



## St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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HOLLY BERRY FAIR is almost here!!  
Saturday, November 25, 2017, 11am to 2pm. This is a parish wide event presented by Ladies Guild, ACW, Men's Club and Sunday School. A delicious lunch will be available.

How can I be involved you ask???  
I have the answers!

We welcome your donations of:  
Antiques and Collectibles,  
Good used treasures, trinkets, jewellery,  
knick knacks, ladies accessories,  
Christmas decorations and giftware.  
Baked goods - for the ACW bake table  
and squares for the lunch

We can always use extra hands during our set up days, Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24, as well as on the day of the Fair. If you can spare a couple of hours it will be greatly appreciated.

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Kathryn Smith 778-549-0858 or  
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**The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children** is provided this week by Ralph and Elizabeth Darbyshire to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for all children.

## "PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK **SUNDAY NOV. 19, 2017**



### **SOUPER SUNDAY IS TODAY!**

The proceeds from November's Souper Sunday will be donated to Stepping Stones -- the soup sales from today will provide 'wish list' items for their Annual Family Christmas dinner.

This non-profit organization works with mothers, and mothers-to-be, when they are at their most vulnerable, and often have nowhere else to turn. **Stepping Stones** is about welcoming pregnant and parenting youth, ages 12 to 24 into a caring, safe and supportive environment. As they face a world of often overwhelming odds and challenges, Stepping Stones is there to provide the hope and love they need.

### **Bible Readings for November 26 –**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 100  
Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

**Flowers for the Altar** - The flowers are given this week by Lynne and Lawrence Hurd to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for family.

### **HELP WANTED**

There are a few vacancies on 2 teams for the 10 am Sunday service.

Greeters teams are on duty about 7 times per year. Coffee hour volunteers are scheduled 4 times per year.

Please contact [Isabelchernoff@telus.net](mailto:Isabelchernoff@telus.net) at 604-531-6828 if you feel that you could serve either of these ministries.

*The "Help Wanted" segment (above) is a new feature in the PULSE. If you are a Ministry Leader, and if you are seeking volunteers, please submit content for the "Help Wanted" feature to the Office by the PULSE deadline = Wednesdays at 4pm.*

**Percy Smith** requests that if anyone finds a key ring, containing (i) a red pocket knife & (ii) a car ignition device & (iii) a car electronic device, to please get in touch with him.

**Sunday School** – the Children’s Ministry is looking for slightly used books, puzzles, toys etc. for the Holly Berry Fair. We are collecting now for anyone wanting to get rid of these articles. It will be much appreciated.

**Sunday School Information for Nov/Dec:**

Sunday, November 19 - start practice for pageant as well as Christmas decorations for the Holly Berry Fair  
Sunday, November 26 - continue practice for pageant as well as make Christmas decorations for the Christmas Tree in the sanctuary

Sunday, December 3 - we would appreciate having all children there to go over complete rehearsal for pageant; also it is White Gift Sunday. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A GIFT FOR UNDER THE TREE IN THE SANCTUARY FOR WHITE GIFT SUNDAY.

Saturday, December 9 - Christmas craft morning from 10am-12noon, followed by lunch and a complete pageant rehearsal in the sanctuary. Donations of sandwiches, cookies and fruit for the lunch would be appreciated; all food must be peanut free.

Sunday, December 10 - Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 17 - last Sunday School class before Christmas.

**The Prayer Shawl Team** has placed baskets of yarns & needles in the Library and Hall so all may contribute to the knitting of our annual Parish Prayer shawls again this year. The simple instructions are on each basket. The shawl will be given to the next recipient of the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster. Thank you for your participation in this Parish Project!  
Blessings from the Prayer Shawl Team.

**Call To Prayer** – Today we commission our new Stewardship Ministry Team. Please continue to pray for them as they begin their service to our community. And pray also for God to prepare our hearts to respond to their leading with wisdom and generosity.

This coming week SPIRIT (Strategic Planning & Implementation Team) meets on Tues. Nov. 21 at 5:30pm. As you are able, please hold them in prayer that the Holy Spirit would guide and direct their deliberations, and unite them in vision and process.

**Prayer Chain Contact** – Coordinator for the Prayer Chain is Maggie Ferguson. She can be reached by calling: 604.538.6160. Her email is: [maggieferguson@telus.net](mailto:maggieferguson@telus.net)

**Library News**

Like **Dee Henderson**? The Library just received a Christmas Present of the O’Malley Series books 1 – 5. Thank you Santa! These Suspense - Romances are real page turners that will keep you wondering to the last page.

**THE LUNCH BASKET MEMORIAL & THANKSGIVING FUND DONOR PLEDGE CHART**

The 2018 chart has now been put up in the Church Hall. Please sign up to donate to the Lunch Basket program, starting in January, and filling in the blanks until the end of the year. These donations go to help young single Moms with children under 18 years old. Thank you to all who have donated. The chart is located on the west wall in the Hall. Please call Darlene Wiegand at 604.536.7107 if you have any questions or concerns. Looking forward to a successful year ahead.



**Mystery Knit-A-Long**  
**Clue 4 Available**

Clue 4 is ready for pick up in the Library. This is the final clue so please bring those finished shawls into the Library to show them off. I hope you are having fun so far. 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.

**A QUICK LOOK AHEAD**

Tues. Nov. 21 – 2pm – Ladies Guild Meeting

Sat. Nov. 25 11 am-2 pm Holly Berry Fair

Sun. Nov. 26 – 7pm – Contemplative Prayer

Tue. Nov. 29 10 am-4 pm Journey of Christmas set-up outside/hall & tree decorating inside

Wed. Nov. 30 9 am-12 noon Hall & tree decorating in the Hall

Fri. Dec. 8 7 pm Alex Browne’s reading of "A Christmas Carol" with the St. Mark’s Choir

Sun. Dec. 10 10 am Christmas Pageant

Sun. Dec. 10 – 7pm – Contemplative Prayer

Tues. Dec. 12 – 2pm, ACW meeting

Thurs. Dec. 14 – Senior’s Christmas Lunch

Fri. Dec. 15-Sat. Dec. 23 6-9 pm Journey of Christmas outdoor display

Sun. Dec. 17 8 & 10 am Readings & Carols

Tues. Dec. 19 – 2pm Ladies Guild Meeting

Sun. Dec. 24 10 am Advent Morning Prayer

3:30-9 pm Journey of Christmas

5:00, 7:00 & 11:00 Christmas Eve Services

Mon. Dec. 25 10 am Christmas Day Service

Wed. Dec. 27 9 am Journey of Christmas Take down

## The St. Mark's Seniors' Christmas Luncheon

Planning is underway for this annual event, to be held this year on Thursday, December 14, in our Parish Hall. If you would like to join us for a delicious lunch, great conversation and laughter, carol singing, and sharing the joys of the season, please let me know so that we can make sure you receive an invitation. We will also be arranging transportation for any who might need a ride. Please contact me: Dorothy Mash, at church on Sundays, by email at: [mashj@telus.net](mailto:mashj@telus.net), or by phone: 604-535-6107, before Mon, Nov. 20.



## **The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund**

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

Anglicans in Canada are praying, acting and giving to those affected by the Myanmar crisis.

Please watch for updates on PWRDF's response to the situation at [www.pwrdf.org](http://www.pwrdf.org).

## **Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund**

The federal government will match 1:1 donations to Rohingya relief efforts through its new Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund, retroactive from August 25, 2017 until November 28, 2017. Since August, the world has watched in horror as refugees pour into Bangladesh with little to no resources. PWRDF has funded a response from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank along with World Renew and seven other Foodgrains Bank members in the Cox's Bazar region of Bangladesh.

### Donations can be made in the following ways:

**Online** Go to [www.pwrdf.org/donate](http://www.pwrdf.org/donate)

**By Phone** For credit card donations contact: Jennifer Brown 416-924-9192 ext. 355; 1-866-308-7973 Please do not send your credit card number by email or fax.

**By Mail** Please make cheques payable to **PWRDF, Myanmar Crisis Response** and send to:

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

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> is White Gift Sunday** - For over a decade St. Mark-Ocean Park has worked with the local Salvation Army to make Christmas more delightful for underprivileged children in our community, we invite you to bring a new (or mint-condition previously owned) toy, wrapped in white paper, to the 10am Service on Sunday, December 3.

**Prayers of the People**– If you, or somebody you know, would like to be included in the list of those prayed for publically in the Prays of the People during the Sunday 10am BAS service, please write your/their name legibly on the right hand side of the list on the lectern at the back of the Sanctuary. Please ensure that if you include the last name you have their permission to do so. If the person has recently passed away and you wish to have them and their loved ones prayed for, the list for those who have recently passed away is on the left hand side of the list. This list is created from scratch each week, so your names will not be carried forward unless you re-write them the next Sunday. For ongoing prayer, we suggest the Prayer Chain, as detailed below.

### Upcoming Events

#### Monday, November 20 - Office Closed

9am – Exercise – Hall

1pm – Self Management Group Mtng – Family Room

#### Tuesday, November 21

9:30am – Bible Study– Family Room

10am – A.C.W. in the Kitchen

2pm – Ladies Guild Meeting – Family Room

5:30pm – SPIRIT Meeting – Family Room

7pm – Youth – Youth Room

7:30pm – ESL Bible Study - Office

#### Wednesday, November 22

9am – Yoga – Education Centre

10am –Service – Sanctuary

11am – Altar Guild Meeting – Family Room

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

7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

#### Thursday, November 23

All Day – Set Up The Hall for the Holly Berry Fair

7:30pm – Bible Study – Family Room

#### Friday, November 24

All Day – Set Up The Hall for the Holly Berry Fair

9am – Exercise – Education Centre

10am – T.O.P.S. – Education Centre

#### Saturday, November 25

8:15am – Façade & Christmas Star Installation outside

11am – 2pm – Holly Berry Fair – Hall & Family Room

#### Sunday, November 26

7pm – Contemplative Prayer – Family room

**FREE!!**

**SATURDAY  
DEC. 9, 2017**

**10AM TO 12 NOON**

**PAT'S  
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS**

Simple crafts for 2 to 11+ years  
5 yrs & under to be accompanied  
by an adult

TO REGISTER: Pat 604-536-7443

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