



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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

WEDDING INVITATION

Today please join Heather Davies and her family and friends in the Sanctuary at St. Mark's at 1pm today for her wedding.

PAT'S CRAFT MORNING – A huge **THANK YOU** to all volunteers who helped towards making the morning a huge success. It was enjoyed by the children, their parents and grandparents, who attended. They all went home with a bag of Christmas decorations. A special mention of Jean who, each year, has provided hot chocolate and goodies for us all. Thanks and I wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- Pat Zammit.

THE HEALING SERVICE - Healing Service with the Eucharist, 10am this Wednesday, Dec. 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."

RECTOR'S CHRISTMAS LETTER - Please pick it up in the Narthex today.

THE LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN is provided this week by Jef and Shannon Poulsen to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birthdays of their daughter Natalie and her husband Scott Podwinski.

THE PRAYER CHAIN Coordinator is Lynne Hurd. She can be reached at 604.542.2772 or at lynneh1@telus.net.

JOURNEY OF CHRISTMAS ARTS SHOWCASE PERFORMERS

The Journey of Christmas committee is pleased to announce our Arts Showcase performers. Come any night and support our arts community as they donate their time and talent to bring the joys of the season to you.

Sun. Dec. 17: Chris Simmons & Debra DaVaughn
Mon. Dec. 18: Domaren Recorder Consort
Tue. Dec. 19: Langley Ukelele Association (children's ukelele ensemble)
Wed. Dec. 20: Ashley, Cierra and Jordon Van Nes
Thu. Dec. 21: St. Mark's Choir
Fri. Dec. 22: Florence & Rosemary (Rwandan Singers)
Sat. Dec. 23: Cecilia & Friends
Sun. Dec. 24: We open at 3:30 for your convenience.

NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY - We are putting together a new photo directory, with the help of, once again, IPC Canada Photo Services. Parishioners can sign up beginning in early January to have their photo taken, here at St. Marks, somewhere between January 31 and February 10, 2018. There is no pressure to buy photographs, although many people take this opportunity to have lovely new family photos taken. We encourage everyone to be involved so we can have a complete directory for use within the congregation. If you cannot make it for a sitting at that time, photos can be submitted instead. If anyone would like to help with this project, we will need a sign-up crew throughout January and hosts and hostesses during the sessions. Please speak to Catherine Featherstone, Louise Ritchie or wardens, Ken or Art.

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.



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.

LIBRARY NEWS - Yes they are out and ready for you . . . the Christmas books and DVDs are waiting to be taken home and enjoyed. So that as many as possible have a chance to read or see all the Christmas selections, the Books are on **2 week** loan and the DVD's are on **1 week** loan. Please return them in a timely manner so that others can enjoy them as well. And while you are enjoying a Christmas story or movie, check around to see if you have any missing books or DVDs. The Library's wish for Christmas is that all overdue books and DVD be returned before the New Year. Check the bulletin board in the Library to see if you have something overdue that you have forgotten about.

HELP WANTED
We need more people to join the Intercessory Prayer Teams at 10am Sunday Service during Communion. Please contact Linda Millar: 604.536.5270

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION FOR DECEMBER

Today is the last Sunday School class before Christmas.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR - The flowers are given this week by Brenda Horner to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her father Geoff Horner and other beloved family members.

A.C.W. Announcement

The flower chart for 2018 is up. If you have a favourite date please put your name on the chart. We want to keep it to 2 bouquets per week. When using your envelope to pay for the flowers; instead of writing on the cheque, please mark on the outside of your envelope "Altar Flowers". We will continue the price at \$50 per month. If you want the Altar Guild to buy the flowers for you circle **YES**.



LIBRARY NEWS

The Advent Tree of Kindness is by the Library door and we need your help to decorate it. Balls are available in the Library. Write your Act of Kindness on the ball and put it on the tree.

BIBLE READINGS – December 24 at 10am: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38

Upcoming Services

Sunday, December 24
10 am Morning Prayer & Baptism
Christmas Eve Services
5pm Family Service
7pm & 11pm Eucharist

Monday, December 25
10am Christmas Day Eucharist

Sunday, December 31
8am Eucharist
10am Morning Prayer

A QUICK LOOK AHEAD

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 – shortbread cookies & Mincemeat tarts are requested for

Coffee Hour – please contact Isabel Chernoff

Tues. Dec. 19 – 5pm Ladies Guild Christmas Supper

Sun. Dec. 24 10 am Advent Morning Prayer
3:30-9 pm Journey of Christmas
5pm, 7pm & 11pm Christmas Eve

Services

Mon. Dec. 25 10am Christmas Day Service

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

Tues. Jan. 9 1pm – Prayer Shawl meeting

Tues. Jan. 9 2pm – ACW meeting

Tue. Jan. 9 6pm Men's Club dinner meeting; Guest speakers from the Gilbert & Sullivan Society and a short musical program.

Wed. Jan. 10 – Resumption of Seniors' Get-Togethers

Sun. Jan. 14 7pm Contemplative Prayer

Tues. Jan. 16 2pm Ladies Guild meeting

Wed. Jan. 17 10am Healing Service

Sun. Jan. 21 Souper Sunday

Sun. Jan. 28 7pm Contemplative Prayer

Jan. 31-Feb.10 Pictures taken for new photo directory. More details to come.

Tues. Feb. 6 1pm Prayer Shawl meeting

Sun. Feb. 11 7pm Contemplative Prayer

Tues. Feb. 13 2pm ACW meeting

Tue. Feb. 13 5:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Wed. Feb. 14 10am & 7pm Ash Wednesday Service

Sun. Feb. 18 11:30am Annual Vestry Meeting

Tues. Feb. 20 2pm Ladies Guild meeting

Wed. Feb. 21 10am Healing Service

Sun. Feb. 25 7pm Contemplative Prayer

Tues. March 6 Prayer Shawl meeting

Sun. March 11 7pm Contemplative Prayer

Tues. March 13 ACW meeting

Tue. March 13 6pm Men's Club dinner meeting. Guest speaker: George Garrett, CKNW investigative reporter 1956-99

Tues. March 20 Ladies Guild meeting

Wed. March 21 10am Healing Service

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 18

9am – Exercise – Hall

6pm – Journey of Christmas – Hall

Tuesday, December 19

6pm – Journey of Christmas - Hall

7pm – Youth – Youth Room

7:30pm – ESL Bible Study - Office

Wednesday, December 20

9am – Yoga – Education Centre

10am – Healing Service – Sanctuary

6pm – Journey of Christmas - Hall

7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday, December 21

6pm – Journey of Christmas - Hall

7:30pm – Bible Study – Family Room

Friday, December 22

6pm – Journey of Christmas

Saturday, December 23

6pm – Journey of Christmas

Sunday, December 24

3:30pm – Journey of Christmas Closing Night