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E-PULSE NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK DECEMBER 20, 2020

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

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

We will be prerecording our worship this week and hope to have it online by Sunday morning. We are working with new Internet providers and hope to be able to resume live streaming soon.

Thank you for your patience.

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 (604.535.8841) 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"

Attention All Ministry Leaders

The Ministry Report deadline for the 2020 Annual Report is: Monday, <u>January 18</u>, 2021.

Please email your report to the office: office@stmarkbc.org

VESTRY MEETING – is on Sunday, February 21, 2021

<u>FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR</u> are given today by Brenda Horner and Ron Henze to the glory of God and in loving memory of Brenda's father Geoff Horner, and other dear family members.

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.

<u>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE</u> – 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. <u>office@stmarkbc.org</u>

<u>PRAYER CHAIN</u> – The Coordinator for the Prayer Chain is Lynne Hurd who can be reached at <u>lynneh1@telus.net</u> or at 604-542-2772. Please give your prayer requests and updates to Lynne 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.

Next Week's Service

The Readings for December 24's 7pm Christmas Eve Service: Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Titus :11-14, Luke 2:1-14.

And for December 25 Christmas Day at 10am: Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98, Hebrews 1:1-12, John 1:1-14

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	
3	Mari Anne and Roger Hussen	7	Catherine Featherstone	7		4	
10	Isabel Chernoff	14	Kathy Chambers	14		11	
17	Robyn Kniel	21	Pauline Blachford	21		18	
24	Norma and Alan Marsh	28		28		25	
31	Pauline Blachford						

<u>THE LUNCH BASKET</u> for Hungry Children is provided this week by Adela Rennie to the Glory of God and in memory of her husband Ed.

A LOOK AHEAD to Online CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Thursday, 24th December 7.00pm First Eucharist of Christmas Friday, 25th December 10.00am Christmas Day Eucharist

Sunday, 27th December 10.00am Morning Prayer

Blue Christmas Service- Janet, Pat and Philippa have put together a Blue Christmas Service. This is a gentler, contemplative service for those who are carrying pain or loss at this time of year. We hope that this will be Online from Sunday 20th December. Please check the website. During the service there will be an opportunity to light a candle and write down some thoughts so now is the time to find tour self a candle, journal or notebook.