



St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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E-PULSE NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK **APRIL 18, 2021**

Starting today our services will be led by Rev. Melanie Calabrigo. She is the Gathering Priest of St. Hildegard's Sanctuary at St Faith's in Vancouver. Melanie will be officiating at our services up to and including June 27. Ven. Louie Engnan will be 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.

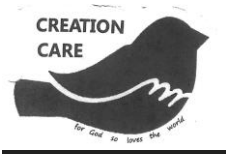
- Due to the Provincial Health Order, our worship continues to be Online only. We are LIVE STREAMING our Sunday Worship
- **Please join us on the Parish website or Facebook page at 10am on Sunday.**
- **Also we have a Family, Youth and Children Time each Sunday that is generally posted to Facebook and 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

THANK YOU! Philippa wishes to offer her sincere thanks for all the beautiful cards and very generous gifts she received from across the parish. They are all very much appreciated.

THE LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN – is provided this week by Laurie and Carol Scott to the Glory of God and in memory of our parents.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE – A Celebration of St. Mark

Sunday, April 25 – Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 2:7-13, Ephesians 4:7-8, 11-16, Mark 1:1-15



Creation Care Ministry

Thank you to all who have worked so hard throughout March to beautify & to prepare the gardens & to clear parts of the property & forest. **Tuesday morning Creation Care Work Parties** (more work than party) shall continue **9:00 am – 12:00 pm** through until the end of October.

Come and join us anytime for any length of time...you will enjoy this outdoor opportunity with fellow parishioners. Anne Schreck, Coordinator anne_schreck@shaw.ca 604 – 536 - 0072

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR - are given today by Brenda Horner and Ron Henze to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Brenda’s father, Geoff Horner.

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 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.

Spring is Here!! Time for early planting.

Scarlet Runner Beans if you’re wanting beans for planting please call:

- Brian or Gillian 604 – 536 – 3346 or
- Anne 604 – 536 – 0072

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.

April 2021		MAY	
		2	Barb Walks
		9	Lal and Pauline John
		16	Sheila Johnston
25	Lal and Pauline John	23	
		30	Lal and Pauline John

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	Laurie Stephenson & Lynne/Lawrence Hurd
June 20	Roger and Mari Anne Hussen
June 27	Janet Cormode
July 4	Charles and Isabel Powell
July 11	
July 18	Brenda Horner
July 25	
August 1	
August 8	
August 15	
August 22	
August 29	

PWRDF Update - A year later, measuring the impact of the Anglican response to Australian bushfires

Wairewa, a small farming community in Australia, was devastated by the 2019-20 bushfires. Every property in Wairewa was impacted by the fires. Many houses were lost, and the whole community experienced extensive trauma.

The 2019-20 Australian bushfire season was one of the most damaging and intense seasons on record. It is estimated that during this season 20% of Australia's forests were burnt, surpassing damage seen by fires anywhere else in the world. When the fires hit, some stayed to protect their homes. Others evacuated to shelters only to have the shelters then threatened by fire.

The Anglican Diocese of Gippsland reached out. Burned out farmers received an Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) bushfire grant that helped them rebuild fencing.

PWRDF was able to raise more than \$38,810 to respond to the disaster. These donations were forwarded to the ABM, PWRDF's Australian counterpart and fellow member of the Anglican Alliance. In addition to the funds sent from PWRDF, ABM also received donations from Anglican agencies in New Zealand, the Philippines, the United States, Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands and Japan, as well as from within Australia.

PWRDF worked with ABM and its partners on the ground to quickly distribute funds to Anglican dioceses in bushfire-affected areas of Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia. Anglican partners responded by distributing seeds to replant crops that were burnt and helping to rebuild infrastructure. Funds were also used to rebuild community gardens, distribute pre-paid Visa cards and organize trauma counselling for those affected.

The work to rebuild and prevent future tragedies in Australia is ongoing. Thanks to the generosity of Anglicans around the world, families affected by this disaster have been provided with the support they need as they work to rebuild their lives.