



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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"PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK SUNDAY AUGUST 19, 2018

BIBLE READINGS FOR August 26

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43, Psalm 84,
Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69

PRAYER CHAIN coordinator is Michael Weller. He can be reached at weller301@shaw.ca or 604.538.9334. This ministry is a blessing to both those for whom we pray, and those who do the praying!

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR – are given today to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for His many blessings.

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children is provided this week by David and Debbie Emery to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for God's healing power.

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund has announced an emergency grant of \$5,000 to the Diocese of the Yukon to support the community of Telegraph Creek in northern British Columbia, hard hit by wildfires. It is approximately 760 km south of Whitehorse.

Fire has destroyed at least 27 buildings, including the Roman Catholic Church of St. Theresa and its rectory. About 500 to 700 people live in the town and surrounding area. Most are from the Tahltan First Nation. Everyone has been displaced and evacuated to Dease Lake. However, the fire is moving towards Dease Lake so there is additional anxiety and fear over what's next.

St. Aidan's Anglican Church and its rectory sit at the foot of the hill in Telegraph Creek. The Diocese has been actively searching for a minister of presence to volunteer his or her time there. The Diocese does not know the status of the small, 100-year-old wooden church.

"We so very much appreciate the response of PWRDF to this crisis in Telegraph Creek," said the Venerable Sarah Usher, Executive Archdeacon of the Diocese. "We are still waiting to hear whether or not our structures have been destroyed or remain standing. We know that the people of Telegraph Creek will appreciate anything that can be sent to them at this stage."

Usher was recently in the nearby community of Teslin where community volunteers loaded up an outreach van with supplies. The thrift store at St. Philip's Anglican Church also contributed clothing. "I know that other First Nations Offices from neighbouring communities have been sending relief supplies to them also. There are a number of fundraisers that have also been started in Yukon. I have emailed the Chief of the Tahltan Band Council and am awaiting his reply but understandably don't expect anything for a few days. I know he is busy and exhausted at this point."

Please keep the people and parishes of Telegraph Creek in your prayers. To donate to this emergency response, go to pwrdf.org/donate and indicate Telegraph Creek in the message box.

Library News



Do you sometimes wish you could text God or that he had a twitter account? Try **One Minute Prayers**, a great little book that covers all of life's ups and downs. As an extra bonus each prayer includes a verse to help you for the rest of the day.

QUICK LOOK AHEAD

Mon. Aug. 20 Fri. Aug. 24: 9 am-12 noon Vacation Bible School: "Shipwrecked" with Laurie and Kate.
Sun. Sept. 2 10 am Outdoor chapel service. There will be services at 8 & 10 am in the church.
Sat. Sept. 8 5:30 pm Men's Club Salmon BarBQ
Tue. Oct. 9 6 pm Men's Club: Special presentation on the Israel pilgrimage
Fri. Oct. 12-Sun. Oct. 14: "Prayer Beyond Words" retreat at Camp Elphinstone. Contact Lynne Hurd
Sat. Oct. 13 Special Synod. Synod delegates are to attend.

Upcoming Events

Monday, August 20

9am – Noon – Vacation Bible School
Family Room & Hall & Education Centre

Tuesday, August 21

9am – Noon – Vacation Bible School
Family Room & Hall & Education Centre

Wednesday, August 22

9am – Noon – Vacation Bible School
Family Room & Hall & Education Centre
10am – Service – Sanctuary

Thursday, August 23

9am – Noon – Vacation Bible School
Hall & Education Centre

Friday, August 24

9am – Noon – Vacation Bible School
Hall & Education Centre & Family Room