



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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E-PULSE NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK NOVEMBER 15, 2020

VESTRY MEETING - All those wishing to be members of the Parish of St Mark - Ocean Park and to be eligible to vote at Vestry in February, 2021 must be on the parish list by Sunday, November 22, 2020. If you moved or your phone or email have changed in the last year please let us know. Contact Barb at bdwalks@gmail.com or phone the Church Office during office hours at 604-535-8841, or ask for a membership card on Sunday.

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY

Drop off White Gifts on Sunday, November 29, before OR after the 10am Sunday Service.
OR drop them off from Mon. November 30 to Thurs. December 3 from 9am to 12noon at the Church Office. White Gifts will be picked up by the Salvation Army on Fri. December 4.

SAVVY SENIORS get together on Wednesday November 25 and Wednesday December 9, weather and health rules permitting! Please register with Sue at sinder@shaw.ca or by phone-604-531-4931.

LIBRARY NEWS



Clouds by **Laura Sobeich** is about Zach, her teenage son, who when asked to write goodbye letters to family and friends he writes songs instead. "One of them, *Clouds*, captured hearts and changed lives, making him an international sensation." This is the story behind the song and the Disney movie of the same name.

The 2021 Church Calendars are in, anybody wishing one please contact Kathryn Smith at 604-560-1455 or hkmasmith@shaw.ca. The price this year is \$8.00 each.

REMINDER -- this week is the deadline for Purdy's Chocolates orders. Please contact Isabel or Linda if you need help with your order or would like us to pick it up.

There are 2 ways to order:

1. On paper by picking up a catalogue at St. Mark's, or calling and we will deliver one to you (604.531.6828 OR 604.536.7983)

2. Online by clicking on the link below:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/932138-76979>

This link takes you to Purdy's Chocolates, and to our account at Purdy's. You will need to create your own account by entering your email address then

- click on "JOIN CAMPAIGN"
- register with your information then again click "JOIN A CAMPAIGN"
- from the Dashboard line click on "SHOP ONLINE"
- make your selections in the Marketplace
- you can modify your order by selecting "View Bag"
- complete your order by PROCEED TO CHECKOUT to enter billing information

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO: St. Mark's Evening Guild

Orders will be available for pickup after Friday, December 4 and will be delivered to you if you wish.

Questions – please call or email Isabel or Linda

isabelchernoff@telus.net 604-531-6828

lindaodee@hotmail.com 604-536-7983

THE LUNCH BASKET for Hungry Children is provided this week by Lorne and Margaret Appleton to the Glory of God in memory of Martha, Fred, and Cecil, and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR are given today by Margot McDermott to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for all of His blessings.

Ladies Guild Fundraiser!!

Nygaard Samples Sales Blow Out!

Saturday, November 21

10am to 3pm

Best Western at 2293 King George Blvd

Coats & Outer Jackets - \$30 - \$40

Jackets - \$25

Blouse, Sweaters and Tops - \$15 - \$20

Pants - \$10 - \$15

COVID-19 regulations in effect. Maximum 10 people allowed in the room at one time. Masks mandatory.

Hand sanitizer will be provided to shoppers.

20% from the proceeds of this sale will be donated to St. Mark Ocean Park, and

Soroptimist of the Langley.

Looking Forward To Seeing You There!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – If you wish the Intercessor to include the name of a loved one in Sunday's prayers, please drop an email to the Office – Monday to Thursday – and the name will be forwarded to the Intercessor in time for Sunday's Service. office@stmarkbc.org

PRAYER CHAIN – The Coordinator for the Prayer Chain is Maggie Ferguson who can be reached at maggieferguson@telus.net, or by calling 604.538.6160. Please give your prayer requests and updates to Maggie who will forward them to the twenty men and women on the Prayer Chain to pray for your requests daily.

Reverend Philippa Segrave-Pride's email address is: philippastmarks@gmail.com

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR Anyone wishing to donate Flowers for the Sanctuary after please contact Kathryn of the Altar Guild at hkmasmith@shaw.ca or phone the office at 604.535.8841 and leave a message.

Next Sunday's Service Holy Eucharist. The Psalm and Readings for November 22 are: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 95:1-7a, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

MISSION TO SEAFARERS

The time has come to collect for the Seafarers. This year we have to remember that the pandemic has made these ships into isolation/quarantine sites. The Seafarers are not allowed off in any port. The items needed are socks (must have some wool in them), warm work gloves, toques and snug fitting cowls.

Also needed are stocking stuffers such as toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, razors, shaving cream, face cream, lotion, etc.) and small soft toys.

Candy is also appreciated; maybe you have left-over Hallowe'en candy that you don't want to eat.

To help pass the time: things like magazines, any sports magazines, or others such as the National Geographic, and any reading material representing B.C. and Canada; also new puzzles, or decks of cards.

Bins for these items will be out every day during office hours (Monday and Friday = 9am to 12noon; Tuesday & Wednesday & Thursday = 9am to 3pm), starting Monday Nov. 2 and continuing **until Sunday Nov. 22**. Also, on Saturday, Nov. 21, during the Food Bank Drive at St. Mark's, there will be an opportunity to donate items to the Seafarer's bins.

For further information on the Mission to Seafarers go to www.flyingangel.ca/about
Thank you in advance for your support of this very valuable project.

SOURCES FOOD BANK DROP OFF: St. Mark's is pleased to offer a Food Bank Drop Off on **Sat. Nov. 21** from 10 am-1 pm in the front parking lot. With traditional fundraisers such as concerts and seasonal community events on hold the need is greater than last year. This is the chance to help out those who are struggling at this time. This will be a great opportunity to see our St. Mark's family. Please remember social distancing will be observed. Financial donations and donations of these "Healthy choices" will be accepted.

**canned protein, tuna, chicken, etc.

**rice

**milk powder

**peanut butter

**pastas

**oatmeal

**legumes (lentils, beans, etc)

**fresh fruit and vegetables

**100% fruit juice

**vegetable oil

A QUICK LOOK AHEAD:

- Sat. Nov. 21 10 am-1 pm Sources Food Bank Drop off & Missions to Seafarers collection of socks, toques and candies for the Seafarers.
- Tues. Nov. 24 Parish Council
- Wed. Nov. 25 Savvy Seniors Get Together
- Sat. Nov. 28 10 am-1 pm Holly Berry Fair

THE LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN provides funding for lunches to five single Mothers and nine children.

Please help support these families by choosing a 2021 date (see chart below) to support these families and have a dedication in the weekly E Pulse. email or phone Darlene W. or Barb G. with your dedication. The suggested donation of \$60 can be made by e-transfer, the Donation Station, or by dropping off a cheque in the mailbox at the church office.

January 2021		February 2021		March 2021		April 2021	
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We are open for in-person services at 10am, maximum 50 persons.

Please register each week through the [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.org) link posted on www.stmarkbc.org or call 604-535-8841 by Friday noon. The safety protocols we were required to put in place can be found on the Church's website.

The direct link of the complete document sent out from the Archbishop August 10, 2020:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/a9c022f9001/c52647f3-285d-4f52-94eb-5e2382265dbd.pdf>

To access the online Service:

- onto the Church's website: www.stmarkbc.org
- on the page that opens, click on where it says: "St. Mark Ocean Park Online Sunday Worship Services"

PARISH OF ST. MARK - OCEAN PARK " OPERATING ACCOUNT "				
FINANCIAL STATUS AT October 31 2020				
	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Adj Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
TOTAL INCOME	19,743.75	219,247.55	336,446.67	(117,199.12)
TOTAL EXPENSES	28,789.73	209,115.24	336,446.67	127,331.43
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (9,045.98)	\$ 10,132.31	\$ -	\$ 10,132.31

Advent Resources

Advent/Christmas in a Bag

Because so many of our congregation are currently unable to join us in person we felt we would like to provide some simple Advent and Christmas resources for people to use at home.

We will produce a devotional that can be used by individuals and families, an Advent paper chain that is also an Advent calendar. We will also include a cardstock nativity that can be cut out and coloured in as Advent progresses.

if we know how many people are in the household, we will also sneak in a sweet treat for each person and a decoration for your Christmas tree.

If you would like to receive a Bag of Resources, please email or Call Sheila Johnston in the office before Friday 20th November so we can get them made up and distributed before the beginning of Advent.

Below are some more Advent Resources that might be useful:

Diocese of New Westminster's own Advent Calendar:

<https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/diocesan-resources/2020-advent>

PWRDF Advent and Christmas Resources:

<https://pwrdf.org/get-involved/advent2020/>

Making/Praying your own Advent Wreath:

<https://churchos-uploads.s3.amazonaws.com/2020/11/06/13/13/08/cd0bf2d1-8663-43ee-8483-eea89ccb5210/SHS%20-%20Advent%20Candle%20Lighting%20Leaflet%20.pdf>

Naming Jesus:

A devotional booklet from the SALT Project. This year's Advent theme is the *Naming Jesus* and includes simple devotions for households to use during the weeks of Advent. This will be included in our "Advent in a bag".

if you would just like a copy of the devotional please let Sheila at the office know

Diocese of New Westminster Pinterest page for more Advent resources:

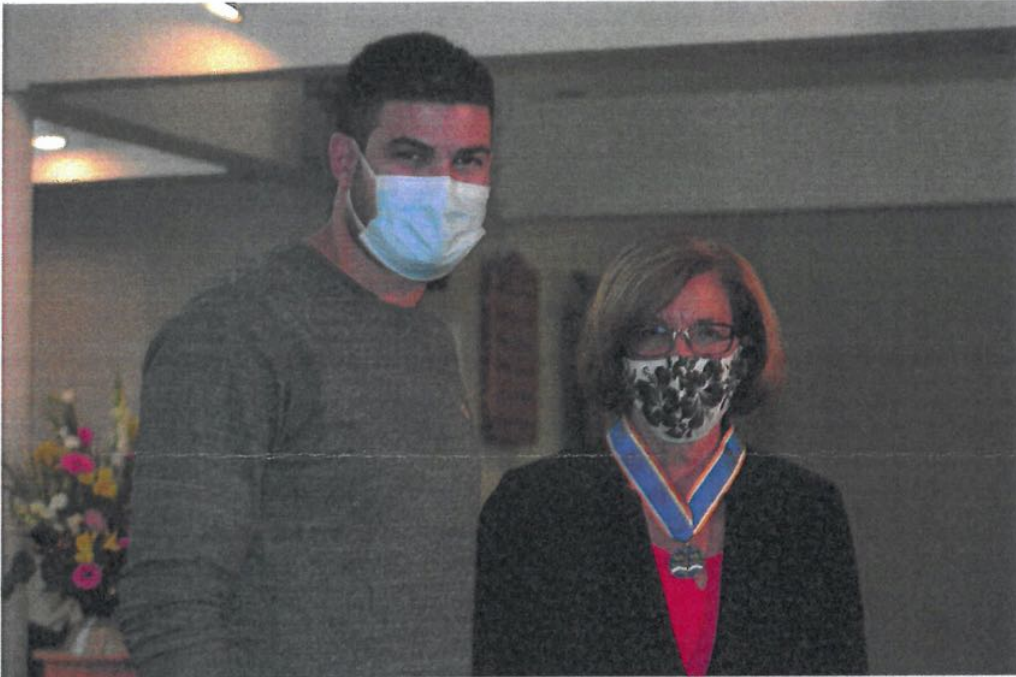
<https://www.pinterest.ca/dionewwest/advent/>

ODNW CEREMONY AT ST. MARK'S

A special by-invitation-only service was held to present St. Mark Ocean Park's recipients of the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster (ODNW) on All Saints' Day, Sunday, November 1, at 12:30 PM. Among the 21 guests present at the short service were Hilda Smith, ODNW, Lynne Hurd, ODNW, and Brian Walks, ODNW, along with the newest members. The Most Reverend Melissa Skelton's Sermon was read by the Reverend Philippa Segrave-Pride.

To keep in the family "bubble", Tyler presented his mother, Pauline Blachford, Bishop's nominee, with her ODNW medal. Then Jenna presented her grandfather, Les Edmonds, St. Mark's nominee, with his ODNW medal. Rev. Philippa Segrave-Pride read the citations during the presentations.

The recorded service is available on-line at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=67la_1vxEpE&list=PLV9ZoTQqn-s8Vnqx3KMBUtgAl-Zvht06Y&index=1



ABOVE: Pauline Blachford, ODNW, with her son, Tyler.



BELOW: Les Edmonds, ODNW, with his granddaughter, Jenna.





ODNW's: Les Edmonds, Hilda Smith, Lynne Hurd, Pauline Blachford, & Brian Walks.