



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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"PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK **SUN. MARCH 12, 2017**



Celebration of Life for Frank Pearson is scheduled to be held on Thursday, March 16 at 2pm. And the Celebration of Life for Rev. Eric Lowe is scheduled to be held on Sat. March 25 at 3pm. The Celebration of Life for Ruby LaRonde is scheduled for late April.

Savvy Seniors Get-Together - The next one is: this Wednesday, March 15 from 1pm to 3:30pm.

Further information is available from Sue Indridson (sinder@shaw.ca) or 604.531.4931 OR from Janet Cormode janet.cormode@gmail.com or 604.531.9585

Change of Heart - We will gather tonight, Sunday, March 12, at 7pm in the Family Room for our Change of Heart Contemplative Prayer service. This week we will see how the spiritual discipline of Practicing the Presence can open us for transformation. Everyone is welcome! Please join us! Janet Scott, Coordinator

The Healing Service – with the Eucharist, 10am this Wednesday, March 15 – 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."

Confirmation Preparation at St. Mark's - We'd like to present some candidates for Confirmation this year – both adults and youth. If you wish to be confirmed, or would like to enroll someone for confirmation preparation, please see Craig, John, or Steve to discuss the process. Youth interested should speak with Josh. All candidates from St. Mark's will take part in the Confirmation Preparation Day at the Synod Office on Sat. April 29, with Confirmation on Sat. May 13, 1030am – 12:30pm at Christ Church Cathedral.

Bible Readings for Sunday, March 19
2 Samuel 7:4, 8-16, Psalm 89:1-4, 26-29,
Romans 4:13-18, Luke 2:41-52

Spring is almost here! Are you downsizing, renovating, de-cluttering? Don't forget the parish **Metal Recycling** – **Sat. April 8**. 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.

Back Forest Work Parties Resume:
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



**Next Sunday is
SOUPER SUNDAY
= March 19
\$5.00 & \$10.00**

After 8am and 10am services.

St. Mark Syrian Refugee Family Fund - Diamond Ring Ticket Raffle

As you may know, a very generous person in our neighbourhood donated a woman's diamond ring to our church (the ring has been appraised at \$2200). Our neighbour asked that we put any proceeds from its sale or raffle towards our St. Mark Syrian Refugee Family Fund. We will sell a maximum of 250 raffle tickets at \$5 each and the winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday, April 30 at 11:4am in the Hall. Until then, tickets will be available each Sunday in the Hall after church. (B.C. Gaming Event License #93122).

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children – is provided this week to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for his many blessings.

Library News

St Mark Reads

CBC's Canada Reads is on again this year so for Lent we have our own reading list. There is a list available in the Library of fiction and non-fiction choices. Some are new, some are favorites, and some are patron's picks. Read the books on the list and then vote for your favorite. You are allowed one vote per person per category. You have until Easter to make your choices when the votes will be tallied and the winning books will be announced. So get reading!

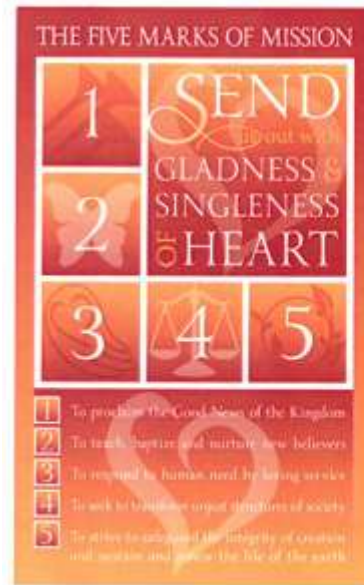


Prayer Chain Contact – The coordinator for the Prayer Chain is Joyce Ness. She can be reached at joybill@telus.net or at 604.535.0460

ST. MARK'S LENTEN STUDY SERIES 2017



WHAT ARE THE MARKS OF MISSION OF THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION AND HOW DO WE LIVE THEM OUT?



March 2 - Proclamation - Craig
Living the Good news of the Kingdom

March 9 - Christian Growth - Steve
Maturing in Christ

March 16 - Loving Service - Steve
Being the Community of Christ

March 23 - Social Justice - Steve
Being Positively Counter-Cultural

March 30 - Creation Care - Craig
Caring for God's Gifts to Us

Sign up in the narthex after
the service

Upcoming Events

Monday, March 13

9am – Exercise – Hall

Tuesday, March 14

9:30am – Bible Study – Family Room

2pm – ACW meeting – Family Room

6pm – Men's Club – Hall & Kitchen

7pm – Youth – Youth Room

Wednesday, March 15

9am – Yoga Exercise – Education Centre

10am – Healing Service – Sanctuary

1pm – Senior's Get-Together – FR & Hall

7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday, March 16

2pm – Celebration of Life – Frank Pearson

7pm – Lenten Series – Family Room

Friday, March 17

9am – Exercise – Hall