



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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E-PULSE NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK MARCH 7, 2021

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

Sadly, due to the Provincial Health Order, our worship continues to be Online only.

We are LIVE STREAMING our Sunday Worship

Please join us on the Parish website or Facebook page at 10am on Sunday.

ALSO...

**we have a Family, Youth and Children Time
each Sunday that is generally posted to Facebook and
the Website on Saturday.**

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.

Should you wish to visit the church in order to pray privately you are welcome to do so, but please call ahead to
let the Office know of your plans.

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"

HOLY WEEK IN A BAG

Once again, we will be providing some addition devotional resources to be used at home. This time we will be using a devotional based on the concept of Tenebrae, an ancient practice of reading, reflection and the lighting an extinguishing of candles. We will also include a Palm Cross and a little treat for Easter Day in the pack! Please let the office know if you would like a pack, as well as how many people in the household so we know how many treats to provide!

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

Following the success of our online vestry meeting we are going to experiment with an online coffee hour. **Sunday 14th March** will be the date. You will need to register in order to attend. Please check the Parish Website or with the Parish Office.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING – the next monthly meeting will take place on **Tues. March 9 at 7:30pm on ZOOM.** Please note the start time. Guest Speaker: Rev. Philippa Segrave-Pride. She will talk to us about her faith journey.

THE LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN – is provided this week by Betty-Ann and Ian Bainbridge to the Glory of God and in thankfulness for the joy, hope and renewal that Spring brings.

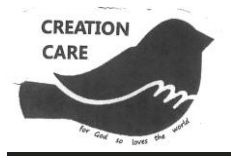
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Prepared by the people of Vanuatu ...St Mark's was delighted to host the recording of the **World Day of Prayer** service for our local churches. The service has been uploaded to our Facebook page and website. Please take a look!

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE

The Readings for March 14 – 4th Sunday in Lent – Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21

WANT TO BE INCLUDED IN SUNDAY INTERCESSIONS? If so please contact the Office at 604.535.8841 OR call or email Michael Klaver: 604.541.9598 klaverfamily@shaw.ca



St. Mark's Creation Care Ministry

Monday, March 8 at 10am – Rose Pruning Courtyard Garden. We are blessed with the leadership of the South Surrey Garden Club to have a demonstration of rose pruning and then their oversight while a few of us complete the work. Rain or shine! If you are able to join in this specific task please leave a message for Anne Schreck at 604.536.0072 or email her at anne_schreck@shaw.ca. If you can, please bring your own pruners...we have plenty of gloves!!

PWRDF – has wonderful Lenten Resources for all. Please click on this link for your opportunity to use these resources:

<https://mailchi.mp/f55306039e7b/learning-through-lent-with-pwrdf-daily-reflections-and-launch-webinar-1618982?e=cf24536a91>

COLDEST NIGHT WALK

Many thanks to those of you who donated to the annual "Coldest Night of the Year" walk held on Feb. 19 & 20 in our neighbourhoods.

Rev. Sue Foley-Currie, Julianne Hayes, Mari Anne and Roger Hussen, Barb and Brian Walks braved the elements, showed off their new Coldest Night toques and walked 5 km to show our support.

The St. Mark's Walkers raised just over \$800 to help our area's homeless. There is still time to donate through the Sources website. Go to sourcesfoundation.ca You will get a tax-deductible receipt within minutes if your donation is over \$20.

St. Mark's Ladies Guild is offering Purdy's Chocolates for sale for the Easter season.

Please note orders are due this week. Please complete your order by Tuesday March 9 at the latest.

Hello Friends,

We hope you will find this a convenience, and your orders will help support the projects that we support during the year. It is very simple to take part – there are 2 ways to order. Pick up a catalogue at St. Mark's office or by calling us to deliver one to you – drop orders at St. Mark's or to Isabel or Linda or Sue Indridson OR order online by clicking on the link below:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/932138-82819>

and then follow these instructions:

click "Join a Campaign"

log on with the email address and password that you used previously, OR register with your email address and password

on the Dashboard click on "Shop Online"

use Marketplace to scroll thru the products and make your selections

complete your order with "proceed to checkout" . Your order will roll up to our account

Orders will be ready for pickup on Saturday March 20 OR we will deliver to you in White Rock/South Surrey. Instructions will be sent to you.

Please contact isabelchernoff@telus.net 604-531-6828 or lindaodee@hotmail.com 604-531-7963 or sinder@shaw.ca 604-531-4931 if you have any questions.

PRAYER CHAIN – The Coordinator for the Prayer Chain is Mary Brown who can be reached at marybrown@telus.net or at 604.535.6408. Please direct your requests to Mary who will forward them to the prayer chain for daily prayer for two weeks. Please also update the chain as appropriate for your requests.

SPECIAL EVENT COORDINATOR WANTED: This will be the 12th year the **Christmas on the Peninsula Society** is putting on our festival not counting last year's festival online and I have enjoyed not only being its president but also the festival director. However as I am getting older, we need somebody to slowly take over my responsibilities as festival director so we are starting with a small contract for five months looking for a part-time events coordinator/fund raiser. The fee is based on working 2 ½ hours per day but of course as an independent contractor, they can adjust their workweek to fit their schedule. contact: Liv 604 542 3776. Check out the website for more details <http://www.christmasonthepeninsula.com>.

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.

March 2021		April 2021	
7	Betty-Ann and Ian Bainbridge	4	Elizabeth Darbyshire
14	Pat Aiken and Janet Scott	11	Brenda Horner and Ron Henze
21	Gary & Darlene Wiegand	18	Carol Scott
28	Bea Ross	25	

Thank you to those who have made donations for our flowers.

We still have some gaps. If you would like to offer flowers for the sanctuary in Memory of a Loved One, in Thanksgiving for a birthday or Anniversary we would very much appreciate it.

The Altar Guild is willing to purchase the flowers and have them arranged.

Please contact Kathryn Smith at 604-560-1455 or e-mail hkmasmith@shaw.ca

PWRDF follow up on the 2020 explosion in Beirut

The August 4, 2020 explosion ripped through the heart of Beirut, destroying homes, killing dozens and injuring thousands. The ensuing fires released toxic materials in the air. Tens of thousands lost their homes and vital infrastructure was damaged beyond repair, including health care facilities and grain silos storing around 85 percent of Lebanon's grain. The government estimates damages in the range of \$3-5 billion USD and UNOCHA estimates that at least 120 schools, attended by 50,000 children, sustained substantial damage. The explosion came at an already dire time for Beirut as Lebanon was – and still is – struggling with a financial crisis and massive unemployment.

PWRDF's partner on the ground, the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC), was able to support immediate needs such as a two-month supply of food and hygiene products for displaced families, as well as new mattresses and linens.

Thanks to our generous donors, PWRDF was able to raise more than \$140,000 to respond to the disaster. As a member of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, donations to PWRDF received between August 4 and August 24 were matched by the Government of Canada. The Foodgrains Bank is a member of the Humanitarian Coalition which received the match.

The work to rebuild in Beirut is ongoing. Since the explosion inflation has crippled the economy and the COVID-19 pandemic has worsened, but the work of PWRDF partners on the ground is continuing to address the long-term needs of victims of the blast. Thanks to the generosity of donors, individuals and families affected by this disaster have received care and compassion as they work to rebuild their lives.