



## St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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### "PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK **SUNDAY SEPT. 10, 2017**

**Blessing Of The Animals** – On Sunday, October 1, at the 10am Service we will celebrate the Ministry of St. Francis of Assisi with owners and their pets. Please keep your canine and felines on a leash.

**Sunday School** – The Children's Ministry is looking for slightly used books, puzzles, toys etc. for the Holly Berry Fair. I know it is not until November, but we are collecting now for anyone wanting to get rid of these articles. It will be much appreciated.

Our regular Sunday School classes begin today.

The Children's Ministry will be hosting a Hot Dog Social in the Hall after the service next Sunday, September 17. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing all of you there. Please come out and support the children who take great pride in doing this every year as a way of saying thank you for all of your support during the year.

#### **ACW Invitation**

The ACW will be having the Rev. Peter Smythe, Chaplain for Mission to Seafarers, speaking at its meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 2:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

**Beginner's ESL Bible Study** – on Tuesday evening, September 19, a new ESL class for beginner English speakers will be starting at St. Mark's. For information or to sign up please contact Holly [hollybt58@gmail.com](mailto:hollybt58@gmail.com) or Lois [stanloisbell@hotmail.com](mailto:stanloisbell@hotmail.com)

**Prayer Chain Contact** – Coordinator for the Prayer Chain is Maggie Ferguson. She may be reached at 604.538.6160 or [maggieferguson@telus.net](mailto:maggieferguson@telus.net). The Lord continues to bless the people of St. Mark's through this ministry.

#### **Bible Readings for September 17**

Exodus 14:19-31, Romans 14:1-12,  
Matthew 18:21-35, Psalm 114

#### **Farewell Celebration for Margaret and John Reader – Save the Date – Sunday, Sept. 24**

It is with sincere regret that we will fondly say goodbye to Margaret and John Reader, as they move out of the Parish. If you can help with planning this Parish event please call Anne Schreck at 604.536.0072 or email her at [anne\\_schreck@shaw.ca](mailto:anne_schreck@shaw.ca)

#### **St. Mark's "First Fruits" Garden Project**

This year, first Fruits will be done by me and all the money will be going to a non-profit organization called "The Hot Potato Initiative". This non-profit organization is completely student-run and their goals are to help raise awareness about the negative stigma and stereotypes surrounding the homeless people of the downtown eastside along with providing them food. You can purchase any of the flowers or crops from me after Church. It is all by donation. If you would like to donate your crops to us, please come to the Church at 9:30am to deliver your crop to us. If you would like to volunteer for one of the Sundays in the near future to sell crops along with me, there will be a sign-up sheet with me at the table. Thank you so much and God bless!

**The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children** is provided this week by Ann Colman to the Glory of God, in thanksgiving for God's many blessings and in loving memory of husband Robert.

#### **Change of Heart Contemplative Prayer Evening:**

We will gather in the Family Room at 7:00 tonight, September 10th, for an hour of quiet, peaceful prayer in community, facilitated by Lynne Hurd. Following a period of meditation on a passage by Thomas Merton, we will spend time in prayer considering who we are In Christ. All are welcome! Please join us!

- Janet Scott, Coordinator

#### **Ladies Guild**

Regretfully I have to inform you that there will be no Ladies Guild meeting on Tues. Sep. 19. Many of our members are participating in a senior's trip to Chemainus that day, including two executive, and other executive members are away at a family wedding. No meeting doesn't mean we won't be active though, as we will be contacting members by email to inform them of the dates for our Holly Berry Fair preparation. Our next official meeting will be on Tues. Oct. 17 at 2pm in the Family Room. We look forward to welcoming all our members and guests to join us then. – Linda O'Donovan President [lindaodee@hotmail.com](mailto:lindaodee@hotmail.com)

## A QUICK LOOK AHEAD

Sat. Sept. 16 -- 5:30pm Men's Club Salmon BBQ  
Wed. Sept. 20 -- 10am Healing Service  
Sat. Sept. 23 -- Screening in Faith  
Sun. Sept. 24 -- Souper Sunday  
Sun. Sept. 24 -- Farewell Celebration for Margaret and John Reader  
Tue. Sept. 26 -- 7pm Parish Council

Sun. Oct. 8 -- Thanksgiving Sunday  
Tue. Oct. 10 6pm -- Men's Club Guest speaker:  
Shell Busey  
Wed. Oct. 18 -- 10am Healing Service  
Sun. Oct. 22 -- Souper Sunday  
Tue. Oct. 24 -- 7pm Parish Council

Sat. Nov. 4 -- Remembrance Day concerts  
Tue. Nov. 14 6pm -- Men's Club Guest speaker:  
David Young from Sources  
Wed. Nov. 15 -- 10am Healing Service  
Sat. Nov. 18 -- Metal Recycling

## Salmon BBQ



Saturday, September 16,

5:30pm

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Kids Free

Come join us for an evening of good fellowship with an outstanding meal of salmon, scalloped potatoes, sweet corn, Caesar salad and fruit & ice cream.



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### Upcoming Events

#### Monday, September 11

9am - Exercise – Hall

#### Tuesday, September 12

2pm – ACW Meeting – Family Room

7pm – Youth – Youth Room

#### Wednesday, September 13

9am – Yoga – Education Centre

10am – Service – Sanctuary

#### Thursday, September 14

7pm – Mandarin Bible Study – Family Room

#### Friday, September 15

9am Exercise – Hall

10am – Set Up the Hall for Saturday's Salmon BBQ