



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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"PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK SUNDAY, FEB 5, 2017

2016 ANNUAL REPORT - The Annual Report for 2016 will be available in the Narthex on Sunday, Feb. 5, Feb. 12, and Feb. 19. We have only printed enough copies to provide one Annual Report for each family. When you pick up your copy, please add your name and signature to the "pick-up" sheet provided. Please read your Annual Report and bring it to the Feb. 19 Vestry Meeting. If you wish, you may download a digital copy of the 2016 Annual Report from our St. Mark Ocean Park website or Facebook page. Thank you and God bless. Your Wardens

Prayers for Upcoming Vestry - Please pray for our upcoming Vestry meeting, especially that those suitable and available for the various church council positions would consider this important and fulfilling ministry. Anyone who would like to nominate someone can do so by asking for the individual's permission and by speaking to Anne Schreck, Barbara Carington Smith or Catherine Featherstone. Thank you - The Nominating Committee

VESTRY MEETING – SUN. FEB. 19, 2017

The Annual Vestry Meeting of St. Mark Ocean Park will take place on Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017 following a combined Morning Prayer Service at 10 am, and a lunch in the Parish Hall. During the past two weeks we collected email addresses after the Sunday services. On Friday Jan. 27, Sheila emailed Vestry Notice Letters to those parishioners. If you're one of those people, please check your email for your Vestry Notice. Today, paper copies of the Vestry Notice letter are available in the Narthex, for all other parishioners. Please pick up your paper copy of the Notice as soon as possible, to help us reduce mailing costs. Any Vestry letters not picked up will be mailed tomorrow, February 6. We encourage every member to attend our Vestry, and pray for this annual business meeting, as it is an important time to gather as a community and make important decisions based on where we see the Lord leading us as a Parish.

Bible Readings for Next Sunday – Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 119:1-8, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37

Lunch Basket for Hungry Children – is provided this week by Ann Colman to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for her granddaughter.

Flowers for the Altar – are provided this week to the Glory of God and in memory of, and to celebrate the life of, Susan Jones, by her family.

Valentine's Day Dance Party – Saturday, February 11 at 6:30pm

Please join us in the Hall on Saturday, February 11 starting at 6:30pm for lots of fun, music and dancing. Jive, hip hop, disco, line dancing and more. Please bring a bag of chips, or a snack to share. Tea, coffee and water will be provided. If you want them, please bring your own soft drinks. The cost is only \$5 per person to cover our wonderful DJ Francis. All ages are welcome. Get set to rock the place!

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Anglican
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Spring is almost here! Are you downsizing, renovating, de-cluttering? Don't forget the parish **Metal Recycling** – likely Sat. March 25. Copper, brass, aluminum, and all lengths and gauge wire are the most lucrative but our aim is to keep as much metal of all kinds out of the landfill. Watch for more information.

Concerned about caring for God's Creation? Like to work outdoors? Love gardening? Weekly work parties will resume Tues. March 21. Every Tuesday from 9am to 11am. Come and join us in lighter or heavier tasks around God's 3 acres at St. Mark's. For more information: Anne Schreck, 604-536-0072



SOUPER SUNDAY next week!
February 5th
\$5.00 & \$10.00

After 8:00am and 10:00am services

Library News

Have A Blind DATE

For the month of February there will be Blind Dates available in the Library. Look for the brown bags. Choose one and see what the book inside is. You never know ... it might be something really good that you would never normally have chosen.



After years of trying of connect with her husband Jim, Marilyn leaves to start a new job and take the dancing lessons she has always wanted. Shocked that his wife is gone, Jim begins a campaign to win

her back with help from an unexpected ally. **The Dance** by **Dan Walsh & Gary Small** will grip your heart from the very first chapter.

10 am COFFEE HOUR ROSTER is now posted in the Hall for March/April/May and has been emailed to those who have given me an email address. Please check your date and try to make a trade if your assigned date does not work for you. Then please let the 2 captains know. I am away until the end of March. Kathy Tubbs has kindly agreed to cover for me for urgent requests: 604-531-0847. Thank you everyone for your continued service. - Isabel Chernoff, Coordinator.

SOUND MINISTRY - Don Hamilton and Phil Tubbs invite anyone interested in assisting with Sound Ministry to attend a brief basic training session on Sunday, February 19 at 9:15 in the Sanctuary. Speak with Don or Phil if you have questions.

Prayer Chain Contact – The coordinator for the Prayer Chain is Lynne Hurd. She may be reached at lynneh1@telus.net or at 604.542.2772.

Contribution Envelopes - If you wish to pick up your envelopes, please ask one of the Greeters to help you do so.

Upcoming Events

Monday, February 6

9am – Exercise – Hall
 1:30pm – Chronic Condition Group – Family Room

Tuesday, February 7

9:30am – Bible Study – Family Room
 1pm – Prayer Shawl Meeting – Family Room
 6pm – Men’s Club Meeting – Hall
 7pm – Youth – Youth Room

Wednesday, February 8

9am – Yoga Exercise – Education Centre
 10am –Service – Sanctuary
 7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday, February 9

10am – Outreach Committee - Hall

Friday, February 10

9am – Exercise – Hall

Saturday, February 11

8:30am – 12noon – Soup Preparation - Kitchen
 6:30pm – Valentine’s Dance – Hall

Sunday, February 12

SOUPER SUNDAY!

Seeking Hand Bell Ringers - Looking for 5 to 10 people to play hand bells for the Easter anthem. If you can ring a bell, follow direction and have good timing, we'd like to invite you to play the hand bells for St. Mark's Easter service April 16th 2017. You do not need to read music. However you would need to come to a few practices and commit to being there on Easter Sunday. Practice times will be decided based on volunteers schedule. If you are interested contact Emily, Choir Director, at emily0707@yahoo.com or 604-379-8719.