



ST. PHILIP'S POST

DUNBAR'S ANGLICAN COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 2016

THE BISHOP'S VISIT AND WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

The Wardens

On Sunday, September 18th, the Bishop, the Rt. Rev'd Melissa Skelton, made a much-anticipated visitation to St. Philip's. The Bishop celebrated at the 8am and 10am services, at which she baptized two candidates, making such an important event even more special.

A wonderful potluck reception followed the 10am service with everyone providing delicious savouries. Following a St. Philip's tradition, sherry was also served. The Bishop cut a beautiful cake, assisted by the newly baptized Andrew and Alexandra.



Baptism at the Bishop's visit

Photo: Adele Wonnick



The Bishop's visit

Photo: Adele Wonnick

Many groups had set up welcome

tables around the gym so that everyone could learn about events and happenings in the parish, also giving the Bishop a snapshot of the vibrant life at St. Philip's. The air of festivity was aided by colourful balloons at the tables.

Following the reception, the Bishop met with Church Committee and the Canonical Committee in an informal session to learn more about St. Philip's and assist members in any way that was asked.

The Bishop enjoyed meeting many members of the parish on this banner day. Thank you to all who participated to make it such a memorable event – and special thanks to the Fellowship Committee for all they did to add to the success of the day.



Welcome Sunday: The Bishop's Visit:

Sharing food: *Photo: Adele Wonnick*

FROM THE PRIEST IN CHARGE

The Venerable Dr. John Bailey

Joining anything new is a drawn out process of orientation. In May I joined the staff team at St. Philip's Church and they have been a huge help to me as I orient to the complex and rich cloth of activity woven over decades by members of the Parish. Every day I learn some new story to help me understand the reason certain threads or colours stand out over others. St. Philip's Church is a stimulating and fun community.

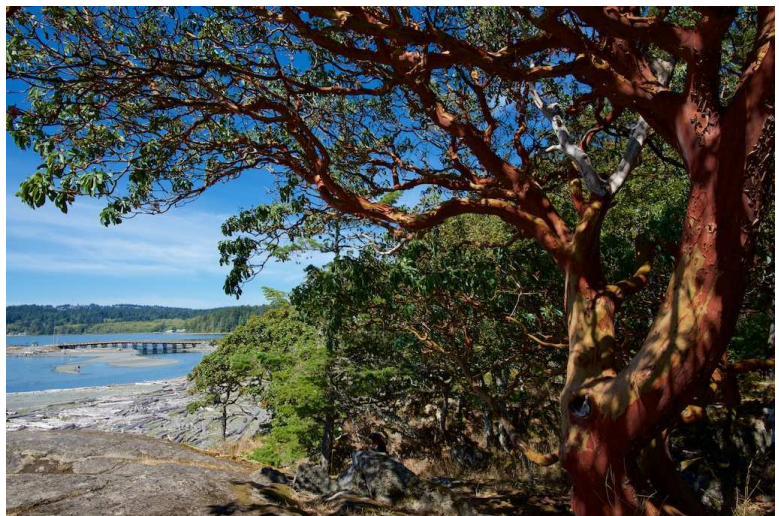
As part of her recent visit to our parish Bishop Melissa met with members of the leadership team and challenged them to think about Church Growth as they move forward in the development of a Parish Profile. She spoke of a key component in her strategy to build strong Church families throughout our Diocese: Invite, Welcome, Orient, and Incorporate. I think I remember these correctly.

It is very easy for members of this parish to invite friends and neighbours to come and see our common life. Our liturgies are rich and vibrant. The music is excellent. We are involved in our community through outreach programs both on and off site. Our Music Director arranges amazing monthly concerts and I have so far invited more than a dozen friends to join me at these concerts and for dinner following at a local restaurant. Most had no idea St. Philip's sponsored such quality events and left uplifted by their experience. Others in the community are seeking cost effective quality programs for children and youth (St. Philip's Church abounds with answers and opportunity). I heard recently that the majority of those over the age of 80 suffer from loneliness. Involvement in our community and our outreach to those unable to get out regularly helps with this issue of aging. All of us are in a position to invite people to join in the fabric of our common life.

My arrival was met with welcome and the Bishop was greeted with cake. The way we choose to make visitors feel a part of this place depends on all of us. Sometimes visitors only want to share our common meal and run. Others want to move deeper into our life and find out more about what makes the parish tick. Orientation is often piecemeal in the life of the Church. I remember feeling part of one parish more than a year after I joined officially. It took people a year to show me the hidden key to the coffee cupboard. Thereafter I made sure new members knew the secret more rapidly than my experience. There may be more that the people of this place can do to systematically help with the orientation of new members. I expect parish leadership will explore this in the weeks to come.

And then there is incorporation, that point at which each of us understands that we are part of the team, that we carry the story of St. Philip's Church as part of our own story. Our sense of membership moves out of cyberspace and into the heart. We are emotionally attached and care about all those who together make up the beautiful tapestry we share together. To be part of a family is to take responsibility through sharing our time, talents and treasure. Through the shared action of many different threads the cloth gains its strength.

As we continue to prepare for new clergy leadership in the years to come we ask God to bless the cloth of Philip God has helped to weave here in Dunbar.



Arbutus at Floor Rd., Victoria

Photo: Derek Simpkins

THE ALTAR GUILD

Ursula Bell, Sarah Burns Co-Presidents

The Altar Guild is a group of dedicated parishioners who are responsible for preparing the church for weekly and Sunday services.

Among the duties involved are arranging the flowers, setting out the Eucharist vessels, clearing after the services, caring for the Eucharist linens, and changing the hangings in accordance with the church calendar and for special occasions such as baptisms, weddings and funerals. The Guild also decorates the Church for festivals throughout the year.

The Guild works in four teams of 4 or 5, each team being responsible for one week a month. The church is prepared on Saturday mornings for the Sunday services. This usually takes about one and a half hours.

The Guild is an integral part of worship at St. Philip's and does its work quietly and with great devotion and care. We always welcome new members. If you would like more information, or would like to have a look 'behind the scenes', please contact us.

ST. PHILIP'S CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM.

Mark your calendars! Cancel that cruise! St Philip's needs your time and talents at our annual Christmas Fair. Parishioners of all ages, children included, play a role in this festive celebration. We need new volunteers, especially youngsters under 70!



Build community: get to know people, share your talents, and enjoy fellowship. Bake, sew, paint, knit, put up preserves, donate gifts, bring jewellery, solicit donations from local merchants for the Silent Auction, and help sell on the day.

Debbie Matheson debbiematheson@shaw.ca

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SUMMER MEMORIES

We asked parishioners to share some of their summer memories with photos and/or a little story. You will see photos dotted through this edition. Here Debbie Matheson shares a summer memory.



Photo: Debbie Matheson

For two weeks in August, my daughter Lizzie (19) and I cycled through the mountains of Slovenia to the Italian Adriatic coast, and then south along the Istrian peninsula of Croatia. Our cycling company moved our bags to the next inn, and offered three welcome shuttle rides up mountain passes. Once west of the Slovenian Alps, we managed the vineyard and olive grove hills on our own steam.

We loved Slovenia's engaging people, varied terrain, convoluted history, and green youthful outlook.

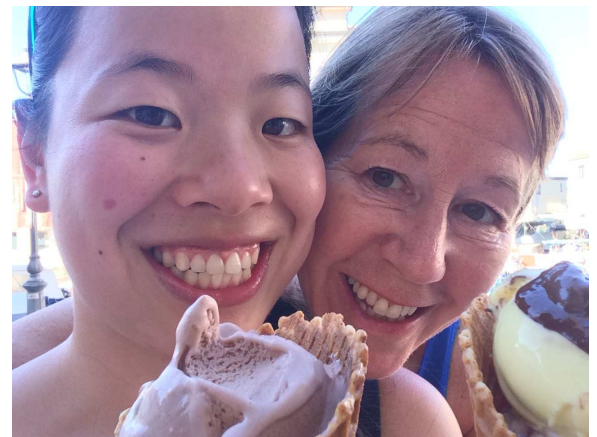


Photo: Debbie Matheson

Gelato was most welcome on the 30 degree days!
Debbie Matheson

CURATE'S NOTES

Clare Morgan

One never expects September, and yet it arrives in a flurry of activity every year!

The summer was much busier than I expected, as well as much more dramatic than probably any summer of my life! On June 19th I was ordained to the priesthood, sharing the joy with six other new ordinands. A strong and absolutely astounding contingent from St. Philip's was there to celebrate with me, and I shall never forget the smiles on their faces or on the faces of those who were in church the following Sunday as I celebrated the Eucharist for the first time.

Being ordained to the priesthood was, to be honest, a very moving but in some ways rather frightening experience. A sense of unreality and uncertainty which had not been a part of my diaconal ordination was heavy on my heart – after such a long and wild journey toward answering this call, I felt like I wasn't sure what was supposed to happen next! This feeling has only intensified my gratitude for the love and support I have received from my family, friends, and all of you at St. Philip's. We truly are stronger together.

After that whirlwind, I got to jump in with both feet as John and Marilyn departed for some much deserved rest and left me at the helm! Thankfully July was quiet and I was able to relax into the feel of celebrating the Eucharist in a new way, as well as drinking in the steadiness and calm of Alt Vespers, our contemplative evening prayer service, which ran throughout the summer outside in the garden. We were a small community, usually no more than five, but it felt very special to gather just as the shadows began to lengthen and a pleasantly cool breeze refreshed us from the heat of the day. Facing the plants, we would spend half an hour singing, reading from Scripture, and practicing the discipline of silence quite naturally. Sometimes we would discuss the reading or the psalm for the day, wrestling with the text as Jacob wrestled with the angel. Sometimes we would hear a passage from another piece of literature and discuss that. Sometimes we would have a Godly Play session and wonder together. We are currently on hiatus, but I really hope that this community has a chance to continue the work we began together.

For one week in July, I had the great privilege of traveling up to Sorrento with my husband Paul to lead worship and music with St. Helen's music director, Kevin Zakresky. I was deeply honoured to meet and learn from John Bell, a theologian and composer of hymns from Scotland – he even joined our little worship choir! (Talk about pressure). I introduced the gathered community to two services I had crafted, one of which was the same Alt Vespers service I've introduced at St. Philip's, and one of which was its morning counterpart, Alt Matins. Each have their own musical selections included as well as space for great variation, creativity, and integration of all of God's people. This photo is a selfie of me and the children and youth who were there that week, all of whom were consulted and included in worship. When I wasn't leading worship, I was able to take some time with Paul to just relax, play games on my tablet, and enjoy the company of those who had come to enrich their spiritual lives with all of the great courses on offer.



Clare at Sorrento
Photo: Clare Morgan

August was my month to step back and take some much needed time off. It was a long and blissfully quiet month that saw good company, good weather, lots of time for me to enjoy my many hobbies, and my first trip to a brand new retreat space which my dear friends Pastor Brian Heinrich and his partner Nathan had purchased in Gibson's the year before. The space, a monastery and accompanying retreat house, was built by a small community of Orthodox monks in 2005. All of it was crafted with love and great beauty by hand, with a huge garden and a hiking trail leading up to a stunning lookout. Every day saw fresh delicious food, lovely warm weather, laughter, and fooling around with

their two adorable whippets. I also got to meet the community of St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, where Pastor Brian is serving as priest-in-charge. I was invited to celebrate at their Eucharist, a wonderful opportunity, and play my harp for their St. Bart's Day celebrations one gorgeous summer evening at the retreat house.

Now I'm home and happy to be back among you. September 14th marked my two-year anniversary at this amazing parish! There are going to be lots of great opportunities this year and I can't wait to share in them with you.

GARDEN REVITALISATION AT ST. PHILIP'S

Ann Kent

Over the past two years, volunteers have worked to spearhead restoration of the gardens that present a public face to the community adjacent West 27th Avenue and which, like the courtyard garden, also offer opportunities to support both worship and social programs for the parish.

This past summer, the bounty and beauty of our gardens was much appreciated by several parish groups including the Altar Guild, who draw on the garden for greenery and summer flowers; Seniors Café volunteers, who gather material to help make up the bouquets that go home with Café visitors; and those attending Alt Vespers, who enjoyed the background of a serene garden and beautiful sky during evening services.

Call for Volunteers

Would you like to be part of a Garden Committee to assist with a vision for the future of the gardens along West 27th Avenue and the courtyard garden? Are you interested in an outdoor labyrinth, a serenity or stroll garden, herbs or even vegetables?

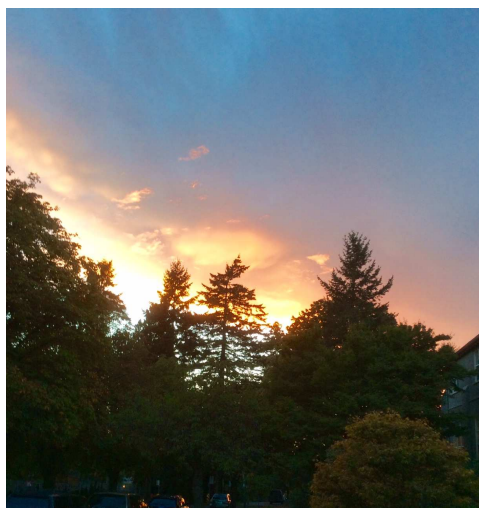
Could you help with weeding, deadheading, dividing perennials, or applying compost and topsoil? Garden work parties are announced in the weekly parish news. Or, provide help when it suits your schedule.

Please talk to Ann Kent, from the Garden Committee, if you are interested in putting in a few hours each month. Ann is at church most Sunday mornings or contact her at ann@catkinggardens.ca.

PROPOSED CHAPEL RENOVATION

Sarah Burns, Chair, Chapel Task Force

The Chapel is a much-loved space that is used primarily for twice-weekly Eucharists and occasional private confessions and meetings with clergy. It is felt that by renovating the Chapel, it would be more versatile and could be used more fully by the parish as a whole.



Summer Sky at Alt Vespers

Photo: Anne Kent

A Task Force was set up by John Stephens before his departure, to explore how best to renovate the Chapel in a sympathetic manner without losing the feeling of peace and sanctity created within it.

The aim is to make the space more open and welcoming by replacing the pews with chairs which could be arranged

in a number of different ways. The chapel would then lend itself to being used for additional activities such as study groups and small meetings.

The first focus of the Task Force was to consider removing the steps so that the floor is all one level. The steps to the Sanctuary would be upgraded with a handrail added. A number of options are being considered at present regarding flooring, chairs and fabric. Suggestions and questions are welcome.

The Chapel will always remain a quiet space for confessions, personal prayer and reflection.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY FALL UPDATE

The Rev'd Dr. Pitman Potter

With another glorious summer behind us, and fall underway, I want to take this chance to fill you in on the activities of the Neighbourhood Ministry, a core outreach program of St. Anselm's, St. Helen's and St. Philip's Anglican churches on Vancouver's Westside. Through God's grace we have been blessed with abundance of good will and faithful works.

True to the 2008 origins of the Neighbourhood Ministry, outreach to needy neighbours living on the streets of the Westside remains strong. Our street teams, comprised of about 20 volunteers, hit the streets each Saturday morning to provide care packets, fresh food and most importantly, fellowship, to those we meet. We make about 600 connections each year during street walks. Donations from the parishes, gathered by indoor teams who pack the goods, is a critical aspect of this street work and we thank you all for your years of participation. We hope you enjoy the weekly write-ups provided by the street teams about who they meet and how people are faring.



The Rev'd Dr. Pitman Potter

The Neighbourhood Ministry's service at the 17th and Dunbar apartments continues strong, and is led by Joan Stewart, our Dunbar Liaison. The Dunbar apartments provide housing to people who have moved from the street, as well as people with mental health issues who require support in their daily living. Coast Mental Health manages the building. About 20 of the homeless people we have served over the years have called Dunbar their home. Our Dunbar volunteers (numbering about 20) participate in activities ranging from weekly meal service to seasonal celebrations to calling Bingo. In addition, volunteers support tenants on a one-on-one basis. The three churches also fund a breakfast program, which provides a nutritious start to the day for the 52 residents.

At the June 2016 Annual Meeting of the Neighbourhood Ministry, participants supported the launch of several new programs.

Spiritual Direction, led by Tim Cheek, offers Neighbourhood Ministry volunteers (and anyone else interested!) an opportunity to continue exploring their faith and reconciling their hearts, by joining in a circle of trust.

the Angels Program, led by Vicki Potter, offers volunteers a chance to be a one-on-one support to those in need, helping connect people with government services and health care providers, and simply being a trustworthy and reliable friend. Training is underway.

a Neighbourhood Care Unit, led by Rev. Dr. Pitman Potter, is being created to provide mobile health care and social work support to Westside neighbours in need. Often, accessing medical care is difficult for those living in marginal conditions. They find it hard to advocate for themselves, complete forms, or sustain regular contact with medical and social work staff. The Mobile Care Unit aims to break through these barriers. Rev. Pitman is establishing a network of partners for this ambitious endeavour. The UBC Schools of Medicine and Social Work are eager for their students to have the field experience the Mobile Care Unit provides and are creating supervised "credit courses" for the coming school year. Neighbourhood Ministry volunteers, who have generated a trusting relationship on the Westside streets, will help encourage use of the Mobile Care Unit by those they know in the neighbourhood. In addition, Rev. Pitman has connected with several community and church based programs that offer weekly community meals, including the Kitsilano Showers Program, St. Mary's Anglican and St. Augustine's Anglican, with the hope that their clients might be encouraged to use the services provided by the Mobile Care Unit. Efforts are underway to secure a vehicle. Following continued program design and training, it is anticipated the Mobile Care Unit will launch this coming winter.

The Neighbourhood Ministry is always looking for volunteers who are eager to make a difference in the lives of our needy neighbours, and eager to transform their own lives through active service. For more information, please contact:

- Tim Cheek, St. Helen's Coordinator and Leader, Spiritual Direction
- Shirin Theophilis, St. Anselm's Coordinator
- Don Lamb, St. Philip's Coordinator
- Joan Stewart, Dunbar Liaison
- Mary Lymburner, Street Outreach Team
- Vicki Potter, Angel's Program and Mobile Care Unit Program
- Rev. Dr. Pitman Potter, Overall Clergy Leader

And now, to give credit where it is truly due, let us reflect on the prayer we often use when sending the NM Out Teams on their way:

Holy One,

We thank you for the opportunity to serve you by serving the needy in our neighbourhood. May the God of Peace enable us to do God's will in all kinds of goodness, working in us what is pleasing to the Lord, through Jesus Christ to whom be the glory. For ever and ever. Amen.

MUSIC NOTES

Michael Murray

This Fall brings with it a feast of music that delights the ears. Especially beautiful is the Music for Remembrance concert.

The Requiem by Maurice Duruflé to be presented on November 11th is one of the masterpieces of the choral genre. We have always enjoyed and been profoundly moved by the Music for Remembrance concerts. This year will be no exception. Duruflé composed his Requiem in 1947 and it has continued to be performed around the world since that time. In addition to the choir presenting the main feature, we will also have readings and a congregational hymn.

The end of WW II found Duruflé working on a suite of organ pieces based on Gregorian Chant melodies from the Mass for the Dead. His music can be described as restrained, tranquil and spiritual. To Duruflé, the organ 'represents the idea of peace, of faith and hope. The most beautiful movement in the work is the Pie Jesu for solo voice and cello with organ accompaniment. The text is as follows:

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem. Amen Lord, all pitying, Jesu blest, grant them Thine eternal rest. Amen

Please plan to attend, I look forward to seeing you.



One of the churches Marilyn Hames visited as part of Andrew's choir tour to Europe.

STEWARDSHIP

Brian Mix, Chair of Stewardship

Every fall, St. Philip's has a stewardship campaign – an opportunity for each of us to think a little more deeply about what St. Philip's means to us, and how we can get more involved in the life of this parish and the ministries it offers.

We may sometimes be tempted to think that “ministry” is something that clergy do – and of course it very often is. But there is so much more going on here at St. Philip's than what might be obvious on a Sunday morning. For example, you may or may not be aware of the extensive concert series, or the Senior's café. You might be interested to find out more about what our youth and children get up to, or wonder about the new Alt Vespers. You may like to get involved in street ministries, or attend a roundtable discussion exploring the ethical and spiritual implications of physician assisted dying. This is only a short list – I could go on!

These are some the things that make St. Philip's such a vital Christian community. But all of this needs stewardship. Stewardship is not only about looking after the gifts we've been given – it's also about sustaining and growing those gifts for the future. It is about all of us as essential members of the Body of Christ and the life of our church.

This year's Stewardship Campaign theme is Community in a Time of Transition. The campaign will draw attention to many of the programs and people of this community, and invite each of us to carefully and prayerfully consider how we can contribute our gifts – our time, talents, and treasure – to help sustain and grow St. Philip's as we transition towards a new Rector. Watch for news of a Stewardship Social to help kick off the campaign in mid-October. Come out to get to know more about who does what behind the scenes, and add your voice and your vitality to all that goes on here at St. Philip's.



Summer memories with my grandson.

Sarah Burns

WITH REMEMBRANCE AND GRATITUDE

Charlotte French, Bishop's Warden

Along with her many other activities at St. Philip's, Betty Edwardson was a friendly, welcoming presence in the church office for many years. Betty passed away earlier this year and has continued her contribution to St. Philip's by remembering the parish in her will with a gift that will support the Income Fund. We are grateful to Betty for all that she has given to St. Philip's.

Anne Anthony was tireless in her work volunteering at St. Michael's Food Bank, the St. Philip's greeting ministry and many other outreach and community projects. A generous gift to St. Philip's through Anne's will is received with deep gratitude and will go to support the Income Fund.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

For those of you who receive the POST electronically there are special Thanksgiving Offering envelopes in the narthex and pews at the church, or you may use the DONATE NOW button on our webpage: www.stphilipsdunbar.com

VISIONING COMMITTEE

Charlotte French, Bishop's Warden

Over the past year the Visioning Committee has held two Parish Visioning Days, one in November 2015 and the second in June 2016, and distributed a parish wide questionnaire. Both events were well attended and the questionnaire had a remarkable participation rate. Thank you all for your enthusiasm and dedication to the process.

With the invaluable assistance of our facilitator, Diana Ellis, the focus of the Visioning Day in June was to take the input from the previous session and the questionnaire and establish overarching goals to guide the specific priorities and work of the parish committees and begin the development of a Mission Statement. Diana joined Church Committee's June meeting to continue that work, confirming the goal statements and guiding Church Committee as we worked together to finalize a Mission Statement, all of which were reviewed and confirmed unanimously at the September meeting.

Thank you to everyone who participated and worked so hard on this endeavor. The Mission Statement and Goals will be included in the Parish Profile and posted on our website.

Below are the new St Philip's Mission Statement and five overarching goals for the next five to ten years:

MISSION STATEMENT

St Philip's Anglican Church on the west side of Vancouver is an accepting, caring Christian community for people of all ages who are on a journey of faith. We take a thinking Christian approach, encouraging one another to use our minds and experiences to explore our faith. We engage and serve our parish and larger community with vibrant worship, active outreach and enriching programs for adults, youth and children.

Goals

1. To share our active, inclusive Anglican community by welcoming, accepting and supporting all people.

2. To support and encourage individuals and families on their spiritual journey.

3. To sustain, nurture, and develop our parish.

4. To build and maintain active relationships with our local and global communities.

5. To manage responsibly the gifts of the parish, including resources, time, treasure and talent.



The Lesson: near Flood Road, Victoria.

Photo: Derek Simpkins

Inner Light

A light shines down upon a glass
and we see it's reflection;
when that light shines inside the glass
we see the light's perfection.
God's light shines down on all of us
although we cannot see it
and then it shines inside of us
and calls us all to be it.

*Adele Wonnick
August 2, 2016*

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRIES UPDATE

Clare Morgan

We have yet another exciting new year lined up for our children and youth!

We will continue with our preschool, Godly Play, and Godly Say programs as we did last year. And speaking of our Church School program, a HUGE THANK YOU to Erin McDougall, our outstanding co-ordinator for the past three years who has decided to explore new ministries at St. Philip's. Erin has brought patience, generosity, fun, laughter, and diligence to our ministry and we are all so honoured to have served with her.

And of course, another big thank you to all the teachers and volunteers who are returning this year. We welcome all those who feel called to minister to our youngest siblings in Christ to speak to Clare, Marilyn, or Dorothy Chang to learn about how you might serve in this very important ministry of St. Philip's.

As our children get older, we are also thrilled to have welcomed several new members to our Servers' Guild, a wonderful and radical ministry of St. Philip's that we are reviving this year. It was so moving to see the Gospel procession so well executed for the Bishop's visit last week! This is a practice we hope to reinstate on High Holy days. Children grades 5 and up are welcome to speak to Rebecca Gregg or Clare if they are interested in exploring this beautiful and very important ministry. We will meet for a training session after church on September 25th and there will be further opportunities to meet and learn.

Our youth group is back with a bang this year and I was told that they craved more frequent meetings! Plans for the year include a bevy of craft activities, movie nights at the Dunbar and in the restored Youth Room, a sleepover, and many more! Please speak to Clare if you are interested in joining, or if you are interested in volunteering.



The International Handbell Symposium - held this year in Vancouver. It was an honour to welcome 750 Handbell Ringers from around the world. There are members of our Brock House Handbell Choir at the Westcoast Experience Dinner at the Hyatt House.
Joanna Shephard

REFUGEE UPDATE

Mary Lymburner

In April, the Diocesan Refugee Unit, in discussion with St. Mary the Virgin Chaldean Church, Surrey, identified a refugee family for St. Philip's to sponsor into Canada. Iraqi Christians, the family left their home and small business and fled into Turkey. The Zirak family consists of parents, Yousif and Shamira, their five children ages 16, 15, 10, 5 and 4 and an 18 year old nephew. The estimated cost of supporting this family for one year is \$40,000 as the Chaldean Church, a congregation of mainly Iraqi Christians worshipping in the Anglican Church of the Epiphany in Surrey, have been given the use of a townhouse for them for one year and will also provide some start-up supplies.

We have committed to the sponsorship, and are now awaiting clearance from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada to submit the application.

Thanks to your generous response the Refugee Fund stands at \$24,725, but we have not yet reached the final goal of \$40,000, so donations will be gratefully received. Cheques can be made payable to St. Philip's with Refugee Fund marked on the envelope, not just on the memo line. If you have any questions, please speak with Mary Lymburner 778-898-5117 or kmarylymburner@telus.net.

SENIORS CAFÉ – DUNBAR: FALL NEWS

Ann Kent, Coordinator

Seniors Café offers residents in the Dunbar area a year-round social program that provides free and accessible opportunities for connection and companionship. The Café is hosted by St. Philip's Church with the assistance of two community partners, the Dunbar Residents Association and the Dunbar Community Centre Association.

Find the Café every other Tuesday morning, from 10:00 to Noon, in the Fireside Room at St. Philip's Church, 3737 West 27th Avenue. Drop in for a short visit or stay a while. This a community program and everyone is welcome. Please come for a visit and bring a friend.

The Café offers friendly conversation, a quiet reading corner, and informal social activities. Find a partner for a board game or jigsaw puzzle. Join a small group for drawing and painting. A popular feature of our summer sessions has been flower arranging – everyone goes home with a big bouquet of fresh, garden flowers.

Once a month the Café offers a short workshop, slideshow, or musical presentation starting at 10:30. We welcome ideas from Café participants for special events.



Conversation at the Café

Photo: Ann Kent



Flowers to take home from Seniors Café

Photo: Ann Kent

Fall programs continue on Tuesdays, October 4 and 18; November 1, 15, and 29; and December 13. After a short winter break, the Café resumes in February, 2017.

Come and join us on a Tuesday morning to share wisdom and friendship through talks, workshops, and social activities. For up-to-date details about bi-weekly events, check out the Café's public Facebook page: www.facebook.com/seniorscafe.st.philips.dunbar.

We would welcome more volunteers to assist with Café events. If you would like to help out on a Tuesday morning, please contact Ann Kent at seniorscatedunbar@gmail.com.

ORDER OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER

The Order is to honour and give special recognition to lay members of the Diocese who have given outstanding service over a significant period of time in their volunteer ministry.

Along with other new members, our own Jock Munro will be inducted into the Order this year. The special service will be held at the Massey Theatre in New Westminster on Saturday November 5th at 10.30am.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October:

9 Thanksgiving Sunday
16 Stewardship Kickoff
16 Concert - Cascadia Reed
Quintet

November

11 Music for Remembrance
13 Stewardship Sunday
26 Christmas Fair
27 Advent Sunday

December

4 Advent Carol Service
11 Christmas Carol Sing-along

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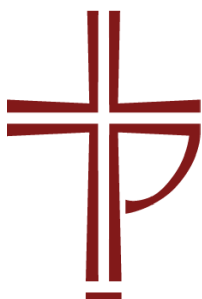
Gerry Windsor

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Charlotte French, Conrad Guelke

Associate Wardens:

Sarah Burns, Craig Wilson



THE PARISH REGISTRY: JUNE TO SEPTEMBER

Baptisms

Andrew Graham Wenzlaff

Alexandra Jane Wenzlaff

"Received into the household of God"

Marriage

Jennifer Joan Bourlet and Paul Philip Whital

May this couple live together in love and peace"

Burials

Anne Margaret Anthony

Johanna Katherine (Jean) Sproule

*"May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace"*

TRANSITIONS

The Wardens

Anne Richards, our diligent, loyal and patient Parish Manager, will be retiring at the end of November. While we are happy for Anne, we are very sad to know she is leaving - she will not be easily replaced. Anne has a wealth of knowledge of all things St. Philip's and has been an invaluable resource to clergy and parishioners for over 30 years. In addition, she has liaised with the different groups that use the church buildings and has been a great support to the wardens for three decades. The hiring process for a new Parish Manager is underway.

At the end of July we said Goodbye to our caretakers, Victor and Cynthia Lowe, as they prepared to move away from Vancouver. They joined us for coffee after the service on July 24th when we were able to thank them for their help and wish them well in their new life. Victor contributed very much to the success of our events and was a welcoming presence to visitors.

On October 1 we welcomed our new caretaker Gerry Windsor and his wife Nicola. Please make yourselves known to them as they enter into our parish life.