

Thoughts of the Day

A grace by Thomas Henry Basil Webb, killed on the Somme, December 1, 1917, aged 19:

Give me a good digestion, Lord,
And also something to digest;
But when and how that something comes
I leave to thee, who knowest best.

DATES TO NOTE

Sun. Nov. 12	Refugee Support Group Meeting, 11:30 am, Upstairs Meeting Room
Tues. Nov. 14	Seniors' Café, 10 am, Fireside Room
Sat. Nov. 18	All Parish Open Gym, 6pm, Gym
Sun. Nov. 19	Stewardship Lunch, 11:30 am
Sun. Nov. 19	Church School Meeting, 11:30 am, Totem Room
Sat. Nov. 25	Christmas Fair, 11 am - 2 pm
Thurs. Jan. 18, 2018	Annual Reports due for Vestry

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.

GRATITUDE WALL

Thanksgiving is the time when we take a moment to reflect on God's goodness to us and express gratitude for all he has provided. Contemplation of our many blessings may even motivate us to respond with more generosity and kindness. With this in mind, you are invited to write down things you are thankful for and place them on the Gratitude Wall in the Fireside Room. At the end of the Stewardship Campaign, on November 19th, these reflections will be offered along with the monetary gifts at the 10 am service. As pledges are returned, yellow and orange leaves will be added to the "vine" around the Gratitude Wall.

CHRISTMAS FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Christmas Fair is Saturday November 25, only three weeks away. Most of all, we need folk to sign up to help before, during and after the fair. Second, we need a convener of the outdoor hotdog BBQ stall, which may suit a family or two. Lots of guidance is available. Please speak to the conveners, and sign up on the volunteer bulletin board. Speak with Marian Boyle: marianboyle@shaw.ca; or Debbie Matheson: debbiematheson53@gmail.com for more information

CHRISTMAS CAKE WORK PARTY ROUND TWO

Attention Christmas Cake Bakers: there will be a Christmas Cake work party (divvying up ingredients) after the 10 am service on November 12 in the Fireside Room. Looking forward to seeing you there.

FUNERAL FOR THE REV. DONALD GRAYSTON

The funeral for The Rev. Donald Grayston will be held at the Cathedral on Wednesday November 15 at 2.30 p.m. Donald was ordained in the Diocese of Kootenay, and served in several parishes in this diocese including as an honorary at St. Philip's. He founded the Shalom Institute, was a scholar regarding Thomas Merton, and was passionate about social justice and Arab-Isareli reconciliation.

REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

There will be meeting for an update on our refugee sponsorship plans after the 10 am service on November 12 in the Upstairs Meeting room. If you have not been involved with the initial planning but would like to join us, please do. For more information, please contact Mary Lymburner 778-898-5117 or kmarylymburner@telus.net

SENIORS' CAFÉ RETURNS ON ALTERNATE TUESDAYS

Seniors Café continues this fall on alternate Tuesday mornings, November 14 and 28, 10:00 to Noon in the Fireside Room. Join us for coffee, tea and conversation or find a partner for a board game or jigsaw puzzle. We are also looking forward to some other popular activities from the spring and summer such as flower arranging and poetry appreciation. Everyone is welcome – please invite a friend or a neighbour.



Enjoy the Seniors Café Art Display! For the first three weeks of November, art work from some of our Seniors Café painters is on display on the west wall of the gymnasium. The pieces include a selection of exercises, photos that have inspired painting themes, and some finished work. We are grateful to Tammy Delaney, a local Vancouver artist, who has led the Café painters in an art workshop once each month for the past year, giving us new skills and inspiring confidence. Please check back from time to time as the art work on display will rotate from week to week.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR BY THE GOGO GROUPS OF VANCOUVER

Sat. Nov. 25, 2017 10:00am to 2:00pm at St. Faith's Anglican Church Hall (7284 Cypress St. at W. 57th)
Holiday Swags, Hand-Crafted Items and Gifts, Decorations, Table Arrangements, Gogo Tote Bags in various sized. Proceeds are going to the Stephen Lewis Foundations' Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign.

CALENDARS FOR SALE

The 2018 Canadian Church Calendars are here! Having received feedback from last year's calendar, there are many improvements for this year's calendar. They are priced at \$6.00 each. The calendars are located just outside Beth's office door. Get one before we run out!

TURKEY DOLLARS

Stongs Market are issuing their annual Christmas Turkey Dollars. Please submit your unwanted Turkey dollars in the collection plate for the next few Sundays. They are being collected for Dunbar House.

CANNING JARS NEEDED

8 oz. canning jars are needed for the Christmas Fair. There is a box under the mailboxes in the hallway to collect them

TAIZÉ STYLE SERVICE AT ST. MARY'S

St. Mary's will be having a Taizé style service on Sunday, November 12th at 7 pm. It will be an evening of worship and music around the Labyrinth. St. Mary's is located at 2490 West 37th Avenue (on the corner of Larch Street and 37th Avenue).

PUMPKIN SEEDS QUILTERS ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE

Sat. Nov. 18, 2017 10:00am to 3:00pm at St. Faith's Anglican Church Hall (7284 Cypress St. at W. 57th)
There will be a show of their charity quilts and quilts and gift items for sale.
Proceeds support the Pumpkin Seeds community quilt project which donates over 500 quilts per year to children's hospitals, veterans and women's shelters.

REFUGEE NEWS

The application to sponsor Lama and her four children, refugees from Syria now in a camp in Lebanon, has been in process at the Canadian Visa Office in Beirut for about 6 months now. This may take some more months. The applications to sponsor Lama's parents, Nasriddin and Fatmeh, and her younger brother, Ward, in partnership with Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, have just recently been approved and sent on to Beirut for further processing.

It is expected we will need about another \$14,000. 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 kmarylymburner@telus.net

ATTIC TREASURES AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Do you have some attractive items of glass, china, crystal, or silverware you would like to donate to Attic Treasures? Or perhaps some pieces of vintage jewellery? If so, please drop them off at the Totem Room, home to Attic Treasures, between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, November 21 – 23. Someone will be there to receive them during those times.

If you are unable to drop off items during those times, please leave them in a box on the short counter in the kitchen clearly tagged, "Attic Treasures", before Thursday, November 23. Our washing and polishing crew cannot handle items received after Thursday. Thank you from Ann Kent, Elizabeth Knox, and the Attic Treasures team.



FUNDING TO FIX OUR EXTERIOR WALL - A 'SURPRISE' SUMMER PROJECT

The final cost of this project is above \$30,000, so any help with offsetting this necessary work would be greatly appreciated. We have raised just over half of what is needed. Please designate donations for this work to the Building Fund.

It's that time again! We are requesting your help to provide Christmas hampers for families in two eastside schools

Food for Families: We gather food for the hampers as a community. You can help by bringing even one or two items of food to church each Sunday. If you are able, please contribute to the general collection as described below. Items are collected then distributed amongst the families as part of each hamper. We have organized Sundays as follows:

Sunday November 19 Food for Breakfast

Sunday November 26 Food for Lunch

Sunday December 3 Food for Dinner

Sunday December 10 Treats

Sunday December 17 Any items still needed - organizing and packing of hampers

Monday December 18 Purchase of Turkeys and Hams. Delivery of Hampers to Schools

Christmas Hampers



Please do not include:

Perishable items, such as fresh meat, fruit, vegetables, dairy products or alcohol.

Gifts for families: In addition to bringing food items which will be pooled and distributed among the hampers, individuals or families of the parish will be invited to select one of the hamper families and purchase gifts for the members of that family. Watch for details.



Christmas Fair
Saturday Nov. 25
11:00 – 2:00 PM

Let's Sell Out the Raffle Tickets! Weigh-to-Go food basket; Christmas Treats; four seats at Arts Club's The Day Before Christmas 2:00 pm Dec. 16.

TWO weeks to Convene, Create, Collect and Donate Conveners

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| · Attic Treasures: silver, fine china, linens, crystal | Ann Kent |
| · Silent Auction: gifts, tickets, services, dining, art | Glenna Geddes |
| · Raffle: \$20 book of 10. Buy Sundays or in the office | Bruce Gregg |
| · Handcrafts for everyone | Juliet Helliwell & Marilyn Pomfret |
| · Kitchen Gourmet: preserves, chutneys... | Sheila Butt & Dora Martin |
| · Christmas Cakes | Catriona Wilson & Joanne Vondette |
| · Bake Shop: loaves, cakes, shortbread, gingerbread... | Laurie Cassie |
| · Small Gifts & Jewellery | Fran Safarik |
| · Christmas Table: festive ware (no lights or boughs!) | Kira Domaschuk |
| · Tea Room | Mary Pollock & Ursula Bell |
| · Bottle Tombola: sauce, juice, wine, shampoo, pop... | Wilson Family |
| · Hot Dog BBQ | Who will run this? |

Elves are needed for MANY roles before & during the Fair: please help!

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| o Silent Auction | Solicit donations from businesses & parishioners.
Get letters to businesses from the S mailbox. |
| o Lawn signs & posters | Put up signs and posters to blanket the West Side. |
| o Decorate the Gym | Tues. Nov. 21, 9:00 – 12:00 Contact Marian! |
| o Skirt tables & set-up | Nov. 21 - 24 Conveners et al |
| o Bankers | Accounting & security, running change to stalls |
| o Sellers | Sat. Nov. 25, 10:00 – 2:30 See conveners |
| o Greeters/Security | “ 10:00 – 2:00 Sidesmen |
| o Take down, clean up | “ 2:00 – 3:00 All hands on deck! |
| o Attic Treasures Pack-Up: we need a team to help. | Speak to Ann Kent |

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~Christmas Fair 2017~ Saturday, November 25

Do you have a special talent, some spare time, or a treasure you could offer for auction?

Could you cook and serve a dinner for four; prepare a picnic; bake a fancy cake; serve a cream tea; coach a language; write a will; do a tax return; babysit; garden/prune roses (specify length of time); clean a house (specify length of time); paint a room; whatever your skills/specialties include. If you are a season ticket holder for the symphony, hockey, theatre, perhaps you could donate a pair of tickets.

We also need material items, either your own personal items, or from retailers and companies. Gift certificates are particularly welcome. Please consider asking your favourite hairdresser, bakery, clothes store, etc., for a donation.

Please indicate your offer below and return this page in the collection plate, or drop it off at the church office by Sunday November 18.

**For more information contact Glenna Geddes at
604-224-5495 or glenna.geddes@telus.net**

Silent Auction: I can offer

Donor Name: _____

Phone/e-mail _____

Item/ Service Details: (what? how many? how long? when?)

Value _____

(This is very important to help me establish a fair starting bid)

Thankyou!