



St. Mark – Ocean Park
Anglican Church

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"PARISH PULSE"
NEWSLETTER OF
ST. MARK OCEAN PARK
SUNDAY APRIL 9, 2017

OFFICE CLOSED - Friday, April 14

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Forward Day By Day – The next installment – May, June, July, - is available and it is time to pay. Please see Carolyn Brown in the Narthex.

Savvy Seniors Get-Together - The next one is this Wednesday, April 12, from 1pm to 3:30pm.

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Bible Readings for Sunday, April 16

Acts 10:34-43, Colossians 3:1-4, Matthew 28:1-10, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children – is given this week with love by Stephanie and Kevin to the Glory of God and in memory of our Dad Ron.

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

**PARISH OF ST. MARK – OCEAN PARK OPERATING FUND ACCOUNT
FINANCIAL STATUS AT MARCH 31, 2017**

	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET	VARIANCE
TOTAL INCOME	27,701.65	80,623.42	98,926.26	(18,302.84)
TOTAL ESPENSES	33,600.14	95,723.83	98,926.26	3,202.43
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (5,898.49)	\$ (15,100.41)	\$ --	\$ (15,100.41)

For full details on our financial disposition, please read the Treasurer's Report in the Parish Council Minutes posted on the far left bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Rector's Easter Letter – Ready for Pick Up In The Narthex.

Upcoming Services

- Wed. April 12 – Taize Service – 7pm
- Thurs. April 13 - Family Meal & Eucharist – 6pm
- Fri. April 14 – Journey of the Cross – gather at 9am in the Parish Hall followed by...a walk to Laronde Park, and by the knoll, a short 20-minute Service followed by...carrying the Cross back to St. Mark-Ocean Park followed by...Good Friday Service at 10:30am followed by...Stations of the Cross for worshippers at 11:30am.
- Holy Sat. April 15 – Tenebrae Service – 7pm
- Sun. April 16 – 8am & 10am Eucharist

SING OUT FOR CANADA: Two hundred singers from seniors choirs around British Columbia will present a Gala Concert of Canadian music on Thu. April 20 at 7:30 pm at White Rock Baptist Church, 1657 140 St. Surrey. Tickets are \$15.00. They are available at Tapestry Music 1335 Johnston Road; The Kent Street Centre 1475 Kent St. or from Kent Street Choristers. For more information contact Francis Ye: 778 291 2993 or e-mail fangyaoye@aliyun.com. This event is hosted by Kent Street Choristers and the BC Choral Federation.

Change of Heart

We will gather tonight, Sunday, April 9, at 7pm in the Family Room for our Change of Heart Contemplative Prayer service. This week we will practise opening to God through guided imagery meditation on Scripture. Everyone is welcome! Please join us!

- Janet Scott, Coordinator

Taize Style Evening Prayers - The Change of Heart Contemplative Prayer team and the St Mark's Choir cordially invite you to join us in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, April 12 at 7pm for Taize Style Evening Prayers. Through repeated sung prayers, Scripture readings and periods of silence, we will be invited into God's presence on the journey from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. Come and bring a friend!

- Janet Scott

Mother's Day Fashion Show and Tea

Sat. May 6 at 2pm

Tickets: Adults \$15; Children \$5

Featuring ladies and children's clothing from Edge Fashions and Peek-a-Book Beans.

Tickets available from Linda O'Donovan in the Hall after the 10am Service, or you can order at

lindaodee@hotmail.com

Proceeds will support local and international outreach projects.

St. Mark Adopt A Street – A big thank you to the March team, Cameron, Isaac and Naomi MacPherson. They did a great job cleaning our street. There was lots more snow and rain last month, but they managed to find a day to get out to do some work.

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 11:45am in the Hall. Until then, tickets will be available each Sunday in the Hall after church. (B.C. Gaming Event License #93122).

MEN'S CLUB DINNER MEETING: On Tuesday, April 11 at 6 pm. Guest speaker: John Del Monte from Crescent Beach Search & Rescue. Cost: \$12.00. First time attenders are welcome and receive a free dinner. All men are invited. Let Brian Walks know that you are coming. 604 538 3568 or e-mail brian.walks@gmail.com. Reminder to all that the 21st annual Chicken Bar B Q is Sat. June 10.



Library News

An oldie but a goodie, if you have not read **Igloo Dwellers Were My Church** by **John Sperry** it is worth looking up. Sperry records an Inuit way of life that has virtually disappeared. He documents the impact of change on the people of the Arctic and provides background on the people and events that led to the creation of Nunavut. Igloo Dwellers is an inspiring record of life in the Arctic during years of monumental change.

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!

A QUICK LOOK AHEAD

Wed. Apr. 19 10am Healing Service

Sat. Apr. 22 9am-3pm Parish Conference (come and participate)

Sun. Apr. 23 8am & 10am St. Mark's Patronal Sunday

Sat. May 6 2pm Ladies Guild Fashion Show

Sat. May 13: Garden Club Spring Sale

Wed. May 17: 10am Healing Service

Fri. May 26 & Sat. May 27: Diocesan Synod

Sat. JUNE 3: 11am-2pm ACW Spring Lunch & Sale

Sat. June 10 5:30pm Men's Club Chicken Bar B Q

Sat. June 17 6pm Embrace Rwanda Dinner Fundraiser

Wed. June 21 10am Healing Service

More details to come. Book these dates on your calendar.

Upcoming Events

Monday, April 10

9am – Exercise – Hall

Tuesday, April 11

9:30am – Bible Study – Family Room

2pm – A.C.W. Meeting – Family Room

6pm – Men's Club Meeting - Hall

7pm – Youth – Youth Room

7:30pm – ESL Bible Study - Office

Wednesday, April 12

9am – Yoga – Education Centre

10am – Service – Sanctuary

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

7pm – Taize Style Evening Prayers in the Sanctuary

Thursday, April 13

6pm – Celebration of the Institution of the Last Supper with the Washing of Feet = Maundy Thursday Service in the Hall

Friday, April 14

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9am – Gather in the Hall before walk to Laronde Park

10:30am – Service in the Sanctuary

11:30am – Stations of the Cross

Saturday – April 15

7pm – Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary