



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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E-PULSE NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK **DECEMBER 6, 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"

Never fear the Holly Berry Fair is still near!.

Although the physical fair has had to be cancelled; several of our groups have taken the initiative of moving their sales online. Ladies Guild, Mens Club and ACW are looking for your business!! The links listed below will take you to details of their online sales and order forms. Please take note of the deadlines for orders. Homebaked goodies, crafts, holly and gift baskets are all available! Please support them if you can!!

<https://tinyurl.com/Holly-Berry-Fair-Online>

A) Men's Club - Holly Sales and Pie order pick up

Sat. Dec. 5 - 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm in St Mark's Parking Lot 12953 20 Ave Surrey

B) ACW Baking and Preserves Sales - click below for an order form

<https://tinyurl.com/ACW-Order-Form>

Please order by **Sun. Dec. 6** by contacting Kathryn Smith @ 604-560-1455 or hkmasmith@shaw.ca OR
Janet Van Nes @ 604-535-0818 or nimblethimble@shaw.ca

Payment by Arrangement.

C) **Ladies' Guild Baking Sales** - click below for an order form - please order by **Tues. Dec. 15**
<https://tinyurl.com/Ladies-Guild-order-form-Dec-15>

D) **Ladies' Guild Baskets, Crafts and Preserves Sale** - click for photos and prices of items for sale - **please order by Tues. Dec. 15** (first come first served)
<https://tinyurl.com/Baskets-Crafts-and-Preserves>
Please order by Tues. Dec. 15 by contacting Isabelchernoff@telus.net 604-531-6828
or Lindaodee@hotmail.com 604-536-7983

Donations Update

...Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts.... Matthew 2:11

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to all of St. Mark's generous supporters. Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, our financial position remains solid. This is in part due to the number of parishioners who use Pre-Authorized Donations (PAD), as well as many more who faithfully donate using envelopes, eTransfer and the Electronic Donation Station (EDS). We understand that many people have experienced changes to their income during the past few months, so all donations of any size are greatly appreciated.

During this month of giving, please review your support for December and into 2021. All donations receive a tax receipt, which is issued annually after December 31st. If you wish to make changes or sign up for PAD, please contact our Donation Secretary, Brenda Horner. Her contact information is available via the office (Ph: 604-535-8841 or email: office@stmarkbc.org). Thank you.

PWRDF supports displaced families in Iraq returning to face COVID-19

PWRDF is contributing \$30,000 to a Lutheran World Federation Iraq project that is providing hygiene equipment, improving access to clean water and raising awareness about COVID-19 prevention. The total budget is approximately \$80,000 and the project will continue through December.

The project is providing 1,500 hygiene kits to families to protect them from COVID-19.

The project will also ensure that families have access to potable water. The project will rehabilitate them and renovate underground water treatment facilities. The project will implement appropriate chemical and biological tests at the source and at the households to make sure the water is safe.

The project will also share good health information with families regarding COVID-19 in taking protective measures as per WHO guidelines and instructions.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR are given today by Geoff, Heather Jacob and David Higginson and by and Lynn Higginson to the Glory of God and in memory of Dad and Husband Doug Higginson
The Second arrangement is given by Charles and Isobel Powell to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for 65 years of marriage.

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.

Food Bank Drop Off on Saturday November 21

A big thank you to those who contributed to the Food Drop Off. We collected about 300 lbs of food and just over \$410 in cash donations. In a year when the usual fundraisers cannot be held, your help is very much appreciated to help the needy in our community.



WHITE GIFT SUNDAY

Thank you for your generosity! Despite not being able to gather for worship, members have been dropping gifts off throughout the week. The gifts will be distributed via the Salvation Army. Thank you for taking the time to bring them in, they make such a difference!

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>

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 Lynne Hurd who can be reached at lynneh1@telus.net 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.

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		7		4	
10	Isabel Chernoff	14		14		11	
17	Robyn Kniel	21	Pauline Blachford	21		18	
24	Norma and Alan Marsh	28		28		25	
31	Pauline Blachford						

THE LUNCH BASKET for Hungry Children is provided this week by Joyce McQuarrie to the Glory of God and in celebration of her 81st birthday.

A LOOK AHEAD

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

We hope to be able to offer the following services either in person, live streamed or online. They are sadly subject to change!

Sunday, 20th December 10.00am	Carol Service
Thursday, 24th December 7.00pm	First Eucharist of Christmas
Friday, 25th December 10.00am	Christmas Day Eucharist
Sunday, 27th December 10.00am	Morning Prayer

We will also be producing a pre-recorded Blue Christmas Service.

- **VESTRY MEETING** – is on Sunday, February 21, 2021

Attention All Ministry Leaders – The Ministry Report deadline for the 2020 Annual Report is: Monday, January 18, 2021. Please email your report to the office: office@stmarkbc.org

Next Sunday's Service Morning Prayer - The Psalm and Readings for the Third Sunday in Advent, December 13th are: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, Psalm 126, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28