEY OF CHRISTMAS NEEDS tour guides, kitchen help and hosts/hostesses. We are open Dec. 15-23 6-9 pm & Dec. 24 3:30-9 pm. There are two additional openings. Westminster House Seniors Residence is here Thu. Dec. 15 from 1:15-3:30 pm. Cedar Grove Daycare is here on Wed. Dec. 21 from 10:15-11:45 am with 35-40 kids age 3-10. Both of these special openings require volunteers to fill the roles. Please see Kerry Zeal, our sign-up host after the service. The first to sign-up get the shift that they want.

JOURNEY OF CHRISTMAS ARTS SHOWCASE

Thu. Dec. 15: Boy Scout Night
Sat. Dec. 17: Gilbert & Sullivan Society singers
Sun. Dec. 18: St. Cuthbert's choirs
Mon. Dec. 19: Michael Dirk & Annabelle Ip Christmas concert in the church
Tue. Dec. 20: Stacy Silva (guitarist & missionary from Brazil)
Wed. Dec. 21: Steve Hovan (acoustic guitar & ukelele)
Thu. Dec. 22: St. Mark's Choir
Fri. Dec. 23: Chris Simmons & Debra daVaughn



Missing In Action

Once again **the Library** is looking for books and DVDs that have disappeared. Check the list below or the bulletin board in the library to see if you know where any of them are hiding. It would be great if everything was returned or replaced by Christmas so that we could ask Santa for new books instead of replacements.

Thanks for your help.
Charlie and the Librarians

- What Good Is God – Yancy
- House of Dark Shadows – Liparulo
- Zondervan Atlas of the Bible
- Lion of Babylon – Bunn
- At Home in Mitford – Karon
- Shadow Lamp – Lawhead
- Prague Counterpoint – Thoene
- Forgotten God – Chan
- Simply Christian – Wright
- Biggest Brag – Berenstain
- Bug Collection

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 5

9am - Exercise – Hall

Tuesday, December 6

1pm – Prayer Shawl Meeting – Family Room

7pm – Youth Meeting – Youth Room

7:15pm – ESL Bible Study – Education Centre

Wednesday, December 7

9am – Exercise – Yoga – Education Centre

10am – Service – Sanctuary

7:30pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary

Thursday, December 8

Senior’s Luncheon – Hall

Friday, December 9

9am – Exercise – Education Centre

7:30pm – Alex Browne reads “A Christmas Carol” by
Charles Dickens – Hall

Saturday, December 10

10am to noon – Pat’s Christmas Crafts – Hall

Sunday, December 11

7pm – Contemplative Prayer Service – Family Room

Office Hours

Monday 9am – noon

Tuesday 9am to 3pm

Wednesday 9am to 3pm

Thursday 9am to 3p

Friday 9am to noon

December Schedule

December 11 – Children’s Christmas
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December 18 – Lessons & Carols at 10am

December 24 – 5pm- Family Service
7pm & 11pm – Candlelight
Eucharist

December 25 - 10am Christmas Eucharist
(no 8am Service)

Wed. Dec. 28 – No 10am Service