

**Celebrant: The Rev'd Canon Dr. Harold Munn**

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**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.



**DATES TO NOTE**

Sun. Dec. 3	Advent Carol Service, 4 pm, Church
Mon. Dec. 4	Jones Girls, 12 pm, Fireside Room
Wed. Dec. 6	Parish Post Deadline
Sat. Dec. 9	Youth Group Progressive Dinner
Sun. Dec. 10	Abendmusik Advent Vespers, 7:30 pm, Church
Wed. Dec. 13	Altar Guild Meeting, 2:30 pm, Fireside Room
Sun. Dec. 17	Simple Pleasures, 11:30 am, Fireside Room
Sun. Dec. 17	musica intima concert, 3 pm, Church
Sun. Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Simple Eucharist for Families, 4 pm, Fireside Room
Sun. Dec. 24	Children's Christmas Eve Service, 5 pm, Church
Sun. Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist, 7:30 pm, Church
Sun. Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Eucharist, 10 pm
Thurs. Jan. 18	Annual Reports due for Vestry



**OUTREACH FAMILY CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER**

The season of Advent is fast approaching and, once again, St. Philip's Outreach is sponsoring our family Advent Fundraiser. This year, we are raising funds to purchase treated mosquito nets which help to prevent the spread of diseases through families in villages in Africa. The funds we raise will be matched by the federal government times 6 this year. We welcome all donations in any amount until the end of December. Thank you for continuing to support the family Advent fundraiser. Any questions, please speak to Penni Stock, Outreach co-chair. **Please write "mosquito nets" on the memo line of the cheques and on your envelopes. Thank you.**

**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.



### IN GRATITUDE

Well, it's time once again for our annual refrain.  
That's another fair gone and we thank everyone:  
All the shifters and lifters, the bakers, cash takers.  
The stackers, unpackers, preservers, tea servers.  
The sweepers of floors, volunteers at the doors.  
All the youth who helped out we could NOT do without.  
Your young legs move with ease, saving stiff, older knees.  
Those who set up the tables, or stuck on price labels.  
Folks who put out a sign, or who waited in line.  
All who polished, displayed, and the clergy who prayed  
For a bright sunny day..( well, you tried anyway!)  
Those who sought out donations or hung decorations  
Folks who knitted and sewed,...ALL to whom much is owed.  
As for Gerry, HIGH praise,...multitasking for days.  
Shifting tables and chairs, braving steep basement stairs.  
Well, we're all packed away and we just need to say  
Deepest thanks from the heart, to all those who took part.  
You stepped up to the plate and the outcome was great!  
You're an awesome, fantastic and hardworking crew!  
You're what brings us success, we depend upon you.  
EVERY task deserves praise and, as TINY TIM says  
(For a job So well done)..."Bless us all, everyone!"

*Marian Boyle*

**A huge THANKYOU to the many parishioners who donated and collected items for the Silent Auction and to those who helped to bring it all together.**

**We would also like to thank the following businesses for their very generous donations to the Silent Auction. Please let them know how much we appreciate their support.**

Benton Brothers Cheeses; FYI Doctors; Bill Chow Jewellers; Gardinia Flowers; Gem Chocolates; Blight's Home Hardware; Bosleys Pet Store; Kerrisdale Lumber; Cabello Salon; Life Chiropractic; Collins of Kerrisdale Jewellers; Moore's Bakery and Deli; Crepe and Café; Open Beauty-All about Nails; Dunbar Community Centre; Save On Foods; Dunbar Produce; Southlands Nursery; Dunbar Theatre; The Q Coffee Shop; Enmark Jewellers; Valentin Salon. **We realized \$2348.00 from the 92 items that were donated.**

Many thanks to all, Glenna Geddes



### ST. JOHN'S SHAUGHNESSY CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

St. John's Shaughnessy is having their annual Christmas Carol Service on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The York House School Choir and St. John's Shaughnessy Choir will lead this beautiful candlelight service followed by a reception in the Trendell Lounge. St. John's Shaughnessy is located at 1490 Nanton Ave.

## **THE CHRISTMAS FAIR WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!**

You may have heard our thanks to you all last Sunday, but you deserve to hear them again. From nine to ninety, you created, donated, prepared, served, and shopped. We are so grateful for your effort and fellowship.

**Community:** We could fill the church with the number of volunteers, from youth to seniors, who prepare for our fair. And over 460 visitors, many who come every year, flocked in to shop and have tea. Every year, folk comment on the feeling of fellowship and authentic holiday spirit. Offered an information card on upcoming events, some expressed interest in attending.

**Continuity:** As always, we need new people and ideas every year. Our arms and minds are open wide.

**Cash:** We have raised over \$14,000 to be put into God's service in warm, wonderful ways.

In Gratitude,

Debbie Matheson and Marian Boyle

Raffle Winners: Reagan McDougall won the Weigh-to-Go basket; Herman Chi won the Christmas Treats, and Norah Mix won for her family four tickets to the Arts Club's "The Day Before Christmas". You all raised \$1,168 on the Raffle!

## **PARISH POST DEADLINE**

The deadline for submissions for the next Parish Post is THIS WEEK on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The deadline is firm as Beth will be publishing very shortly after that date. Please submit your articles and pictures as soon as possible in order to guarantee a spot in the Post.

## **HELP FINDING A LOCAL RENTAL HOME FOR OUR RECTORY TENANT**

Do you know of a home rental opportunity? After 8 years renting our rectory, our tenant will be seeking new accommodations in this neighbourhood - ideally West of Granville. Occupation would start April 1, 2018. If you know of an opportunity with 4 bedrooms, please pass the information onto Beth via [manager@stpdunbar.com](mailto:manager@stpdunbar.com). Note: that they do **not** have any pets.

## **ST. JOHN'S SHAUGHNESSY CHRISTMAS ARTISAN FAIR AND SILENT AUCTION**

On Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 am, St. John's Shaughnessy is having their annual Christmas Artisan Fair and Silent Auction. Exquisite knitwear, stunning gift baskets (containing wine, chocolates, books and bath products), crafts, framed photos, photo cards, ceramics and much more. Artists, please contact the office to reserve your table, and for more information. Baking, jams, etc. also welcome. Parishioners pay a flat fee for the table rental, and also donate an item for the silent auction. All proceeds from table rental and silent auction will be donated to the Neighbourhood Ministry. St. John's Shaughnessy is located at 1490 Nanton Ave.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

St. Philip's will have 4 Christmas Eve services this year: the Simple Eucharist at 4 pm, the Children's Christmas Service with Tableau at 5 pm, the Choral Eucharist at 7:30 pm and a Candlelight Eucharist at 10 pm. This is in addition to the Advent IV morning services on December 24 at 8 am and 10 am.

## **ANGELS FROM HEAVEN CAME**

The Gallery Singers invite you to celebrate Christmas with traditional favourites and contemporary carols on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm at Holy Trinity Anglican Church. Adults \$18; Students with ID \$9.00; children under 12 free.

## **REFUGEE NEWS**

While we wait for Lama and her four children, refugees from Syria, to be cleared for arrival in Vancouver, we would like to put together a registry of household/personal effects you might be willing to contribute as we prepare a new home for them. There is no place to store things at the church for what could be an extended period, and so we are asking you to hold on to things in your own home until we have notification that the family are on their way. Brenda Harrison has offered to set up this registry - feel free to contact her with a list of what you can contribute along with your contact information at [brendaharrison@shaw.ca](mailto:brendaharrison@shaw.ca) or leave a note in the "H" slot outside the Totem Room. For more information on the family and how you can help, please contact Mary Lymburner, 778-898-5117 or [kmarylymburner@telus.net](mailto:kmarylymburner@telus.net). Donation of interim storage space would be greatly appreciated.

## **ADVENT WREATHS**

After the 10 am service this Sunday, everyone is invited to assemble advent wreaths. If you have a base at home, please return it (we can replace the florist foam if necessary). If not, you can buy one on the day.



## **ADVICE FOR ALL MICROPHONE USERS - TO AVOID SOUND SYSTEM FEEDBACK**

Readers, announcers, prayer leaders - We received valuable guidance regarding our sound system from Brenda McDonald's grandson - who is a sound engineer and who recently helped establish default settings for the sound system. The main recommendation: to avoid feedback - is for anyone using the microphones to project and speak directly towards the microphone so the volume does not need to be turned up too high.

Our worship space has very lively acoustics - which is lucky for us, but make the sound system more sensitive to feedback when the volume is turned up. This makes projection and speaking directly towards the microphone 'safer' than boosting the volume.

## **SIMPLE PLEASURES....**

Starting at Noon, 17<sup>th</sup> December. Friends, this is your invitation to a beautiful, relaxing hour of simple pleasures and delights hosted by Marilyn and Michael and volunteer\* soup-makers as their gift to you this Christmas.

Tired of all the hype and commercialism of Christmas? We want to recapture the simple spirit of Christmas hospitality with you—our Church Family! All you need to do is set aside the hour after Church and join us in the Fireside Room for:

1. A simple lunch with a serve-yourself choice of delicious soups and buns
2. Michael reading from Dylan Thomas's beloved 'Child's Christmas in Wales'
3. Marilyn helping you make your own 2017 Jesse or Christmas Tree Ornament.

\*If you are able, please bring either some bread or soup to share and leave it in the kitchen. If you are able to bring soup and/or bread please e-mail Jocelyn at [joc@form47acct.com](mailto:joc@form47acct.com)

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### **5 PM CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

This service is led by the children. It's a beautiful re-telling of the Christmas story. All children are welcome to participate. Typically ages 2/3-13/14 are involved. We re-tell the story in 5 parts, each part a gospel reading. We have all the costumes and there are roles for all ages in this service. The youngest typically carry a figuring up the aisle, the middle age group are typically in costume (we have costumes) and the older students are readers. That's not cast in stone, but that's typical.

We do a few rehearsals so everybody feels ready. Rehearsals for the 5 pm Children's Christmas Eve Service are:

Thurs. Dec. 21: 4:30 - 5:20 (readers stay an extra 20-30 min)

Fri. Dec. 22: 4:30 - 5:20 (readers stay an extra 20-30 min)

Sat. Dec. 23: 9:30 - 10:20 (readers stay an extra 20-30 min)

Rehearsals are about 45 min-1 hr. The older kids who are reading stay a little later for extra practice. We do ask that you plan to attend all rehearsals. The youngest group have trouble remembering where to stand/when to walk when those in front or behind them keeps changing. Thank you for understanding that part.

It is a very memorable, beautiful service and a lovely way to spend Christmas Eve together.

If your children are interested in participating in the 5 pm service, please contact Laurie Cassie: [lauriecassie@gmail.com](mailto:lauriecassie@gmail.com)

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY CHRISTMAS EVENTS - PLEASE JOIN US!**

Volunteers are warmly welcome to join us **on Saturday December 16th** for our 10th Annual Christmas Street Outreach to our homeless neighbours, followed by a lunch and carolling at 17th and Dunbar. These are wonderful events that bring together our four churches and friends from the community. Here are the details:

**Street Outreach:** Volunteers meet up at St. Anselm's church at 9:00 a.m. We will prepare gift and lunch bags, enjoy coffee and muffins, and divide up into teams. Even if you are unable to go out on the street, please do join us for this time of fellowship.

Please let Vicki know if you can volunteer to drive, or to bring a contribution for the lunch bags (sandwiches, hard-boiled eggs, mandarins).

[vbpotter@hotmail.com](mailto:vbpotter@hotmail.com) 604-730-7846

### **Dunbar Pre-Christmas Luncheon & Carolling at Dunbar**

Saturday December 16th

12:30-2:30pm, Dunbar Apartments (3595 West 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue)

Take a pause from the hustle and bustle of Christmas activities and join us at Dunbar Apartments for lunch and carolling with our friends. This is a wonderful event that the residents of Dunbar have grown to anticipate with excitement.

Set up time begins at 11am. If you can provide refreshments for the event, please choose from the following list:



Eggnog; Eggs; Milk; Bacon; Onions; Potatoes; Elbow Macaroni; Ham; Cranberry sauce; Cheese; Bananas; Pancake Mix; Pancake Syrup; Salad; Vegetable Platter; Casseroles; Fruit/Mandarin Oranges; Juices; Desserts/Christmas Cookies.

Please let me know if you can assist with setup or cleanup, provide some treats or are able to join in singing Christmas carols.

Please contact Joan Stewart: [jstewart@westerndriver.com](mailto:jstewart@westerndriver.com)



## NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

Hello everyone,

Lindsey, Charlotte and I set out this morning from St. Anselm's, where Marian provided us with packets, hard boiled eggs, oranges, bananas, lots of clothing for both men and women, and blankets.

We did not see anyone one on West 10th, so headed right down to West Fourth and Highbury, where we found B from the Dunbar House, D, A, D, M and J. All accepted packets and many were very happy to choose some clothing. In particular, the three hand-knit toques from the St. Anselm's

knitting group were very well received. J chose a turquoise one that went well with the turquoise quilted vest she had found in the bag from St. Anselm's, and B and D both took the red and beige ones, and put them on right away – perfect for the Christmas season.

News from the 4th and Highbury group:

B is not working right now; unfortunately, the job in the No Frills shopping centre did not work out. D has an eye infection. M came on his bike and didn't stay long.

J did not want to stand with the other fellows and waited at some distance away for us to come and talk with her. She was very talkative, and spoke very quickly; it was difficult to follow what she was saying at times. But she is happy in her new place and has lots of plans for the future. She has everything she needs for her new apartment, except for a toaster, small microwave, and small flat screen TV, if anyone has these to donate.

Next, we went down West Fourth, seeking C and R, hoping to find them so we could gather some information to help them get replacement ID, which had been stolen. Unfortunately, they were not in their usual spot. We went around the block through the lane to check if they were nearby but did not find them.

Our next stop was at Granville and 11th, to see S and G. They were there in their sleeping bags and gratefully accepted packets.

S was outside the London Drugs on West Broadway. He was sitting on the sidewalk, with his head bowed, and hood up; he may have been asleep. We called his name, but he did not wake up. We left him a packet.

Next we checked Locarno Beach woods for M, but although we saw some tarps under the trees where we had encountered him before, there was no sign of him.

Lastly we dropped off a packet for B at the United Church.

When we got back to St. Anselm's we went into the church to take in the few items that we hadn't given out. The Saturday morning knitting group was there, knitting more toques, so we were able to let them know how well received the toques were today!

Sue, on behalf of Team 3

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

## Christmas Hampers

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 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

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.

