



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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E-PULSE NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK **NOVEMBER 22, 2020**

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

**Sadly, due to the new Provincial Health Order,
our worship has had to go back to being Online only.**

Although the news is frustrating, ultimately it is to help keep us safe from COVID -19. Visits to the church are possible, but we please ask that you make an appointment so we can keep a record of who is in the building at any time.

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"

HOLLY BERRY FAIR

Another casualty of the latest restrictions is the Holly Berry Fair. Although we won't be able to host an in person fair, the organising groups are looking at ways for taking it online.

Please keep an eye out for updates.

THE PARISH PROFILE has been posted on the Diocesan website this past week. That means the Rector's position is now being advertised. The closing date is December 15. If anyone knows of someone they think should apply, please pass this on!

The link for the Parish Profile is below

<https://churchos-uploads.s3.amazonaws.com/2020/11/10/14/04/59/a44b5355-e511-4b6e-881e-e59d6e25a6d0/St.%20Mark%20-%20Ocean%20Park%20-%202020.11.06.pdf>

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 today Sunday, November 22. 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

We will still be accepting Gifts from Monday November 30 to Thurs. December 3 from 9am to 12noon at the Church Office. Our Gifts will be picked up by the Salvation Army on Fri. December 4. For further information please contact the office.

Thanks everyone for submitting your PURDY's orders. It is looking very successful. If you have a late order please contact me and I will try to add it to our order this week. Orders will be ready for pickup on Friday December 4. I will be emailing you with pick up options. isabelchernoff@telus.net 604-531-6828

LIBRARY NEWS – Library use is suspended until further notice

Two new **David Bunn** books have just arrived. **Moondust Lake** is a retreat that Buddy Helms attends at the suggestion of the counselor of his church. He is hoping it will be the soothing tonic that he needs for his disillusionment and frustration. Kimberly Sturgiss is the psychotherapist who finds herself by reaching out to the man who is reaching for her. For something a little faster paced try **Outbreak**. Theo and Avery must stay out of the crosshairs long enough to convince those in power of the destruction that is about to be unleashed on American soil. A real page turner.



CHRISTMAS STORY DRIVE THRU

Take a drive through the parking lot at Emmanuel Covenant Church, 16th Avenue and 170 Street. This is a family-friendly and COVID-safe Christmas experience! View a live nativity, sing along with carolers, and listen to the Christmas story on your radio as you enjoy light displays, holiday treats and hot chocolate. ONE NIGHT ONLY = Saturday, December 19, from 5:30 to 8:30pm

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.

THE LUNCH BASKET for Hungry Children is provided this week by Brenda Horner and Ron Henze to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for His many blessings in our lives.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR are given today by Lynne and Lawrence Hurd with gratitude for the many blessings of family.

Flowers are also given by Margot McDermott - sending prayers for Richard and Judy Beavers whose son Michael suddenly passed away from a heart attack.

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.

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. Prayers are continued for two weeks or longer with updates as needed.

AND as of Sunday November 29 Coordinator for the prayer chain will be Lynne Hurd, who may be reached at lynneh1@telus.net or at 604-542-2772

Next Sunday's Service Morning Prayer The Psalm and Readings for the First Sunday in Advent, Nov. 29 are: Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, and Mark 13:24-37

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

The thank you note below was received last week from one of the recipients of the Lunch Basket for Hungry Children. A note received during these times, seems even more important than ever. This reminds us all that your Community Outreach Ministry continues to help others. The organizations that the Outreach Ministry assists are all busy and helping those who need help - Women's Place, The Food Bank, AMA House and The Launching Pad. We are blessed to have your continuing support.

Thank you from the core of my being. Your help to myself and my daughters has been an absolute life changer. The past few years have been so incredibly hard, and to struggle with the bare necessities is an extremely humbling experience. The gift cards we have received have been such a Godsend. So thank you, thank you, to all who are involved in this massive blessing to my family. I am eternally grateful for your beautiful, selfless help. And I thank you with so much gratitude.

A QUICK LOOK AHEAD:

- Tues. Nov. 24 Parish Council
- Sat. Dec. 5 5pm Men's Club Zoom Christmas Happy Hour

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.

Last drop off will be at the Foodbank Drive on Saturday 21 between 10-1pm

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.

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.

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Advent Resources

Below are some 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/>