



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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E-PULSE **NEWSLETTER OF** **ST. MARK OCEAN PARK** **MAY 30, 2021**

Rev. Melanie Calabrigo, the Gathering Priest of St. Hildegard's Sanctuary at St. Faith's in Vancouver, is officiating at our services up to and including June 27.

Ven. Louie Engnan is Priest-in-Charge during this time and will be providing emergency Pastoral Care.

Starting July 1 **Rev. William (Billy) Isenor** will be our new Rector.

- 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
- 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:**
Log onto the Church's website: www.stmarkbc.org
Go to the page that opens, click on where it says: "St. Mark Ocean Park Online Sunday Worship Services"
- If you would like to watch or listen to **some of our older Services** you may go into the archives of your YouTube services through our Parish website at: www.stmarkbc.org

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE – June 6 – Second Sunday After Pentecost

1 Samuel 8:4-11, Psalm 138, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR - are in honour of Ann Colman's birthday on May 31, from her daughter Lisa Mancuso, and family....“remembering my lovely Mum whom we lost on January 20, 2021. We miss her but know she is surrounded by love and is busy making beautiful gardens in heaven.”

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

THE LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN – is provided this week by Lal and Pauline John to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the good health of all the Health Care Workers.

PRAYER CHAIN – The Coordinator is Michael Weller. He may be reached at 604.538.9334, or by email at weller301@shaw.ca. Prayer requests are generally prayed for by the members of the chain for two weeks, and may also be updated for a longer duration 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.

JUNE	
6	Barb Grantham
13	
20	
27	Ann Thiessen
JULY	
4	
11	
18	
25	

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

Below are charts for June, July and August. If you would like to offer flowers for the sanctuary those months, 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

JUNE & JULY

DATE	NAME
June 6	Laurie Stephenson
June 13	Lynn and Lawrence Hurd Laurie Stephenson
June 20	Roger and Mari Anne Hussen
June 27	Janet Cormode
July 4	Heather & Geoff Higginson Charles and Isobel Powell
July 11	Sue Foley-Currie Margot McDermott
July 18	Brenda Horner
July 25	
August 1	
August 8	
August 15	
August 22	
August 29	

Synod Zoom Report 2021

The 121st Session of Synod, Diocese of New Westminster took place from 8:30 to 1:40, May 15, 2021 with 123 Clergy and 171 lay people in attendance. There were no formal breaks through the 5 hours so kitchen raids and bathroom breaks could only happen during the 5 minutes when voting occurredAfter we voted of course!

Synod opened with Morning Prayer which opened and focused our hearts and minds on the Holy Spirit. It included a First Nations sung prayer, Easter prayer, Psalm and Gospel readings and the beautiful hymn, Of Eternal Love Begotten plus a Cantic Song of the New Creation.

Bishop Right Reverend John Stephens delivered a faith affirming address beginning with reflections on his early ministry. Our Bishop began his studies in zoology and only later felt the call to Priesthood. During seminary he wrestled with how to link science and theology as at first neither seemed connected. Increasingly however, he came to realize that God's purpose, vision and wisdom belonged to both. Faith doesn't exclude scientific study but instead invites awe, wonder and thanksgiving on both sides. He asked what faith teaches us about current global issues such as climate emergency, racism, and homelessness. He stressed that we must strive to honor our baptismal covenant to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and sustain and renew all life on earth. The full transcript of the Bishop's address can be found on the Diocesan website. The Bishop's address was followed by the Affirmation of Faith, Prayers of the Community, the Lord's Prayer and a Hymn.

Elections of Diocesan Officers, General Synod Officers and Committee Members followed. Of particular interest to our parish are the two newly voted Fraser Archdeaconry Representatives to Diocesan Council. These are the Reverend Robin Ruder Celiz (Clergy, Parish of All Saints Ladner) and Len Reimer (Lay, Parish of St. Cuthbert, Delta). Also noteworthy was that Louie Engnan, a familiar presence around St. Mark, was voted in as 1 of 2 persons to serve on the Anglican Initiatives Fund- Clerical Administration and 1 of 3 to serve as Clergy delegate to General Synod.

At this time, Rob Dickson presented an "infomercial" for the Anglican Foundation, Say Yes To Kids. Their goal is to raise \$100,000 as a one-time investment to aid kids as they face their post- pandemic world. From April 6 to June 30 they raised \$20,000 with a matching grant of \$25,000 making the total to date of \$45,000. To make a donation, visit the Diocesan website.

Treasurer, Robert Harvey gave a line-by-line comprehensive and anecdotal accounting of the 2020 financials. The diocese received a "clean audit" and in spite of Covid 2020, is blessed financially which the treasurer said was largely due to wise planning in the past. This planning involved, among other things, investing money from the sale of church properties (2017) in stocks and bonds. The portfolio is doing well. The 2021 budget and vision budgets for 2022 and 2023 were also presented. These vision budgets may be adjusted by Diocesan Council in their current years. For complete financial information please see the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster Website.

By this time the meeting was running late so it was decided that Resolution 5 and 6 be presented and voted on together as they were interconnected.

Resolution 1

That the Diocese acknowledges the dual crises of homelessness and housing affordability in the Lower Mainland.

That synod direct Diocesan Council to create a task force including a wide variety of lay, ordained and Aboriginal voices to engage with leadership at all levels of the church, other faith traditions and in the public square. And that the task force conducts their work in the course of their regular duties with any identifiable budget requirements allocated from the Diocesan Justice and Peace Fund. It was noted that one of the challenges would be the need to engage municipal governments as not all recognize or support affordable housing in their communities. Also noted was the fact that some parishes are already working on this.

Resolution 2

That Synod affirms the recommendations of the Climate Emergency Working Group (CEWG) document which includes the following:

Adopting the Anglican Church of Canada's policy paper "*Investing with a Mission*". This means investing financial resources "in ways that support the environment, social justice and more JUST governance in companies and industry." The Diocese has already begun changing their investing practices. This will also be encouraged for individual parishioners.

A grant fund to parishes to engage in the proposed recommendations up to \$1000 per parish per year for two years to address climate change issues.

Hiring a staff person (2 year term) in 2022 to provide a variety of roles such as establishing networks, developing partnerships and strategic plans and policies at the Diocesan level and to provide support for parishes.

Resolution 3:

That Synod approves 9 parishes to provide food programs through the 2022/23 Care and Share cycle. This represents a wide cross section of parishes from Chilliwack to Powell River. All of this funding comes directly from individuals and parishes.

Resolution 4

Motion to Revise Canon 8

Canon 8.6 refers to Parishes voting to merge and Canon 8.14 refers to parishes voting to close. The motion was that these Canons be revised to change the super majority requirements from three-quarters to two-thirds. This brings these canons in line and establishes consistency with other constitutions and canons.

Resolution 5

Motion to Revise Anglican Initiative Fund By-Laws

Resolution 6

Motion to Revise Regulation 21 - Anglican Initiatives Fund

Changes were made to further complete amendments and corrections that were made at the 2019 Synod to bring all changes in wording in line with other constitutions and canons.

Voting Results: All Resolutions were PASSED

Resolution 1: 224 for, 16 against, 10 abstentions

Resolution 2: 231 for, 14 against, 5 abstentions

Resolution 3: 243 for, 1 against, 1 abstention

Resolution 4: 225 for, 10 against, 9 abstentions

Resolution 5: 243 for, 0 against, 7 abstentions

Resolution 6: 242 for, 0 against, 7 abstentions

All newly elected officers, delegates, and committee members were commissioned.

Vote of Thanks and The Lord's Prayer concluded the meeting.

We love that technology but face-to-face wins! It seems a long time since 8:30 when we sat ready, poised (with our laptop, iPad, iPhone, Mac, etc.) on line with Zoom. Our anxiety was high going in but after 5 hours of presentations, 20 votes and a fair amount of fatigue one had to applaud that very technology and the organizers for successfully carrying off our 121st Synod.

Although successful from a business point of view I am sure we would all agree that we miss and look forward to the return of the comradery of face-to-face synods in future.

Respectfully submitted

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