



**St. Mark – Ocean Park**  
Anglican Church

**"PARISH PULSE"**  
NEWSLETTER OF  
ST. MARK OCEAN PARK  
**SUNDAY SEPT. 17, 2017**

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**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 will be hosting a **Hot Dog Social** in the Hall after today’s 10am Service. 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. AND 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.

**Garden Work Parties - Don't forget!** Tuesdays from 9am to 11am. We shall continue through to the end of October and we welcome your hands to (1) finish weeding & top dressing the Serenity Garden; and (2) putting small branches from the forest into the GREEN BINS. Come along. There may be more “work” than “PARTY” but all help is welcome.  
- Contact Anne Schreck

**Bible Readings for September 24**

Genesis 28:10-17, Revelation 12:7-12,  
John 1:47-51, Psalm 103:19-22

**Flowers for the Altar** The flowers are given by Janet Scott in gratitude for the lives of her loving parents, Doug and Connie Johnston, Loren Morris, Frank and Sheila Scott.

**Healing Service with the Eucharist** - 10am this Wednesday, Sept. 20 – Come and experience the healing touch of our Lord Jesus. Everyone is welcome. **James 5:16** “...pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous (person) is powerful and effective.”

<b>PARISH OF ST. MARK - OCEAN PARK OPERATING FUND ACCOUNT</b>				
<b>FINANCIAL STATUS AT AUGUST 31, 2017</b>				
	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>29,090.15</b>	<b>235,272.71</b>	<b>263,803.34</b>	<b>(28,530.63)</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>32,692.84</b>	<b>260,555.09</b>	<b>263,803.34</b>	<b>3,248.25</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ (3,602.69)</b>	<b>\$ (25,282.38)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (25,282.38)</b>

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.  
**Please help us balance the budget for the year.**

## **A QUICK LOOK AHEAD**

Wed. Sept. 20 -- 10am Healing Service  
Sat. Sept. 23 -- Screening in Faith  
Sun. Sept. 24 -- Souper Sunday  
Sun. Sept. 24 -- Farewell Celebration for Margaret & 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

Fri. Nov. 3 -- All Hallows Eve Dance Party -- 6:30pm  
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

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Monday, September 18**

9am - Exercise – Hall

### **Tuesday, September 19**

9:30am – Bible Study with Betty Bear – Family Room

7pm – Youth – Youth Room

7:30pm – ESL Class – Family Room

7:30pm – Bible Study - Office

### **Wednesday, September 20**

9am – Yoga – Education Centre

10am – Healing Service – Sanctuary

11am – Altar Guild Meeting – Family Room

2pm – Memorial Service for Betty Billingsley,

followed by an ACW-Catered Reception in the Hall

7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

### **Friday, September 22**

9am Exercise – Hall

### **Saturday, September 23**

8:30am – Souper Sunday Preparation – Kitchen

9am – Sexual Misconduct Seminar –  
Education Centre

## **PWRDF announces \$40K for hurricane-stricken Cuba, Haiti**

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund is committing \$40,000 to help those stricken by Hurricane Irma in **Cuba** and **Haiti**. PWRDF is putting aside \$20,000 for an appeal for Cuba expected to be announced by the ACT Alliance, a network of faith-based aid groups of which PWRDF is a member. The agency is allocating another \$10,000 for the Episcopal Church of Cuba and \$10,000 for a request for rapid-response funds from the Haiti ACT Alliance forum. In early September Hurricane Irma passed through several Caribbean islands and into Florida and other southeast U.S. states. As of September 13, 61 people were reported to have died as a result of the hurricane. On some islands concerns are mounting about shortages of food and water. Although the eye of the hurricane passed north of Haiti, 18,000 families in northern Haiti are estimated to have lost their crops as a result of the heavy rains. Floods caused significant destruction in Cuba. A number of Christian aid organizations have been working to provide relief to people affected by the hurricane. ACT Alliance members are active in these. PWRDF is also expecting a rapid response fund will be set up to relieve people stricken by the hurricane in the Dominican Republic. Because ACT does not have a presence in the smaller hurricane-stricken Caribbean islands, it remains uncertain whether it will fund relief efforts there. For the moment, the agency is waiting for more details on the situation on these islands from partners within the ACT Alliance or other trusted networks.

PWRDF said it's also accepting donations to help those stricken by an earthquake that struck Mexico's south coast September 7. As of September 12, 95 people were reported to have been killed by the quake, the strongest to have hit Mexico in a century.

Donations to PWRDF can be made online, by phone at 416-924-9192 ext. 355 or 1-866-308-7973 or by mail. Donors wanting to contribute toward Hurricane Irma relief specifically should write "Emergency Response" on their cheques, or select "Emergency Response" from the Canada Helps drop-down menu if donating online. Mailed cheques should be sent to:

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund  
80 Hayden Street  
Toronto, Ontario M4Y 3G2

**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.



**SOUPER SUNDAY is next week!**  
**September 24 \$5.00 & \$10.00**  
**After the 8am and 10am services**

**Farewell Reception Honouring Margaret and John Reader Following the 10am Service on 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)

**The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children** is provided this week by Lawrence and Lynne Hurd to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for our family and friends.

**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)



**Library News**

**Balance** by **Nik Wallenda** is a story of faith, family, and life on the High Wire. Nik is the King of the High Wire. As the seventh generation of the legendary Wallenda family, he grew up performing, entertaining, and pushing the boundaries of gravity and balance. He has walked across Niagara Falls as well as the Grand Canyon. Nik is an entertainer who wants to not only thrill hearts, but to change hearts for Christ.



**Mystery Knit-A-Long**  
**Clue 1 Available**

Clue 1 is ready for pick up in the Library. I hope you enjoy knitting the Mystery Shawl. Don't forget if you need any help or clarification of instructions drop into the Library and we will be happy to help you. Happy Knitting.