

Thoughts for the Day

Fixing the environment is advanced practice work. We see the size of the problem and want to jump to conclusions before we have figured out the little things. The practice of mindfulness calls us 'to be more fully aware of our own experience in the present moment in a non-judgmental way' according to Tim Stead in his 2016 book: *Mindfulness and Christian Spirituality - Making space for God*. Changing the world begins with getting to know ourselves in all our physical glory.

The Ven. Dr. John Bailey

DATES TO NOTE

Sun. May 7	Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am, Fireside Room
Tues. May 9	Senior's Café, 10:00 am, Fireside Room
Thur. May 11	Sexual Misconduct Policy Training, 7:00 pm, Fireside Room
Sat. May 13	Spring Work Party, 10 am, Gardens
Sat. May 13	Open Gym, 5:30 pm, Gym
Sun. May 14	Early Music Concert, 4 pm, Church
Mon. May 15	Trustees Meeting, 7 pm, Upstairs Meeting Room
Tues. May 16	Church Committee, 7:30 pm, FSR

CHILDREN AT CHURCH - EVERY SUNDAY

At the 10.00am service there are Church School classes for all children who wish to attend. Children are encouraged to come to the front of the church for the "Children's Focus" and then leave for their classes, returning during the Peace. The youngest (newborns to two years old) can use our "Noah's Ark" room (just off the side of the church) under parental supervision.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

This Sunday is Food Bank Sunday. Please bring your non-perishable food items and place them in the basket in the Narthex. Particularly welcome are nut butters (i.e., almond butter), legumes and canned fruit.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

Please join us in the Gym after the 10:00 service this morning to prepare packets for our street ministry.

ENVELOPE VOLUNTEERS

The two ladies who ensure that there are envelopes in the pews are retiring. Thank you for your years of service. If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact Beth Vondette in the Church Office.

NATIVE AND LOCAL PLANTS FOR GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday and the ministry of Salal & Cedar, an itinerant church in the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster, Coast Salish Territory. The native and garden grown flowers and greenery used in the church and the procession today are all carefully nurtured in Ann Kent's garden. They include Pacific dogwood, Western hemlock, and Vine maple.

EARLY MUSIC CONCERT

A nice thing to do for mom on May 14, 2017 (Mother's Day) at 4:00 pm, is come and listen to nine Handel Arias performed by Janice Long, soprano, accompanied on harpsichord by Christina Hutten. Admission is by donation. Suggested donation: \$20. A tax receipt will be issued for donations above \$20.



SENIORS CAFÉ

This coming Tuesday, May 9, Seniors Cafe welcomes Catriona Wilson who will share stories and artefacts from her work at the Vancouver Aquarium. Allow some extra time for finding parking as our gym is in use as a polling station that day. On Tuesday, May 24, Tammy Delaney will be back to lead a workshop with our enthusiastic watercolour group. Invite a friend or neighbour. Everyone is welcome to share coffee, tea, and conversation, 10:00 to Noon in the Fireside Room, on alternate Tuesday mornings.

POVERTY AND VIOLENCE: DOING JUSTICE IN A POST-COLONIAL WORLD BY INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION (IJM) & CRISTOSAL

On Sat. May 13th 2017, you are invited to join IJM Canada and Cristosal as we unpack what it means to do a justice in a post-colonial world. Hear from Noah Bullock and Celia Medrano from Cristosal and Kevin Dixon from IJM Canada as they share about the inroads they are seeing on the frontlines of seeking justice. The day will conclude with a panel discussion that will challenge participants about what it means to be a seeker of justice in the midst of a broken world. Sat, 13 May 2017 8:45AM – 4:00PM. St. Mary's Kerrisdale Anglican Church 2490 West 37th Ave (at Larch). Tickets are available thorough 'Eventbrite' for \$45.00 (lunch included). <https://www.eventbrite.ca/d/canada--vancouver/events/>

KINDERTOTENLIEDER CONCERT

Come to St. Philip's at 4 pm on May 28th for a rare concert experience. St. Philip's sanctuary will ring with Gustav Mahler's Song Cycle, the Kindertotenlieder. Soprano Martina Govednik, under the direction of Jonathan Girard, will be accompanied by the NUBC Chamber Ensemble, led by our own Paolo Bortolussi, flutist. Admission is by donation. Suggested donation is \$20. Donations above \$20 will receive a tax receipt.



CALL FOR GARDEN VOLUNTEERS - SPRING WORK PARTY - SATURDAY, MAY 13

By, popular request, there will be several Saturday work parties this year for volunteers willing to assist with maintenance of the big borders and courtyard gardens along West 27th Avenue. Can you lend a hand with spreading top-dressing, dividing over-grown perennials, or some weeding? Pruning skills are welcome too. Join us on Saturday, May 13, anytime between 10:00 and 3:00 pm. Please bring your own hand tools and remember a sun hat and sun screen. We can supply kneeling pads and bins for toting green waste. The street side gardens provide an important welcome to parishioners and members of the community and we are very grateful to the volunteers who continue quietly from week-to-week with seasonal maintenance.

KNITTING 9 INCH SQUARES - A HANDS-ON PROJECT

The objective is to provide blankets for our neighbours in need by knitting (or crocheting) 9 inch squares which can be sewn together into beautiful blankets. Here's what to do:

- knit (or crochet) 9 inch squares using whatever pattern and colours you want, but please use machine-washable wool or yarn
- Leave the completed squares in the basket beneath the mailboxes
- Leave any spare yarn that others can use in the other basket by the mailboxes
- If you do not know how to knit, ask someone to show you, go on-line, or borrow a book from the library. Perhaps someone would be willing to provide a lesson for beginners...
- Once enough squares have been collected to start putting them together, hold a sewing bee—each quilt will be 5 squares wide and 8 squares long so take 40 squares.



Why not ask family members, friends, fellow-students and colleagues to get involved? It is easy and relaxing to knit a square while chatting, listening to music, or enjoying some downtime—a great summer project! And gentlemen, remember that sailors, especially fishermen, traditionally knitted their own socks and sweaters—9 inch squares are far simpler and a great starting point...

We will hold regular "Tea and Bee" sessions so that the blankets will be ready before the cold weather sets in—again. Please join us—the more the merrier. Thank you!

FILM SCREENING

On Saturday May 20, 2017, from 5:30-7:00pm in the Fireside Room, the film *A Shape of Time: The composer Jo Kondo* (2016) By Viola Rusche & Hauke Harder (Directors) will be screened. Our films are part of a community project including invitation to St Philips parishioners as well as Dunbar and Kerrisdale communities. Donations are welcome. All donations in excess of the \$75 for St Philips will be sent directly to the filmmakers (Directors). Next film dates in the Fireside Room: Saturdays May 20, Jun 17, Jul 15, Aug 12, Sep 23, 2017.

REFUGEE NEWS

There have been some recent positive developments in our refugee sponsorship process.

The application to sponsor Lama and her four children, refugees from Syria now in a camp in Lebanon, has been approved by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). Apparently this means that the application itself was satisfactory, we are approved as sponsors, and the file will be sent to the Canadian Visa Office in Lebanon for further processing. This will include an interview of Lama and family and will take about ten months. The final decision as to whether Lama and her children can come to Canada rests with the Visa office, although we do not anticipate a problem.

The Refugee Fund has received a wonderful memorial donation of \$10,000 from the family of Howard Lear who wished to cover the sponsorship of Lama's parents, the grandparents of the family.

We have also received a wonderful pledge of support from St. Faith's Anglican Church. They have pledged \$5000 when our refugee family arrives and another \$5000 to help with the transition at the end of the one year sponsorship period.

Lama's parents asked if we could include their youngest son, Ward, who is 23 years old, and has a little work experience in construction. Lama, her children, her parents and Ward have been living together in the camp. With the recent donations, we feel confident that we can cover the costs of sponsoring him as well. The applications for Lama's parents, Nasridin and Fatmeh, and Ward are essentially complete. We are awaiting permission from IRCC to submit them.

It is expected we will need to raise at least another \$15,000. If you wish to donate, please make cheques payable to St. Philip's and write "Refugee Fund" on the envelope as well as on the memo line. For more information please contact Mary Lymburner, 778-898-5117 or kmarylumburner@telus.net

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday May 24, 2017 Trendell Lounge, St. John's Shaughnessy Parish 1410 Nanton Street, Vancouver (corner Granville & Nanton) 7pm-9pm. Light refreshments provided.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY TRAINING

Some of you may be aware that the Diocese requires all members of certain groups to be familiar with the Diocese of New Westminster's Sexual Misconduct Policy. This requires renewal every 5 years. The training is approximately 2 hours long (including a short video).

Medium Risk Ministries are those ministries where duties and responsibilities that "permit few chances for a person to be alone with a child or vulnerable adult, or permit some access to moderate amounts of financial resources or confidential information. People in these ministries are in a position of authority and trust".

High Risk Ministries are those that "permit opportunities for a person to be alone with a child or vulnerable adult or permit access to significant amounts of financial resources or sensitive and confidential information. These ministries are positions of authority or are positions that allow a person to establish long-term relationships of trust. All residential or off-site ministries with children or vulnerable adults are always ranked high risk".

The following ministries have been ranked medium or high risk, and all members must complete this training: Pastoral Care Team; Church School Coordinator and Teachers; Property Committee; Christian Formation; Finance Committee; Counting Team; Neighbourhood Ministry; Stewardship; Envelope Secretary; Endowment Fund Board; Server instructor; Youth Leader; Music Director; Church Committee Trustees; Wardens; Treasurer ; Outreach; Refugee Sponsorship.

If you belong to one (or more) of these groups, and have not completed the training in the last 5 years, please ensure that you attend one of the sessions.

We will be having 2 sessions in May: May 11 (Fireside Room) at 7 pm, and May 23 (Totem Room) at 7 pm.

We will have another session on September 17th at noon in the Fireside Room.

RSVP to Beth in the office as to which date you plan on attending.

COMPANION DIOCESE LIAISON

The Diocese of New Westminster has developed a companionship with the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines (EDNP). Our Partner Parish is Parish of St. Hippolytus of Rome, Ambagiw, and St. Philip, Gueday. The Liaison in the Northern Philippines is Gladys Pag-ang. Joanne Vondette has volunteered to be the Liaison for St. Philip's.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

Team 2 (Hyok, Edwin and Jane) went out on Saturday from St. Anselm's. Marian met us with lovely packages, boiled eggs and lots of fruit. Thanks to all that prepared the food.

We headed on down 10th to Highbury and over to No Frills. We found W, J, M and another gentleman in a wheelchair. I am not sure if I had seen him before but he (unfortunately we did not get his name) and everyone else were happy to get a package, fruit, eggs and sandwiches. We talked to W for quite some time and she advised that she was doing well. She also reported that B was under the weather but that she was checking up on him and he was getting better. Hopefully you will see him this coming Saturday.

We then headed over to Jericho and found M near the wood pilings under a tree. He was happy to see us and accepted everything. We had a few extra things for him including a wonderful parka. It was warm and water repellent so he was happy to have it. (I went back to visit M on Monday and as I was leaving he mentioned that he may have to move by the following Friday. Vicki has talked to the Parks Board about that so he may be able to stay there for a while longer. If he is not there, please check Locarno Beach or perhaps he may be staying closer to A at the Substation.) We also saw A at the Substation. He took everything and seemed okay, but I thought he might be a little cold. We did not have any extra blankets otherwise I would have offered him one.

We then headed up Fourth Avenue. We met up with P, our megaphone fellow, who is all smiles and happy to take some things.. it was windy and cold at that corner... we were huddled together to keep warm! We then found T panhandling outside the Whole Foods... we commented on how smart he looked with his new haircut. He was chatty and happy to take a few things. We also found R across the Street outside the Shoppers.. sweet as always. He asked for a Boost, but we did not have one for him this time but he got lots of other good things to eat.

We then headed over to Granville where we found G on the west side of the street in a slightly different spot and S on the east side of the street. G was a little quiet and sullen this time - but S on the other hand was in good form. He was reading a book but took a moment to smile and thank us for the packages, sandwiches, etc. We hiked down the back lane to Broadway and back up along 10th to the car. We found J sleeping in a little tent on 10th near a parking lot. We were a little worried at first because we said hello a couple of times and there was simply no reaction. Hyok was quite concerned and was going to attempt to reach into the tent to see if he was still breathing. Just at that moment he pops up with a big smile and says hello... he is always friendly and in good spirits. He took a bit of everything. He looked very cozy in his tent.

We then dropped Edwin off as he lives in Marpole and then Hyok and I headed west on Broadway. We found S at London Drugs. We had tailored a package for him and lo and behold he accepted it all... he did scrutinize the apple juice... he and I both had to read the fine print to see if there was any citric acid added.. eventually I confirmed it looked citric acid free!

Hyok and I left a small package containing a few things with B at the United Church. He was not around however. I then took Hyok home from there. We had a very nice time and enjoyed our visits with all the fellows and ladies we met. Thanks from Team 2. Jane

SENIORS CAFÉ – CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Seniors Café would benefit from having several more volunteers to help set up the Fireside Room and greet visitors. Come and share some laughter and great stories around the café tables. If you could contribute an hour or two on a Tuesday morning this spring, please contact Ann Kent at ann@catkinggardens.ca.