



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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E-PULSE **NEWSLETTER OF** **ST. MARK OCEAN PARK** **JUNE 6, 2021**

Fun in the Backyard - How exciting to think it won't be long until the Isenor family hits town. They are bringing very little with them and Danna expressed, if there was one thing she would be looking for as soon as she got here, is for backyard toys. I have been looking for a water and/or a sand table, or a small playhouse. I found a little kitchen set but no kitchen toys to go with it. I have found a little tykes slide and basketball hoop but no balls. We also had a highchair donated. If you have anything that you think might be of use for backyard or beach play can you please let Mari Anne know. mhussen@gmail.com.

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 13 – Third Sunday After Pentecost

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13, Psalm 20, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, Mark 4:26-34

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR - are given today by Lawrence and Lynne Hurd in gratitude for family and 55 years of marriage; and flowers are also given by Laurie Stephenson "in loving memory of My Father Frank Stephenson".

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 Jamie and Barb Grantham to the Glory of God with gratitude for how God has provided for our families o origin and our growing family of now.



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, but with a difference! - ANNUAL METAL RECYCLING EVENT

The difference: no 500 lb car engines nor donations of massive very heavy pieces. In an abundance of caution; we MUST protect the 70+ & 80+ year-olds who are the vast majority of those who manage all the lifting for this event. We shall continue to collect:

all gauge & length of electrical cord & all kinds of metal that cannot be recycled through your regular waste/recycle collection. Watch for a Fall date: likely November. Contact: anne_schreck@shaw.ca



Thank you to the fellows from the Launching Pad who helped us by removing debris from the back forest on May 20. Our **thanks also** to the Scouts and to John Finley for removing this massive fire load and transporting the bulk of it to the organic fill. The younger Scouts will hopefully gather this week to put the remainder of the smaller branches, fronds & needles into our 5 largest organic bins. A huge job well done in tidying and keeping the forest safe. This is a Win! Win! relationship between these two groups and the Parish of St. Mark. Thanks Be To God!! and Thank You All!! – Creation Care Ministry

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.

Dear Friends of PWRDF - By now you may have heard about our Light For Every Birth project working to install 50 solar suitcases in Mozambique. We want to share some exciting news about the project.

PWRDF is pleased to announce all donations to the Light for Every Birth project received until September 30 will be matched 1:1 by an anonymous donor, up to \$100,000.

A solar suitcase is a wall-mounted unit that is connected to a solar panel on the roof. It opens like a suitcase and includes phone charging ports, a portable headlamp and a fetal Doppler to monitor the baby's heartbeat. Having light before, during and after the birth can greatly reduce the danger to new moms and their babies and allow medical staff to quickly identify and treat any labour problems. The Doppler also helps to quickly identify the fetal heartbeat, which will keep the babies safe during the birth. You can read more about the project and how to donate at: www.pwrdf.org

Adopt a Street Ministry

Thank you to Team Higginson and Finley
for cleaning up our street in May.

Nice job!





(Photo credit: Victoria Finley)

PWRDF Vaccine Equity Fund – The gift of a COVID vaccination

There are ways you can help. One of the ways the Archbishop suggests is: **When you receive your vaccine, "Pay it forward"** and make a donation to the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) **Vaccine Equity Fund**. Your gift will support PWRDF partners in the most vulnerable parts of the world as they prepare for vaccination rollout, *including work already underway to supply PPE, thermometers, sanitation and hand-washing facilities, and accurate public health information.*

Donations can be made by any of the usual means with:

Payee: **Parish of St. Mark Ocean Park**
Cheques memo line: **PWRDF Vaccine Equity Fund**

Watch our gratitude fuel the fund to the Glory of our all loving God!

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	
13	Leslie Ann and Chris Hebb
20	Catherine and Peter Featherstone
27	Ann Thiessen
JULY	
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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 13	Lynn and Lawrence Hurd Laurie Stephenson
June 20	Roger and Mari Anne Hussen
June 27	Janet Cormode
July 4	Heather and Geoff Higginson Charles and Isobel Powell
July 11	Sue Foley-Currie Margot McDermott
July 18	Brenda Horner
July 25	Barb Grantham
August 1	John and Dorothy Mash
August 8	
August 15	
August 22	
August 29	



June 2, 2021

To all the people of the Diocese of New Westminster,

The discovery of the mass grave at the Kamloops Indian Residential School, and the remains of 215 children buried there has shocked us all.

The reporting of horrors of abuse and brutality at Residential Schools is not new to us but this burial site has brought into sharp focus the structural disrespect, cultural violence and cruelty that took place on a regular basis. We cannot ignore that two hundred and fifteen children were buried without markers, without notification to families and likely little or no ritual or ceremony of burial. How are we able to respond with so many emotions swirling around and within us?

It is a difficult but painful truth that some of those children were potentially baptized in the Anglican Church and quite possibly in our Diocese of New Westminster. We have a connection to this ghastly discovery, much as it might shock us to understand that.

A journey is taken one step at a time and the journey of reconciliation is a lifetime pilgrimage, not something soon done and finished. We are on that journey and we must seek ways to continue and never give up.

On August 6, 1993, the then-Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Michael Peers, said this to Indigenous people of Canada:

"I accept and I confess before God and you, our failures in the residential schools. We failed you. We failed ourselves. We failed God. I am sorry, more than I can say, that we were part of a system which took you and your children from home and family. I am sorry, more than I can say, that we tried to remake you in our image, taking from you your language and the signs of your identity. I am sorry, more than I can say, that in our schools so many were abused physically, sexually, culturally and emotionally."

On July 12, 2019, the Primate of that time, Archbishop Fred Hiltz said this:

"I confess our sin in failing to acknowledge that as First Peoples living here for thousands of years, you had a spiritual relationship with the Creator and with the Land.... I confess our sin in demonizing Indigenous spiritualities, and in belittling the traditional teachings of your Grandmothers and Grandfathers preserved and passed on through the elders. I confess the sin of our arrogance in dismissing Indigenous Spiritualities and disciplines as incompatible with the Gospel of Jesus, and insisting that there is no place for them in Christian Worship. I confess our sin in acts such as smothering the smudges, forbidding the pipes, stopping the drums, hiding the masks, destroying the totem poles, silencing the songs, stilling the dances, and banning the potlatches. With deep remorse, I acknowledge the intergenerational spiritual harm caused by our actions. I confess our sin in declaring the teachings of the medicine wheel to be pagan and primitive. I confess our sin in robbing your children and youth of the opportunity to know their spiritual ancestry and the great wealth of its wisdom and guidance for living in a good way with the Creator, the land and all peoples. For such shameful behaviours, I am very sorry."

Those are the words of two former primates of our Anglican Church, words that have much to offer us now. But at a time like this we need to listen deeply and intently and hear from Indigenous voices, not only from settlers.

Archbishop Mark MacDonald, National Indigenous Archbishop recently said this,

"I once heard someone say that Jesus, who died on the Cross, also died in the Holocaust. If that is true, they will find him among those children (buried in Kamloops). But we who have seen him die on the Cross and suffer with us, know that this is not the end of the story. He came back to us whole and sound, in a Resurrection body, from the World to Come. A world that he said we could start living in now, through love, through prayer, through the Sacred Circle, and through his Body and Blood. His justice, his truth, his love, is walking in us, and through us, towards that day and we have seen it. It will rise, is rising, with those children and with a truth that could not be hidden."

This is a time to listen. To listen to the voices of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. To listen to their pain, their truths, their voices, their understanding. To listen to how we live into reconciliation not with words alone but actions that build hope and compassion and new life. To listen and find a way to keep moving forward on this path to reconciliation. Chief Robert Joseph once said, "True reconciliation, fundamentally, is about relationships. It means that you and I can coexist in mutual respect and all of us can afford each other dignity." May we live into this hope, aware of the harm and violence that has taken place but seeking true reconciliation by listening and responding with action.

With this in mind here is a section of Kukpi7, Rosanne Casimir's, (Chief of the Tkemlúps te Secwépemc) May 31st Media Release:

Regrettably, we know that many more children are unaccounted for. We have heard that the same knowing of unmarked burial sites exists at other former residential school grounds. It was something that the TRC raised in the early days of their work. However, it was not part of their original mandate. The TRC sought for it to be included and were turned down twice by the federal government. That said, the TRC was nonetheless able to do some important work on the topic and we encourage you to revisit [Canada's Residential Schools: Missing Children and Unmarked Burials: The Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, Volume 4](#). For further important context, we also direct your attention to the report "Where are the Children buried?" completed by Dr. Scott Hamilton. The report

"addresses the question where deceased Indian Residential School (IRS) students are buried. This is difficult to answer because of the varying circumstances of death and burial, coupled with the generally sparse information about Residential School cemeteries. It requires a historic understanding of school operations that contextualizes the patterns underlying death and burial." ([Link to report here](#))

We ask all Canadians to reacquaint themselves with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Final Report and Calls to Action—upholding the heavy lifting already done by the survivors, intergenerational survivors, and the TRC. In addition, to show your solidarity, we encourage you to wear an orange shirt and start conversations with your neighbours about why you are doing so.

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc is now accepting donations that will automatically be deposited into a separate account set up for this initiative. The email is: donations@kib.ca There is no other fundraising initiative that Tk'emlúps te Secwépemchas authorised or is participating in at this time.

([Here is a link to the full media release](#))

May God guide us to move forward in ways that honour renewed relationships and with determination that there must be a change in how we share this land with Indigenous people, how we uphold with respect and resolve the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of this country, the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, Residential School survivors and those who have much to teach us about living out the gospel of grace and love.

May God's blessing be on all of us in this crucial time in the history of this church and this country of Canada.

BLESSINGS & PEACE

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized 'J' or 'I' followed by a horizontal line.