



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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Savvy Seniors Get-Together - The next one is:
Wednesday, March 29 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

Bible Readings for Sunday, April 2 - Ezekiel
37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:8-11, John 11:1-45

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 by Norma and Alan Marsh to the Glory of God and in memory of Norma and Alan's sister Sandy Relpth.

Prayer Chain Contact – The coordinator for the Prayer Chain for the next month is Mary Brown who can be reached at 604.535.6408 or at marybrown@telus.net

Library News



Our Library has received a very generous donation of the complete series of **An Irish Country Doctor** by **Patrick Taylor**. Welcome to the colourful Ulster village of Ballybucklebo, where two overworked doctors work hand in hand to mend the bodies and spirits of the town's diverse and engaging inhabitants. If you enjoyed Jon Karon's Mitford series you are bound to enjoy An Irish Country Doctor.

"PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK SUNDAY MARCH 26, 2017

Parish Conference – Save Saturday, April 22 on your calendar. We are meeting as a congregation to receive your input to the final document on Strategic Planning. Our facilitator will be Tasha Carrothers from the Synod Office who will bring her skills in the area of congregational development and as a facilitator to guide us through this process. We will open with coffee, juice and muffins and begin our day with Tasha at 9:15am. Please bring a bag lunch. We will finish by 3pm. Your participation is important so that we can move forward together. See you there!

Contemplative Prayer – We will meet again tonight, Sunday, March 26, in the Family Room at 7pm for A Change Of Heart, an evening of contemplative prayer. This week we will join together in entering into God's presence with music, breath prayer and Lectio Divina. Lynne Hurd will be our Facilitator. All are welcome, whether you are new to contemplative prayer or have been embracing these spiritual practices for as long as you can remember! – Janet Scott, Coordinator



St. Mark's Enhanced Recycling Metal & More!

**Scrap Metal Recycling
Saturday, April 8
9am to 12noon**

**Back Church Parking Lot
Inquiries: Anne Schreck
604-5366-0072**

April Services

- Sun. April 9 – Palm Sunday – 8am & 10am
- Wed. April 12 – Taize Service – 7pm
- Thurs. April 13 - Family Meal & Eucharist – 6pm
- Fri. April 14 – Journey of the Cross – 9am
- Fri. April 14 – Service 10:30am
- Sat. April 15 – Tenebrae Service – 7pm
- Sun. April 16 – 8am & 10am Eucharist



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 27

9am – Exercise – Hall

Tuesday, March 28

9:30am – Bible Study – Family Room

7pm – Parish Council – Family Room

7pm – Youth – Youth Room

7:30pm – ESL Bible Study - Office

Wednesday, March 29

9am – Yoga – Education Centre

10am – Service – Sanctuary

1pm – Seniors Get-Together – Hall & Family Room

7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday, March 30

7pm – Lenten Series – Family Room

Friday, March 31

9am – Exercise – Hall

PWRDF announces another \$50,000 for East Africa emergency response

PWRDF is supporting two more appeals to address the humanitarian crisis in East Africa through our memberships in the **Canadian Foodgrains Bank** and **ACT Alliance**.

To address the famine in South Sudan, PWRDF has made a \$20,000 contribution through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to support a project led by ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) Canada. **This is further to the contribution in mid-February of \$50,000 to the ACT Alliance appeal for South Sudan and Kenya.**

ADRA Canada is currently working with ADRA South Sudan, who operates a project in the city of Juba that provides Child Friendly Spaces and school supplies to displaced families there. The schools serve porridge every morning to about 100 students, but teachers have noticed an increase in hungry children to about 300.

On March 14 ACT Alliance announced an appeal to respond to the drought emergency in Somalia and PWRDF has pledged \$30,000 to the effort.

Somalia's intense drought is the result of four seasons of inadequate rainfall. This lack of water has devastated crops and livestock, and in the worst affected areas families have no choice but to sell their possessions and borrow food and money to get by. PWRDF's gift will help ACT Somalia Forum members provide:

- food
- water
- sanitation
- education
- health care
- cash and
- livestock to people in need.

Donations can be made:

By Mail Please make cheques payable to **PWRDF, Emergency Response East Africa** and send to: **Primate's World Relief and Development Fund**
The Anglican Church of Canada 80 Hayden Street
Toronto, Ontario M4Y 3G2