



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

12953 20TH Ave., Surrey, BC, V4A 1Z1, Tel: 604-535-8841 email office@stmarkbc.org, www.stmarkbc.org

E-PULSE NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK **AUGUST 2, 2020**

Dear St Mark's Family,

We are OPEN for in-person services at 10am, maximum 50 persons. Please register each week through the [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) link posted on www.stmarkbc.org or call 604-535-8841 by Friday at 11 am.

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 the numbers and who will be attending. Should you be unable to access [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) 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 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. (You may want to socialize in the garden while keeping 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 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.

God's love & blessings to you all.

Your Wardens:

Barb, Mari Anne, & Sheila.

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER...

...a mother who is a member of the parish is looking for homestay for her 14 year old son starting in October. She is returning to China for health therapy which will last several months. He will be in grade 9 in Elgin Secondary School. They prefer a native English-speaking family living in Elgin area. The son is okay to eat Western meals. A family with a teenager who loves sports would be great. Please contact the Parish office at office@stmarkbc.org or phone 604-535-8841

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.

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

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

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,