



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

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**"PARISH PULSE"**  
NEWSLETTER OF  
ST. MARK OCEAN PARK  
**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**

<b>PARISH OF ST. MARK - OCEAN PARK " OPERATING ACCOUNT "</b>				
<b>FINANCIAL STATUS AT AUGUST 31, 2018</b>				
	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	24,569.55	237,300.27	264,697.34	<b>(27,397.07)</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	29,528.40	255,574.20	264,697.34	<b>9,123.14</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ (4,958.85)</b>	<b>\$ (18,273.93)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (18,273.93)</b>

**Change of Heart Sunday Contemplative Evening Prayers**

We will gather this evening, Sunday, September 9th, at 7:00 in the Family Room for a shared experience of contemplative prayer. This will be our first gathering after the summer break and we are looking forward to welcoming new and returning members to the group. - Janet Scott, Coordinator

**BIBLE READINGS FOR September 16**

Proverbs 1:20-33, Psalm 19, James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38

**PRAYER CHAIN** - The Coordinator for the Prayer Chain is Maggie Ferguson who may be reached at 604.538.6160 or at [maggieferguson@telus.net](mailto:maggieferguson@telus.net) Please give your requests to Maggie & she will send them out to the rest of the members of the chain, which now numbers 20 men & women, for daily prayer during their quiet time. Please renew or update your requests every two weeks as needed.

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR** – are given today by Janet Scott to glorify God and to thank Him for the lives of her parents Doug and Connie Johnston, Loren Morris, and Frank and Sheila Scott; flowers are also given today by Ann Colman in memory of her husband Robert.

**The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children** is provided this week by Karen Buchanan to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

**Youth Ministry Parents Meeting TODAY**

Do you have a student in our youth group, or who will be turning 12 this coming year? Join us for a short meeting directly after the service today from 11:30-12pm in the Family Room. We'll be discussing plans for the year and welcoming your feedback and questions. For more information contact Josh at [youth@stmarkbc.org](mailto:youth@stmarkbc.org)

## **QUICK LOOK AHEAD**

Tues. Sept. 4 1pm Prayer Shawls

Sun. Sept. 16 Volunteer Recognition Sunday

Tues. Sept. 18 7 pm All Leaders Meeting

Thu. Sept. 20 7 pm Journey of Christmas Visioning Forum

Sun. Sept. 23 Sunday School Hot Dog Social

Sun. Sept. 23 Souper Sunday

Tue. Sept. 25 7 pm Parish Council

Thurs. Sept. 27 8:30am Food Safe Course in the Education Centre

Tues. Oct. 2 1pm Prayer Shawls

Sun. Oct. 7 Thanksgiving Sunday

Tue. Oct. 9 6 pm Men's Club dinner. Guest speaker: Scott Tolhurst

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.

Sun. Oct. 21 Souper Sunday

Tue. Oct. 23 7 pm Parish Council

Sat. Oct. 27 Anti-Racism Policy Workshop at St. Matthew's in Abbotsford

Sun. Nov. 3 10:30 am Investiture of the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster (ODNW) Massey Theatre, New Westminster

Nov. 6 1pm Prayer Shawls

Sat. Nov. 10 Remembrance Day concerts Contact: Denny O'Donovan

Sun. Nov. 11 Remembrance Day Sunday

Tue. Nov. 13 6 pm Men's Club dinner: Special presentation about last spring's pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Presented by Craig & Holly

Sat. Nov. 17 Metal Recycling

Sun. Nov. 18 Souper Sunday

Tue. Nov. 27 7 pm Parish Council

## **Food Safe Course Offered**

All previously issued FOOD SAFE certificates expired in July. St. Mark's needs our volunteers to be re-certified. Parish Council has voted to cover the cost of the 1 day course that will be held in St. Mark's Education Centre beginning at 8:30 am. on Thursday, September 27th. We have room for 25 participants, please contact Sheila at [office@stmarkbc.org](mailto:office@stmarkbc.org) to confirm your spot. If you cannot make that date please speak to Ed Prior, Roberta Braddock or Isabel Chernoff.

## **Library News**



September has arrived and with it Bible Studies are starting up again. Come on into the library and pick up a book or two on the subject you are studying this fall. If you don't see what you are looking for ask the Librarian and we may be able to get it in for you.

## Upcoming Events

### Tuesday, September 11

2pm – ACW Meeting – Family Room

### Wednesday, September 12

9am – Yoga – Education Centre

10am – Service – Sanctuary

1pm – Seniors Get Together – Hall & Family Room

7:30pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary

### Thursday, September 13

9:30am – Outreach Committee Meeting – Hall

### Saturday, September 15

ACW in the Kitchen



**THE CREATION CARE MINISTRY at St. Mark's** was created by a motion made at the Parish Council Meeting of May 2015. This Ministry replaced & expanded the work of the previous Environmental Steward to encourage all parishioners to more fully embrace our Baptismal Covenant and the fifth Mark of Mission within the Anglican Church. At each Baptism our promise to God is that we shall: "strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth." This is also the fifth of the Anglican "Five Marks of Mission".

**Wanted:** Leader for Prayer Shawl Team ...we don't like to admit it but age & infirmity have taken their toll on several of us recently & the prayer shawl team needs a leader... & always welcomes new members. Qualifications minimal...understanding/knowledge of yarn & various needles preferred or willing to learn to knit &/or crochet & purchase yarns for same. Some record keeping needed in present format. Knowledge of Google useful to search for patterns & materials but not a necessity. Only one meeting a month to attend. For more information contact Barb Walks, Mary Brown or any one on the current prayer shawl team. Side benefits include the excellent stress management of knitting or crocheting & lots of new friends. Contact the office for more information. 604 535-8841