



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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"PARISH PULSE" NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019

Nominations for the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster (ODNW) are being accepted.

Do you know a member of the parish who has provided outstanding volunteer service over a significant period of time to the Parish/or number of Parishes, or in an outreach capacity, and/or at the Diocesan level?

Each parish is permitted to nominate one person in each and every even numbered calendar year. Posthumous nominations are not accepted.

Please write a brief summary as to why you think this person should be nominated and discreetly give to Rev. Craig by December 15.

Sunday, December 8 is White Gift Sunday

St. Mark Ocean Park will once again work with the local Salvation Army to make Christmas more delightful for underprivileged children in our community. You are invited to bring a new, or mint-condition previously owned toy, wrapped in white paper, to the 10am Service next Sunday.

Ministry Report Deadline Information for the Annual Report

The Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday,
February 16, 2020.

The deadline for your 2019 Ministry Report is:
Monday, January 13, 2020.

The Lunch Basket For Hungry Children is

provided this week by Chris and Leslie Ann Hebb to the Glory of God with gratitude for a wonderful Dad, Bill Snow, who was a true gentleman, family man, and man of faith.

Flowers for the Altar - are given today by Irene Snow, to the honor and glory of God and in thanksgiving for my beloved husband Bill.

St. Mark's Christmas Luncheon

A Christmas Luncheon for St. Mark's senior seniors will be held again this year and is set for Friday Dec. 13, at 11:45am. If you attended last year, your invitations are available today. If you were not at last year's event, and would like to attend this year please contact barbgrantham@shaw.ca 604-531-3726 or the office at 604-535-8841. This event is sponsored by St. Mark's Ladies Guild, the ACW and the Men's Club. If you have any special dietary requirements please make a note with your RSVP. Rides will be available.

Decorate the Church Hall Tue. Dec. 3 - There is no Journey of Christmas this year, but we are going ahead to decorate the hall with Christmas trees, wreaths, lights and the stage to make the hall look merry and bright. You are invited to give our parish hall that Christmas look for the Men's Club, the Senior's lunch, the Savvy Seniors and for Sunday morning coffee time. Even if you only have time to decorate one tree, please come and enjoy the fellowship of this event. We bring in the trees at 8:30am, and start decorating at 9:30 am. Shannon Poulsen will provide a tasty lunch at 12:30pm.

Bible Readings for December 8

Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

New Offering: Centering Prayer

Come join others for an hour this evening, December 1, in the Family Room to learn more about the ancient and ongoing Christian practice of Centering Prayer. This method of prayer is designed to cast a new light and depth on other kinds of contemplative prayer. It is a surrendering to God in the silent simplicity of meditation. It is a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Him. It is resting in God's presence and action within. Our hour together will include a time of learning and a time of practice. For more information email Sandra Lumb at: slumb@telus.net - Janet Scott and Sandra Lumb

Contact for the Prayer Chain – the Coordinator for the Prayer Chain is Maggie Ferguson. Please send your prayer requests and updates to Maggie at maggieferguson@telus.net or call 604.538.6160.

A Dickens' Christmas

The Young People's Opera Society of BC and St. Mark Ocean Park church choir are co-presenting "A Dickens' Christmas" concert on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 7pm at St Mark Ocean Park. "A Dickens' Christmas" includes dramatic readings of the classic tale "A Christmas Carol" with traditional Christmas carols interwoven between passages of the story. This is a musical and storytelling evening not to be missed.

Funds raised by St Mark's choir will go towards the St Mark's Syrian refugee fund.

Tickets are available online through EventBrite.ca tickets, after church services on Sunday morning, and at the door on Dec. 8. Tickets are \$22 for Adults, \$18 for Seniors and Students, and Children 5 and under are free.

This is going to be a fun, family event, for children of all ages, guaranteed to help everyone get into the holiday and Christmas spirit. As Tiny Tim observed, "God bless us all, everyone!"



St. Mark's 9th Metal Drive – Thank you! Thank you! To all who contributed metal +/- muscle to keep another 2,700+ lbs of metal out of the landfill in our work "...to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain and renew the life of the earth."

QUICK LOOK AHEAD

Sun. Dec. 1 – 7pm – Centering Prayer Gathering – Family Room

Tues. Dec. 3 - 8:30am - 4pm Decorate the Hall for Christmas

Wed. Dec. 4 – Seniors Get Together

Sun. Dec. 8 – White Gift Sunday

Sun. Dec. 8 – 7pm – A Dickens Christmas Concert with the

Young People's Opera Society,
and special guests the St. Mark's Choir

Thurs. Dec. 12 – 11am Funeral for Jean Hooper,
followed by a Reception in the Hall at

12noon

Fri. Dec. 13 – Seniors Christmas Luncheon

Sun. Dec. 15 – Children's Christmas Pageant

Sun. Dec. 15 – 7pm – A Blue Christmas Service

Wed. Dec. 18 – Seniors Get Together

Sun. Dec. 22 – Festival of Lessons and Carols

Sun. Dec. 22 – Special Coffee Hour with
Shortbread and Mincemeat Tarts

Sun. Dec. 22 – 7pm Debra daVaughn,
Chris Simmons and Cassandra's
We Wish You A Merry Christmas concert

Tues. Dec. 24 – 5pm Family Communion

Tues. Dec. 24 – 7pm and 11pm Candlelight
Communions

Wed. Dec. 25 – 10am Christmas Day Service

Mon. Dec. 30 – 9am to noon – Hall –

Take Down the Christmas Trees

Sat. Jan. 18 – Noon

Retirement Party for Craig and Holly Tanksley

PWRDF NEWS

*By The Rev. Cathy Campbell is the PWRDF Board
liaison on the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.*

The harvest is in, and what a harvest it is!

First, \$19,814 has been deposited into PWRDF's equity with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. This money will go to feed people, and to help small holder farmers in other parts of the world diversify and grow better crops as well as enhance their livelihoods.

People's generosity is fabulous and all gifts large and small add up to fewer people being hungry in our world!

- Individuals, parishes and multi-parish events in the Diocese of Rupert's Land – \$7,462
- The sale of the canola grown by Chris Lea in Pembina Crossing – \$5,909
- Events near and in the Pembina Hills area of the Diocese – \$5,151
- Sale of a calf raised by Nancy Howatt at auction – \$1,292

People all over the Diocese of Rupert's Land have come together in prayer, song and fellowship to share in the work of the kingdom. Each event was unique and represents the power of the Spirit to create community.

The feed shortage will be hard on cattle producers. "It will be a long winter for some." Please pray for everyone involved in agricultural production in our Diocese and beyond.

Everyone involved with Anglican Grow Hope is grateful to everyone who contributed to such a successful year. Prayers, participation and donations have all made a difference and will extend well beyond the Diocese of Rupert's Land to make a difference for the most vulnerable people around the world.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 3

9:30am – Christmas Trees go up in the Hall

9:30am – Bible Study – Family Room

1pm – Prayer Shawls – Family Room

7:30pm – Bible Study – Office

Wednesday, December 4

9am – Yoga – Education Centre

10am Service – Sanctuary

1pm – Seniors Get Together – Hall & Family Room

7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday, December 5

7:30pm – Mandarin Bible Study – Family Room

Friday, December 6

9am – Set up for Men's Christmas Event – Hall

9am -- Exercise – Education Centre

Saturday, December 7

All Day Preparation for Men's Club Dinner –
Hall & Kitchen

Evening – Men's Club Christmas Dinner - Hall

Sunday, December 8

Rehearsal for Pageant

7pm – Concert – Dickens - Sanctuary