



St. Mark – Ocean Park
Anglican Church

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NEWSLETTER OF
ST. MARK OCEAN PARK
JULY, 2020

St Mark's has now been granted permission to enter Phase II, and **in the next few weeks we will be able to re-open the Sanctuary for in-person services** for no more than 50 persons.

To ensure everyone's safety, here are the protocols we were required to put in place:

- A maximum of 50 people (including staff and clergy) are allowed to be in the church at one time. To manage this we have set up a ticketing process through Eventbrite.

There is no cost for the tickets it is just our way of keeping track of the numbers and who will be attending. Should you be unable to access Eventbrite we encourage you to contact the church office at 604-535-8841.

*You will need to get a ticket for each member of your household attending the service.

- You do not need to print or show your ticket(s) from your mobile phone but you need to check-in with the greeter so your attendance can be recorded.

- We ask that you try to arrive prior to 9:45. Please enter through the Main doors from 20th. We are wheelchair accessible.

*Volunteers will explain which seats are available, ensuring appropriate social distancing.

- If you do not book a space and decide last minute to come, you will be asked to wait outside until a few minutes before the service start time. Remaining unclaimed seats will be offered on a first come first served basis.

- Unfortunately, we are unable to sing, hum or speak the words during hymns, due to concerns about singing increasing the chance of spreading the virus.

- We are unable to offer Communion at this time.

- Everyone in the church will be a minimum of 2 metres apart (except those from the same households). The greeters will manage the queue to enter the church and will monitor for proper social distancing.
 - People are strongly encouraged to wear masks. Please remember to bring yours.
 - The church will be completely sanitized prior to the service and afterwards.
 - Hand sanitizer will be available at many stations throughout the church.
 - People will leave the church promptly after the service via the south doors to the office area and outside. (Congregating after the service is discouraged, especially in the courtyard. If you want to socialize remember to keep 2 metres apart.)
 - 1 Washroom will be available for emergencies only, so please use your own washroom just before you come to church.
- *There will be organ or piano music as part of the service but again, no singing, and physical distancing will be expected the whole time.
- *Please take your seat as soon as you enter the church, and stay in your seat until the service is over. For everyone's safety and to ensure appropriate social distancing, walking around the church is not permitted (unless there is an emergency).
- *We look forward to seeing those who are able to come to the said service of Morning Prayer.

Anyone wishing to donate Flowers for the Sanctuary after re-opening, please contact Kathryn of the Altar Guild at hkmasmith@shaw.ca or phone the office at 604.535.8841 and leave a message,

EPISCOPAL ELECTION

Archbishop Melissa Skelton is retiring on February 28, 2021.

There will be an Episcopal Election on October 3 for a Coadjutor Bishop who will work with Archbishop Melissa and then will take over from her on March 1, 2021. Our Synod Delegates will be involved in this election. If you have any suggestions for our next Bishop please speak to our Synod Delegates (Lauren MacPherson, Karen Buchanan, Ben Wong), our Priest-In-Charge, Ven. Louie, or our Sunday Supply, Rev. Dr. Tellison.

This is a prayer for the Diocese:

*Triune God, Three-in-One and One-in-Three,
you created the Church to embody your mission in the world.
We thank you for the gift of your presence,
so that we may be still and know your will for us.
We thank you for Jesus
who taught us that strength and growth
come through acts of humble service.
We thank you for the Holy Spirit
sent to lead us into all truth.
Bless the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster
as we prepare to elect a Bishop Coadjutor.
Keep us steadfast in faith,
united in love and courageous in action,
so that we may manifest your love for this world.
This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Friend and Helper. **Amen.***

THE ORDER OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER (ODNW) has been announced. The nominee from St Mark's for 2020 is **Les Edmonds**. One of the Archbishop's nominees is **Pauline Blachford**. These 2 individuals from St Mark's, along with the other nominees from Fraser Archdeaconry will receive their awards on Saturday, October 17 at 2PM. More information will be provided when we get closer to the date.

YOUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY:

LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN is the primary outreach within your Community Outreach Ministry. We continue each month to support five young Mothers and nine children. During these difficult times, these young Mothers need our support more than ever. We are asking for your prayers and continued financial support for these families in the weeks and months ahead.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Barb G. at: barbgrantham@shaw.ca

BEADS & CROSSES

Joan is collecting any strung or loose beads and crosses to recycle and make into Anglican Prayer Beads for prayer, comfort, and contemplation. The hope is in the future to gather a group of parishioners who would like to learn how to make them. If you have any questions or would like to donate beads or crosses please call Joan at 604-385-2243.

SYRIAN FAMILY SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

Thank you for your unwavering support of our Syrian family. As you know, St. Mark's financial commitment to them ended last month. Khaldoun provided an update to Michael K a few weeks ago about their current situation as they navigate the pandemic.

Natali has finished her semester at Langara College and plans on returning in the fall. Katharine and Jamal just finished their year in public school, attending virtually.

Unfortunately, it seems that work has been an issue. With the Covid-19 shutdown, nothing is happening on the hiring front. Khaldoun has experience in the hotel industry in Dubai, primarily with respect to foodstuffs. He also has experience as a buyer and salesman in wholesale hotel food supply. He has sent out many resumes but no action. Unfortunately, with all the travel restrictions, new jobs in this field are currently non-existent. Therefore, he is currently taking insurance courses and has his Provincial Industry exam coming up. Once he passes, he can obtain a license to sell insurance. If you know of any opportunities in any of these industries, please reach out to Michael K who can pass the information on.

Khaldoun knows the last cheque to fulfil our commitment was June 1st. He remains incredibly thankful for all the support we have shown them, but Michael heard worry in his voice. They do have a bit of savings from their life in Dubai and Khaldoun hopes it will see them through until he can find work.

Many thanks to so many of you who have given faithfully to support this family. Although we do not have an official commitment to continue our support, donations are still welcome. If you are interested and able, please feel free to contact our donation secretary Brenda (phone: 604-535-6021 or email: bhenze@shaw.ca) for information on how to donate. Or follow the "how to donate" link on the St. Mark's website <http://stmarkbc.org/>.

Thank you again for everyone's kindness and generosity. We pray that you remain healthy and safe.

PARISH OF ST. MARK - OCEAN PARK " OPERATING ACCOUNT "				
FINANCIAL STATUS AT June 30, 2020				
	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	Variance
TOTAL INCOME	22,886.06	141,376.14	168,223.33	(26,847.19)
TOTAL EXPENSES	13,477.85	127,476.47	168,223.33	40,746.86
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 9,408.21	\$ 13,899.67	\$ -	\$ 13,899.67