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Anglican Church**

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**"PARISH PULSE"
NEWSLETTER OF
ST. MARK OCEAN PARK
SUNDAY JUNE 25, 2017**

Calling All Children for Summer Sunday School!

Come with us on an adventure through God's holy kingdom! Join us for Summer Sunday School from July 2 to September 3. Together, we will explore God's good deeds and His love for us. Every Sunday, we shall pray and engage with a Bible reading in a fun and meaningful way. Hope to see you there!

Volunteers Needed for Summer Sunday School!

We are looking for volunteers for Summer Sunday School from July 2 to September 3. Volunteers are responsible for leading the prayer, presenting the Bible reading, and helping with the craft or activity. If you would like to volunteer, sign up at the table in the Narthex or email Kate Herron at herronkate98@gmail.com

CANCELLED - Wednesday 10am Eucharist

Due to the presence of painters in the Sanctuary, please be advised that two Wednesday Services have been cancelled: June 28 & July 5

Bible Readings for Sunday, July 2 – Isaiah 32:15, 16-18, Colossians 3:12-17, Matthew 10:40-42, Psalm 85:7-13

Luncheon in the Hall on Sat. July 22 from 12noon to 3pm. Tickets for adults are \$20, tickets for kids 11-17 years of age \$15, seniors 65+ years of age pay \$15, and kids 10 years of age will get in for free. Further information will be forthcoming from Verina Musherure.

Change of Heart Contemplative Prayer - Tonight, June 25th, we will be meeting in the Family Room for Change of Heart at 7pm. This is a one hour time of quiet contemplative prayer and is open to anyone who feels led to come. This evening's group will be facilitated by Lynne Hurd. Over the summer, we will be meeting once a month – on the 16th of July and the 27th of August. In September, we will go back to our pattern of meeting on the 2nd and the 4th Sunday evenings of each month. All are most welcome!

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

	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	YTD BUDGET	VARIANCE
TOTAL INCOME	27,361.40	152,421.81	164,877.09	-12,455.28
TOTAL EXPENSES	34,676.26	162,877.13	164,877.09	(1,999.96)
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (7,314.86)	\$ (10,455.32)	\$ --	\$ (10,455.32)

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. **Just a wee reminder – Expenses do not take summer vacation – contributions hopefully will not either. Blessings for a great summer.**

Flowers for the Altar – are given today by Jef and Shannon Poulsen in thanksgiving for God's many blessings and the birth of their grandson Roman. And also given today by Barbara and Jamie Grantham to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara's Mother, Georgina Strachan.

Prayer Chain Contact – The coordinator for the Prayer Chain is Michael Weller. He can be reached at weller301@shaw.ca or by calling 604.538.9334

LIBRARY NEWS



Behold the Man by **Thoene** is the third book in the Jerusalem Chronicles series. Jesus's last days are explored through three people who interacted with him: Governor Pilate, for whom Judea will either make or break his career, Pilate's wife, Claudia, desperately seeking aid for her much loved, crippled son; and Centurion Marcus Longinus, caught in the middle between loyalty to the Empire, love for Claudia, and an ever increasing belief in Jesus as the Son of God. After encountering Jesus, none of them will ever be the same.

Savvy Seniors Get-Together - The next one is in the Hall and Family Room on Wednesday, July 5 from 1pm to 3:30pm.

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children is provided this week by Jef and Shannon Poulsen to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for their new grandson, and their granddaughter Oliva May's 4th birthday.



The Growing Season is Here! Fresh air! Exercise! Camaraderie! Tuesday morning work parties continue every Tuesday, from 9am to 11am or whenever you can spare the time to pitch in. there is always lots to do in God's 3 acres here at St. Mark's. Time to dead-head, weed, gather branches, etc. Call or see Anne Schreck: 604.536.0072.

*ALL KIDS 4-12 ARE INVITED
TO OUR FREE PASSPORT TO PERU VBS!!!! AT ST MARK'S OCEAN PARK
AUG. 21-25 9 AM-12 NOON*

Grab your passport for an unforgettable 10th Annual VBS Trek!

At Passport to Peru VBS, kids will hike cloud-shrouded ruins of Machu Picchu and savor exotic flavours of the Amazon. Kids will hear what life is like from kids in Peru. They will be immersed in this vibrant culture where they will discover God's good gifts for us all. Team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life---something we call God Sightings. So mark these dates on your calendar: August 21-25, 2017 Call these numbers: 604-679-9061 Lawrence Stephenson, VBS Director OR 604-535-8841- Church to register your child(ren) for this life-changing adventure! Registration fills up fast and we have limited room so if you wish your child to be a part of this incredible adventure, please register early!

I look forward to seeing you all! Lawrence

The Canadian Government will match funds donated to Canadian NGOs for famine relief in Africa and the Middle East until this Friday, June 30, 2017. **To donate to PWRDF's Famine Relief appeal** Please make cheque payable to **PWRDF** and note **Famine Relief** on the memo line and send to: **PWRDF**, 80 Hayden Street, Toronto, Ontario M4Y 3G2

PWRDF - Mapping A Future Of Reconciliation

It has been almost two years since the completion of the historic Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), and Canadians are coming to terms with its **94 calls to action**. The Anglican Church of Canada has embraced reconciliation and is directing all undesignated gifts to its Anglican Healing Fund. Besides contributing money, how do we address and honour these calls to action and promote true change among Anglicans and beyond?

In November 2015, staff from PWRDF and the Anglican Fund for Healing and Reconciliation, presented an interactive workshop at PWRDF's National Gathering. Since that debut, "the mapping exercise" has been workshopped and presented several times. A Facilitator's Guide called "Mapping the Ground We Stand On" has emerged from the process and is now available to order or download at pwrdf.org/resources. The workshop takes approximately two hours.

At a recent mapping exercise at St. Matthias Bellwoods in Toronto, a group of 17 parishioners gathered in their Parish Hall at the edges of a large map of Canada traced out in thick black marker on four strips of butcher paper. When unfurled, the rolls covered an 18 x 24 foot patch of floor.

The facilitator followed the script in the Guide. Participants were invited to close their eyes and imagine Turtle Island (Canada) the way it was millennia ago. The names of 67 First Nations and Inuit communities were printed on sheets of paper and volunteers placed them on the map in roughly the right geographic space.

Next, the Guide described the history of settlers arriving on Turtle Island, starting with Viking explorers 600 to 1,000 years ago, then British and French colonists, then United Empire Loyalists, then African-Americans using the underground railroad, followed by the three immigrant waves of the 20th century.

The script included references to other key events in Canadian history – the first Eucharist in Canada by Robert Wolfall in 1578, the first residential school in 1820, the Chinese Head Tax in 1885.

One of the most interesting revelations explained in the mapping exercise is the concept of *terra nullius*, Latin for empty land. This section of the Guide is written by Esther Wesley, Coordinator of the Anglican Fund for Healing and Recognition. "Papal Bulls of the 15th century gave explorers the right to claim lands they discovered for Christian Monarchs," she writes.

The theory was that non-Christians were considered non-existent, and therefore any land inhabited by non-Christians was uninhabited. To our modern ears these words — the foundation of the so-called Doctrine of Discovery — sound preposterous. Yet their effect held fast and in 1823, the doctrine was referenced in the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case of Johnson v. M'Intosh. It essentially set into law a sort of "squatter's rights" for settlers to occupy Indigenous land. Courts in Australia, Canada and New Zealand soon cited the decisions in their laws.

It wasn't until June 2014 that Canada's Supreme Court recognized the existence of Aboriginal title on a piece of land in British Columbia, writes Wesley. In its ruling it said "the doctrine of *terra nullius* never applied in Canada, as stated by the Royal Proclamation of 1763." The land treaties that had been written between the government of Canada and First Nations were a case in point: how could those treaties be legal if they were made with people who were supposedly non-existent? But of course by then it was too late. The damage of *terra nullius* had been done. Wesley notes that a fundamental aspect of the Doctrine of Discovery was "its racialized, hierarchical sorting and organizing of entire populations of peoples, and the concept that natural resources can become commodities to be bought and sold.

The mapping exercise wraps with reflection and a new way of thinking about how we refer to ourselves as Canadians. Many in the group noted it was a powerful reminder that we have to learn to listen to Indigenous people. "A great example is the recent discovery of the Franklin expedition ship [the HMS Terror]," says St. Matthias parishioner Anne Wingfield. "Scientists have been trying to find that ship for more than a century and (over...)

finally one of the explorers listened to the story of a local Indigenous guide.” As an archeologist with first-hand experience working with Indigenous groups, Wingfield says she found the exercise presented a good opportunity to talk with other people about reconciliation.

To host a mapping exercise, you need the Facilitator’s Guide (two free copies available per parish), access to a large enough space for a large map of Canada (instructions and tips on how to make one are in the Guide), ability to download and print PDF signs, and ability to project a PowerPoint presentation. Contact Suzanne Rumsey at 416-924-9199 ext. 267 or email srumsey@pwrdf.org for advice and suggestions in planning an event.

(- Excerpted from “Update”, news from the Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund, for June 2017.)

A Quick Look Ahead

Mon. August 21 – Fri. August 25 – VBS
Sat. Sept. 16 5:30 pm Men's Club Salmon BBQ

Upcoming Events

Monday, June 26

9am – Exercise – Hall
Sanctuary is being painted.

Tuesday, June 27

9am – 11am – Outside Work Party
7pm – Youth – Youth Room
7pm – Parish Council Meeting – Family Room
Sanctuary is being painted.

Wednesday, June 28

9am – Yoga – Education Centre
1pm – Seniors Get-Together – Hall & Family Room
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Thursday, June 29

Sanctuary is being painted.

Friday, June 30

9am – Exercise

Monday, July 3

OFFICE IS CLOSED