



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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E-PULSE NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK **SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

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

- Wednesday, September 8 - 10am Service in the Outdoor Chapel, Weather Permitting
Worshippers are encouraged to bring a blanket as the forest can be a little cool;
For easy access to the Chapel, use the access that is near the Church Hall, drive your vehicle behind the Church, and park behind the Hall.
- Sunday, September 12 - 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.

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

PARISH LIFE – If you are a child who wants to be Confirmed, or are an adult who wants to be Affirmed, please contact Reverend Billy: stmarks.op.rector@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Our Footsteps to Faith program (formerly known as Sunday School) will be starting up on September 12, 2021. We need volunteers to run a safe and successful program. If you are interested in teaching or simply being a helper please contact Heather Higginson at hmhigginson@gmail.com

OFFICE HOURS this coming week

- Office is CLOSED on Mon. September 6 (Labour Day Statutory Holiday)
- Tues. September 7 Office Open = 9am to 12noon.
- Wed. September 8 Office Open = 9am to 12noon.
- Thurs. September 9 Office Open = 9am to 12noon.
- Fri. September 10 Office is CLOSED.

THE LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN – is provided this week by Patti Thorne and Don Boyd with our thanks to God for making it possible to support the Lunch Basket for hungry children.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR - are given today with gratitude by Janet Scott in loving memory of the five people who lovingly parented her Doug, Connie, Sheila, Frank and Loren.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES – September 12 – Proverbs 1:20-33, Psalm 19, James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38

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.

POSTER attached advertising next week's "virtual" Coffee Hour

PWRDF update on Haiti

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund has announced an initial grant of \$25,000 to the ACT Alliance to respond to the enormous impacts of the earthquake in Haiti, the effects of which were made even more serious because of Tropical Storm Grace. More than 2,000 people have died, and approximately 60% of the population of Haiti has been affected, with thousands of homes damaged or destroyed. ACT partners on the ground have begun distribution of emergency supplies and planning is ongoing to provide water, shelter and psychosocial care. The needs assessment is ongoing. PWRDF is a member of the ACT Alliance, which issued this update.

To donate online to the Haiti relief effort, please go to pwrdf.org/give-today and click on Emergency Response, or click [here](#), then add "Haiti earthquake" to the notes section. You may also call 416-822-9083, leave a voicemail toll free at 1-866-308-7973, or send a cheque with a memo "Haiti Earthquake" to 80 Hayden St. Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2.

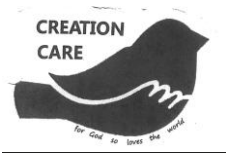
An afternoon concert with Kerry O'Donovan

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



Turn Trash into \$Cash\$ - keep it out of the landfill!

As part of our Baptismal Covenant "To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth"; St. Mark's will hold a **Metal Recycling Event** in late November.

Accepted items: all metal (please no large appliances nor heavy machinery)
all electrical cord (yes, strings of Christmas/patio lights)
metal lawn chairs etc.

Watch for Details: check with Anne Schreck Creation Care Ministry



\$250 raised from the First Fruit's Table by August 29 became **\$500** through the government matching scheme with the UNICEF GiveAVax programme. All contributions through the parish & marked PWRDF Vaccine Equity Fund or other PWRDF Missions are gratefully received.

The First Fruit's Garden Project will continue to the end of October as may be allowed by Health Regulations and as long as fruit, veg, flowers etc. arrive. Any remaining produce is enjoyed by either the women at a local shelter or men at a local addictions recovery centre. Thank you for continuing to share God's bounty with the hungry and those in need.

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 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	

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
Sat. Sept. 11 at 10am	Coffee With Clergy
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
Mon. Oct. 5 time t.b.a.	Pet Blessing
Sat. Oct. 9 10am	Coffee With Clergy
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
Sat. Nov. 7 7:30pm	All Souls & All Saints Memorial Service
Tues. Nov. 9 2pm	ACW meeting
Tues. Nov. 9 6pm	Men's Club meeting: guest speaker Rev. Billy Isenor
Sat. Nov. 13 10am	Coffee With Clergy
Tues. Nov. 16 2pm	Ladies Guild meeting

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 12	
September 19	
September 26	

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