

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

Preacher: The Rev'd. Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls

DATES TO NOTE

Today	Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am, Fireside Room
Mon. Mar. 5	Jones Girls, 12 pm, Fireside Room
Tues. Mar. 6	Trustees Meeting, Upstairs Meeting Room
Wed. Mar. 7	Lenten Speaker Series, 7:00 pm, Fireside Room, Laura Kaplan speaker
Thurs. Mar. 8	Parish Post deadline, 12 pm
Sun. Mar. 11	Abendmusik Lenten Vespers, 7:30 pm, Church
Tues. Mar. 13	Lenten Speaker Series, 7:00 pm, Fireside Room, Bishop Skelton speaker
Sat. Mar. 17	All Parish Open Gym (APOG)
Mon. Mar. 19	Altar Guild Meeting, 2:00 pm, Fireside Room
Tues. Mar. 20	Church Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm, Fireside Room
Wed. Mar. 21	Lenten Speaker Series, 7:00 pm, Fireside Room, Harold Munn speaker

GUEST PREACHER TODAY

On March 4th, the Rev'd Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls, will be the guest preacher at the 10 am service. Dr. Dutcher-Walls is Professor of Hebrew Scripture at the Vancouver School of Theology. In addition to teaching, she is also the Dean, giving administrative oversight to student programs and services, the Registrar's Office and the Diversified Education programs, and the school's relationships with sessional lecturers, guest lecturers, and other contractual teaching staff.

SERMONS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

An audio recording of last week's sermon is available on our website. To access the audio file, please go to our website: <http://www.stpdunbar.com> and click on the heading "Sermons" on the top right of the screen. Thanks to Craig Wilson for arranging this.

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS WANTED

The Church School is actively recruiting new teachers. If you feel called to this ministry, training will be provided. Please speak with Deb Hamilton if you are interested.

PARISH POST

The deadline for submissions for the next Parish Post is Thursday, March 8th. 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.



LENTEN SERIES

Our Lenten study series is "Friends in the Spirit - Journeys with ancient traditions", and will be held Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room. (Note that March 13th is a Tuesday). The dates of the series are as follows: Wednesday, March 7th; Tuesday, March 13th; Wednesday, March 21st.

March 7th: Lenten series #4: **Laura Kaplan**, Jewish Rabbi, speaks on Jewish spirituality: "God in Jewish Thought and Experience". Rabbi Laura Duhan Kaplan is Professor of Jewish Studies and Director of Inter-Religious Studies at the Vancouver School of Theology. Her Ph.D. in philosophy, decade as a congregational Rabbi, and studies in Kabbalah have enriched her own experience of the Divine.

March 13th: (Tuesday) Lenten series #5: **The Right Reverend Melissa Skelton** speaks on Anglican-Benedictine spirituality. Please note, that this session will occur on a Tuesday in order to accommodate the Bishop's schedule.

March 21st: Lenten series #6: The **Rev'd Canon Dr. Harold Munn** speaks on current interpretations of the cross and resurrection.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sun. March 25	Palm Sunday: Eucharist: 8:00 am; 10:00 am
Mon. March 26	Eucharist: 10:00 am
Tues. March 27	Eucharist: 7:00 pm
Wed. March 28	Eucharist: 10:00 am
Thurs. March 29	Maundy Thursday Simple Supper, 6:00 pm, Fireside Room, followed by Eucharist and foot washing in the Church
Fri. March 30	Good Friday: Intergenerational service: 10:00 am Liturgy of the Cross, noon
Sat. March 31	Easter Vigil, Lighting of the Easter fire and Eucharist: 7
Sun. April 1	Easter Day: Eucharist: 8:00 am; 10:00 am, bring your bells for the ringing

CHRISM MASS 2018

Our bishop invites members of the diocese to attend the annual renewal of baptismal and ordination vows, and the blessings of oils for baptism and healing, at Christ Church Cathedral on Tuesday of Holy Week (March 27) at noon. If you wish to remain for a free lunch following, please register on the diocesan web site.

EASTER SPEAKER SERIES "EXPERIENCING THE RESURRECTION"

The Easter speaker series will run every Wednesday from April 11th to May 2nd at 7 pm.

April 11 Michael: "Resurrection Music from 1199 to today" in the Church

April 18: Harry Maier, Professor of New Testament, VST "Raised on the third day": The Resurrection of Jesus in the Early Church and Today. This will be held in the Fireside Room.

April 25: Michael: "Bach and Handel - a Resurrection Comparison". This will be held in the Church.

May 2: The Rev. Alasdair Smith: "Resurrection in Politics and Public life". This will be held in the Fireside Room.



FOOD BANK SUNDAY

A reminder that Food Bank Sunday is today, as is customary on the first Sunday of each month. **Always welcome are: cash** donations in clearly marked envelopes; **food donations** such as nut butters, canned fruit, rice and grains, pulses (lentils, beans, legumes), whole grain cereals, pastas, pasta sauces, canned fish and meats. Our collected food donations are securely stored on site until 10 Food Bank boxes have been filled; these are then sent to the Food Bank. Many thanks for your contributions.

REFUGEE NEWS

The application for our sponsorship of Lama and her four children is still in process at the Canadian Visa Office in Beirut. Recently the Visa Office requested that Lama provide further documentation of the death of her late husband. This does not seem to be possible. I have been working with Lama and her family and with the Diocesan Refugee Unit to find a solution to this problem. We remain hopeful that Lama and her children will receive a positive decision from the Visa Office soon.

We estimate that we will need \$40,000 for the basic support of Lama and her children for one year. So far we have \$32,660.

The applications for the sponsorship of Lama's parents and brother are also in process at the Canadian Visa Office in Beirut. These were submitted about 7 months later than Lama's application. Not surprisingly, they have not been contacted for interviews yet. We have received \$10,000 from the Lear family for support of the parents. \$5000 for the parents and brother were pledged by St. Faith's parish. This is a good start for this part of the sponsorship, so donations coming in, unless otherwise specified, will be allocated to the \$40,000 for Lama and children.

Brenda Harrison is setting up a registry of furniture and household/personal effects that you might be able to contribute. If you are not moving, we request that you hold on to these items until they are needed. Please contact Brenda with a list of what you can contribute along with your contact information at brendaharrison@shaw.ca or leave a note in the "H" slot outside the Totem Room.

If you wish to donate to the Refugee Fund, please make cheques payable to St. Philip's with "Refugee Fund"

on the offering envelope as well as on the “memo line” on the cheque.

LENT MADNESS 2018 - WHO WILL WIN THE GOLDEN HALO?

The format is straightforward: 32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time and Who will win the Golden Halo? people vote for their favourite saint. 16 saints make it to the Round of the Sainly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo. The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch.

To download a copy of this year’s bracket of 32 saints, go to:

http://www.lentmadness.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/LentMadness-8_5x11.pdf

Contact Beth if you wish to participate in a friendly competition to try to become the Supreme Sainly Selector.



SENIORS CAFÉ RETURNS THIS SPRING!

Our first Seniors Café of 2018 will be a special, spring-themed event on Tuesday, March 27. Bring a friend and join us in the Fireside Room from 10:00 am to Noon for friendly conversation, refreshments, and some table-top activities. Seniors Café will continue once a month on the second Tuesday of the month with further spring dates on April 10, May 8, and June 12.

FUNDING FOR SENIORS CAFÉ

A special fund for Seniors Café has now been designated. Parishioners and community members wishing to make donations to support the Café program may now contribute by specifically naming Seniors Café when making a donation. We welcome contributions to a program that provides important social connections both for parishioners and for the Dunbar community. Other funding options are also being explored with the hope that we can return to making Seniors Café a bi-weekly event, particularly through the spring, summer, and fall months.

LEARNING PARTY WITH THE REVEREND EMILY SCOTT

Developing Ministries with Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship.

Saturday, March 10, 9am-4pm at the Synod Office, 1410 Nanton Avenue.

Facilitated by the Rev. Emily Scott, founding pastor (2008-2017) of St. Lydia's Dinner Church in the Gowanus neighbourhood of Brooklyn, NYC, this Learning Party will give you (and your co-conspirators) an opportunity to develop theological, imaginative, and practical foundations for developing, sustaining, and multiplying new ministries in your community.

Joined by local church planters from St. Brigids, Salal + Cedar, St. Hildegard's Sanctuary and The Abbey, we'll ground everything we learn in the lived experience and context of ministry right here in British Columbia. The fee is \$35 per person. Please register on the diocesan web site.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS NEXT SUNDAY!

Daylight Savings Time begins next weekend, so don't forget to “Spring Forward” your clocks one hour on Saturday night.



March 11

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

Lindsey, Aileen and I set out this snowy morning from St. Helen's, where we were amply provided with packets, hardboiled eggs, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, banana bread, and oranges, plus a warm jacket and some mittens. Our first stop was at Fourth and Highbury. W was waiting for us there, and he was soon joined by M (on his bike), D, and D. L's dog F also came with us, and was very popular with the fellows. We had so much food that we gave everyone doubles and the fresh food in particular was very much appreciated. D took provisions for his friend R as well. There is still a need for warm winter clothing and jackets. D asked for some long underwear, which we didn't have, unfortunately. M took the jacket, and we gave away all but one pair of the gloves. Everyone was in good spirits, except M, who had lost his cane – he'd been to the Showers program this morning, so we suggested that he might have left it there. W kept us entertained by telling jokes. L asked the fellows about their impression of the Marpole Modular Housing, and the response was that the facilities were wonderful, but the site was a little isolated (for example, no grocery stores nearby).

Next, we drive down West Fourth to Granville, without seeing anyone. We spent some time in South Granville looking for S and G, going up and down the lanes and the side streets, but there was no sign of them this morning (or of their belongings), so we think they may have slept in a shelter last night. Similarly, we could not find S, either outside London Drugs or outside the Safeway at Broadway and MacDonald, so thought he may also have spent the night in a shelter. We did find M B at the Safeway. He asked us about his modular housing application – he had filled this out at the Showers Program, but has not been visited by Molly or any of her coworkers for an interview. We assured him that there was another shelter opening at 2nd and Ash, and that there would be opportunities for Modular Housing there as well as at Marpole.

We had some food left over from this outing. We plan to take it to S and G when we visit them at their Street Camp on Tuesday.

Lindsey drove us on this outing, and did a wonderful job maneuvering through all the snow!

Sue, on behalf of Team 3