



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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E-PULSE NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK **AUGUST 29, 2021**

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES
Church now open - no registration required.
Hand sanitizing and social distancing
encouraged.
Masks are Mandatory.

- Wednesday, September 1 – 10am Service in the Outdoor Chapel, Weather Permitting
- Sunday, September 5 – 8am BCP Holy Communion & 10am BAS Holy Communion

Mask Mandate

Dr. Bonnie Henry, the Provincial Health Officer, has mandated that masks be worn in all public indoor spaces. This mandate went into effect on Wednesday, August 25. In respect of all, the Parish of St Mark – Ocean Park will be requiring masks to be worn inside our facilities. Thank you for your cooperation.

UPDATE: Food Service in the Church

Bishop John Stephens expressly states that:

“Social times before or after worship are permitted, however, please ensure that those handling food/beverages have sanitized their hands.” The Clergy & Wardens have discussed this and feel that on Wednesday, August 25, after the 7pm Induction Service, we would like to reintroduce this hospitality to our guests by having refreshments served, under FoodSafe regulations, including those serving the food/beverages regularly sanitizing their hands. We will also encourage everyone who is consuming food to sanitize their hands first. Starting Sunday, September 5, we wish to restart in-person Coffee Time after both 8am and 10am Sunday services, under FoodSafe regulations, including those serving the food/beverages regularly sanitizing their hands and those consuming food to sanitize their hands first.

Reverend Billy’s email address is: stmarks.op.rector@gmail.com

People wishing to meet with Rev. Billy are directed to this email to make an appointment to see him. Those with no access to email can call the Church Office to make an appointment: 604.535.8841

DO YOU HAVE A KNACK FOR NUMBERS?

St. Mark’s is looking for volunteers to help with counting and balancing the weekly offering, beginning in September. If you are interested in joining the Counters team, please contact Brenda Horner at bhenze@shaw.ca or Barbara Carington Smith at bacarington@gmail.com, or call the church office.

THE LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN – is provided this week by Lawrence and Lynne Hurd to the Glory of God in gratitude for family and friends.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR - are given today by Sue Indridson in thanksgiving for the many blessings in my life - family, friends, health and St. Marks.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES - September 5 - Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23, Psalm 125, James 2:1-10, 14-17, Mark 7:24-37

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

PRAYER CHAIN - The Coordinator for the prayer chain for the months of September, October and November will be Maggie Ferguson who maybe reached at 604-538- 6160 or via email at maggieferguson@telus.net. Please convey your requests to Maggie for inclusion on the prayer chain for two weeks or longer if you have updates.



Thank you to all who have generously donated their time, produce & flowers to this project. Today - August 29 - is the last Sunday that donations from the "First Fruits" will be matched by the Government of Canada through the UNICEF GiveAVax plan. In this way our donations are maximized & distributed to health workers & high-risk groups in lower income countries. As the global leader in Vaccine Delivery UNICEF has been tasked by the COVAX Facility to deliver 2 billion doses of COVID 19 vaccines to countries around the globe by 2021 years end.

The "First Fruits Garden Project" will continue through October, as ever changing COVID protocols allow, and the donations continue. Women from a local shelter & men from the Launching Pad Addiction Recovery Centre are very grateful for remaining produce. Thank you All! Your generosity is greatly appreciated as we care for all God's children.

Questions re: Creation Care Ministry / First Fruits Garden Project see Anne Schreck

An afternoon concert with Kerry O'Donovan

We are pleased to announce a rescheduled concert at Sue Indridson's home, 1364 131st Street on Saturday, September 11, from 1-4pm. This will be an afternoon of wonderful piano and song. Light refreshments will be served at intermission. Tickets are \$50 per person with net proceeds supporting White Rock Sources and the Surrey Food Bank. We request all who attend be fully vaccinated for Covid-19 and masks are encouraged. Audience is limited to 40 guests so don't delay!

Contact Sue Indridson at sinder@shaw.ca or by text at 604-329-1364 or Linda O'Donovan at lindaodee@hotmail.com or by text at 778-231-3654

We continue to:

- LIVE STREAMING our Sunday Worship.
- **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" alternatively you can use this link:
tinyurl.com/St-Mark-Online-Video-Channel
OR
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8dCqYrh-8E>
- 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

Savvy Seniors Get Togethers Resumes Soon!

Savvy Seniors is starting Wednesday, September 8 and on continues on alternate Wednesdays till mid-December, 1pm – 3pm at the Church. We hope to have the Hall for games, the Family Room for conversation and tea time together at 2:30p.m. in the Hall. Anyone who would enjoy a social afternoon is welcome to join us – all ages and men as well as women! Laughter is abundant and much needed after the last 18 months! Drivers to transport those who no longer drive are much needed, as well as strong bodies to set up and dismantle our meeting spaces! If you feel inspired to volunteer or join our merry band, please call or email Sue Indridson, 604-531-4931, sinder@shaw.ca

A QUICK LOOK AHEAD Please e-mail the Church Office or brian.walks@gmail.com and we will add your event to the list of events. Double check with the Office to make sure the date and time that you want is available.

Wed. Sept. 8 at 1pm	Savvy Seniors
Thurs. Sept. 9 at 1pm	Outreach Committee Meeting
Sun. Sept. 12	Welcome Back Sunday
Tues. Sept. 14 2pm	ACW meeting; guest speaker Rev. Billy Isenor
Sat. Sept. 18 5:30 pm	Men's Club Annual Salmon Bar BQ.
Tues. Sept. 21 2pm	Ladies Guild: guest speaker Rev. Billy Isenor
Tue. Sept. 28 7 pm	Parish Council
Tues. Oct. 12 2pm	ACW Meeting
Tue. Oct. 12 5:30 pm	Men's Club dinner meeting: guest speaker: Robert Gilchrist.
Tues. Oct. 19 2pm	Ladies Guild
Tue. Oct. 26 7 pm	Parish Council
Tues. Nov. 9 2pm	ACW meeting
Tues. Nov. 9 6pm	Men's Club meeting: guest speaker Rev. Billy Isenor
Tues. Nov. 16 2pm	Ladies Guild meeting

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.

September 5	Patti Thorne and Don Boyd
September 12	Geoff and Heather Higginson
September 19	Ann Thiessen
September 26	Betty-Ann Bainbridge

October 3	
October 10	Barb and Jamie Grantham
October 17	Pauline Blachford
October 24	
October 31	

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

September 5	Janet Scott
September 12	
September 19	
September 26	

October 3	Barb and Brian Walks
October 10	Hilda Smith
October 24	Janet Scott
October 31	