



## St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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**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 Next Sunday's Morning**

**Prayer** – Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, Matthew 17:1-9

**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 16, 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](mailto:emily0707@yahoo.com) or 604-379-8719.

### **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 next SOUPER SUNDAY  
is March 19**

**\$5.00 & \$10.00**

**After 8am and 10am services.**

## **"PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017**

**The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children** – is provided this week by Betty-Ann and Ian Bainsbridge to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for God's blessings and grace.

### **Library News**



### **Reader Recommended**

**Lady in Waiting** by Susan Meissner has been recommended by one of our patrons. It is the story of Jane Lindsay whose husband walks out on her, she finds a ring with her name on it in a box of relics from a jumble sale, and she feels powerless to stop the course of events that follow. Intertwined is the story of Lady Jane Grey of the sixteenth century. This is a book that keeps you going and will be a hard one to put down till the last page is read.

**Prayer Chain Contact** – The coordinator for the Prayer Chain is Lynne Hurd. She may be reached at [lynneh1@telus.net](mailto:lynneh1@telus.net) or at 604.542.2772. As of March 12 Joyce Ness takes over the coordination of the prayer chain.

**Savvy Seniors** get together for chatting and playing games in the Hall and the Family Room, from 1pm to 3:30pm, every second Wednesday.

In March the Wednesdays fall on:

- March 15
- March 29

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



**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

#### 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

#### PWRDF emergency response to famine in South Sudan

There are growing signs of hunger in South Sudan, the world's newest country to gain independence. On February 20, the United Nations declared a state of famine in the north central part of the country. More than 40% of the population – 4.9 million people – are unsure where their next meal will come from. These already-shocking numbers may increase to 5.5 million if nothing is done to improve access to food. In 2016, to respond to the needs of South Sudanese fleeing violence, PWRDF began working with the Sudanese Development and Relief Agency of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan. Through a grant to the ACT Alliance, PWRDF was able to improve conditions at overstrained refugee camps in Uganda. In addition, PWRDF partners continue to accompany the South Sudanese in Kenya and Egypt. In the months to come, PWRDF will increase its support for the people of South Sudan, inside the country and to those fleeing to Uganda. PWRDF is accepting donations for South Sudan and South Sudanese refugees and will continue to update Anglicans across Canada on the tragedy of this situation, as well as our response and impact. We thank you for your prayers and support.

#### **Donations (specify South Sudan)**

**By Phone** For credit card donations contact:

Jennifer Brown 416-924-9192 ext. 355; 1-866-308-7973

**By Mail** Please make cheques payable to **PWRDF, Emergency Response: South Sudan** and send to:

**The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund**  
The Anglican Church of Canada, 80 Hayden Street  
Toronto, Ontario M4Y 3G2

#### Upcoming Events

##### Monday, March 6

9am – Exercise – Hall

##### Tuesday, March 7

9:30am – Bible Study – Family Room

1pm – Prayer Shawls – Family room

7pm – Youth – Youth Room

##### Wednesday, March 8

9am – Yoga Exercise – Education Centre

10am – Service – Sanctuary

7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

##### Thursday, March 9

12noon – Lenten Lunch - Hall

7:30pm – Lenten Series – Family Room

##### Friday, March 10

9am – Exercise – Hall