



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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E-PARISH PULSE NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK JUNE, 2020

An update from the Interim Team (Search Committee)

In recent days you should have received an email from the church office that contained a link to a survey.

Just click on the link: <https://forms.gle/ubKSzTHCTYBgRsfz7>

For those without email a paper copy will be arriving by mail. This survey is short but gives us important information to guide us in choosing a rector that will fit our parish needs. We truly wish to know what your concerns and hopes are for St Mark, Ocean Park. Your answers and comments are completely anonymous unless you have provided your name. All of the information gathered is processed into groupings to know how leadership can better serve the parish. Our findings will be used to build a parish profile that will be posted for any incumbent rector applicants to view. Our goal is to attract the right leadership for our parish.

Please allow every member (all ages) of your household to answer. If more than one answer is written per question please indicate the age of responder after each response. The person who received the email will indicate their age on the second page.

Do not hesitate to contact any of the members listed below if you have questions regarding the survey.

- * Isabel 604-531-6828 or isabelchernoff@telus.net
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- * Barb 604-538-3568 or bdwalks@gmail.com
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Please submit your survey no later than midnight Sunday, May 31st.

RE-Opening

The Diocese of New Westminster has shared a phased plan to return to our Parish facilities.

Phase I: A Time of Hiatus (the time we are in now)

Online services, limited Office access, user groups suspended from meeting in person. Parish groups may meet online or on the phone.

Phase II: Beginning Re-Entry

In-person Services of the Word (scripture & prayer) with less than 50 people and other restrictions, online Eucharist only, on-line & live streaming of services with restrictions, limited Office access, online or telephone for Parish groups, user groups suspended.

Phase III: Deeper In-person Participation

In-person Services of the Word with less than 50 people and other restrictions, Eucharist with restrictions, continue on-line & live streaming services, other services with less than 50 persons with restrictions, Parish groups allowing for physical distancing under 50 persons and other restrictions, Office with physical distancing, user groups of 50 or less with physical distancing and other restrictions as space allows.

Phase IV: Full In-Person Gathering with New Learning

In-person Services, (Eucharist with no Intinction) no other restrictions, online services to continue for those unable to attend. Parish groups, Fundraising, and Pastoral care unrestricted and some online recommended. Office and user groups unrestricted.

Each parish does not have to move to a particular phase on the same timing as other parishes do, but we may not move to the next phase until the Diocese informs us that we may do so. Each parish, its buildings, its capacities and its leadership are different. **It is up to the Trustees of the Parish to discern appropriate actions, timing, and terms of when to re-open. Of course, this is all dependant on the Provincial Health Officer guidelines.**

To give time for the Trustees and Diocese to formulate a plan, unfortunately the buildings will not be re-opening for services for at least the next month. A committee has been formed to work on a Re-Opening Proposal.

The full content for a phased return from the diocese is available at <https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/diocesan-resources/covid-19-reopening>

A direct link to the phase chart <https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/diocesan-resources/covid-19-reopening>

Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

Beginning Sunday May 31, Michael will be **the coordinator for the Prayer Chain** for the next three months (June, July, & August). He may be reached at weller301@shaw.ca or by phone at 604-538-9334. Please send your messages to Michael who will relay them to the men and women on the chain for daily prayer. Please also send updates to your requests to Michael as needed.

For any **Pastoral Care** needs please contact Lynne at hurdl@telus.net or by phone at 604-542-2772.

The Children's, Youth, & Families Ministries' Food Bank Drop-off was a resounding success with approximately 50 cars dropping off, with many being from the surrounding community. Thanks be to God we collected approximately 600 pounds of food and over \$1250 in donations for the Sources White Rock/South Surrey Food Bank. Thank you for all your generosity and to all those who helped set-up, provide boxes, decorate rocks, donated food & money, and spent time cleaning up. Special thanks to Brian, Heather, Mari Anne, Leslie Ann, Catherine, Roger, and Sheila N for all their support. It was amazing what God led us to do in this time of social distancing.

Syrian Family Support Update

Our Syrian family is doing fine - "At home, doing nothing" just like many of us. Natali has finished her semester at Langara College and plans on returning in the fall. Katharine and Jamal are still in public school, attending virtually.

Unfortunately, work has been an issue. With the Covid-19 shutdown, nothing is happening on the hiring front. Khaldoun has sent out many resumes but no action. He is currently taking insurance courses and has his Provincial Industry exam coming up. Once he passes, he can obtain a licence to sell insurance.

Our commitment to financially support our Syrian family ends in June 2020. They are incredibly thankful for all the support we have shown them, but there is definite worry in Khaldoun's voice. They do have a bit of savings from their life in Dubai and he hopes it will see them through until he can find work.

We at St. Mark's are grateful for the ongoing love shown by the members of our Parish through pledges and individual contributions to this family. The funds raised to date have now been distributed yet we still require an additional \$2000 to complete our commitment. Please keep the family in your prayers, and if you are able to donate a bit extra it would be gratefully received. Of course, our emotional and spiritual support for this family will continue indefinitely. Praise God for his many blessings.

Church Ladies With Typewriters

Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Donations during Covid 19

God continues to provide for us during the Covid 19 crisis and we are grateful for the ongoing financial support provided by our Parish family. Although all services are online and activities have been cancelled for now, the church's operating costs and supply clergy expenses (to provide spiritual leadership) have not stopped. Your financial team has worked hard to develop options for donating safely and easily. There are four ways to donate:

- 1) Pre-Authorized Donation (PAD);
- 2) eTransfer from your bank account to St. Mark's;
- 3) Electronic Donations using Credit and Visa Debit cards;
- 4) Cheques, mailed or dropped off at the church office (during office hours Mon & Fri 9AM – noon, Tues – Thurs 9AM-3PM).

For more information about any of these options please go to the St. Mark's website www.stmarkbc.org and click on the "Donate" link; or contact the Donation Secretary, Brenda by phone: 604-535-6021 or email:

bhenze@shaw.ca . Thank you for your commitment and faithfulness in supporting your church during this difficult time.

PARISH OF ST. MARK - OCEAN PARK " OPERATING ACCOUNT "
FINANCIAL STATUS AT APRIL 30, 2020

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
TOTAL INCOME	21,348.26	94,500.14	67,289.33	27,210.81
TOTAL EXPENSES	15,381.33	98,814.81	67,289.33	(31,525.48)
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 5,966.93	\$ (4,314.67)	\$ -	\$ (4,314.67)

God's Love & Blessings to you all from your Wardens:

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