

Thoughts for the Week

On Trinity Sunday, early in the morning, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Rowell, passed from this life in St. Wilfrid's Hospice, Chichester. Bishop Rowell, who had hoped to be with us in March, was 74. He leaves behind a legacy of published works, many focused around the title of one of his books: The Vision Glorious. John Henry Newman, perhaps the most important thinker in nineteenth century England composed a poem, The Dream of Gerontius, about the death of an old man. When Gerontius dies he is brought before the judgment seat of God and then sent off to await the final resurrection. His response is the famous Hymn: Praise to the Holiest in the Height, and in the depths, be praise. In all his works most wonderful, most sure in all his ways. We give thanks for the witness of Geoffrey and his vision of love in this world.

The Ven. Dr. John Bailey

DATES TO NOTE

Tues. Jun. 20	Senior's Café, 10:00 am, Fireside Room
Tues. Jun. 20	Church Committee, 7:30 pm, Fireside Room
Thurs. Jun. 22	Parish Post deadline, 12:00 pm
Sun. Jun. 25	Parish Picnic, 12:00 pm, Chaldecott Park

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.



PARISH POST

The next parish Post will be published at the end of June. In order to meet the deadline, all articles must be submitted prior to June 22nd. This deadline is firm. Please attach any photographs or pictures in a jpeg format if you would like them included in your article.

JOIN OUR 3RD ANNUAL SUMMER CHOIR!

Thinking of doing some singing? Please join us for the month of August for choral good times!

This year we will be learning some music from the Baroque period featuring works by Buxtehude and Schütz.

Cost is \$85. Cheques payable to St. Philip's (music fund).

Michael Murray conductor, Alastair Williams organist Rehearsals August 1st, 8th, 14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd, 28th, 29th, September 5th.

The concert is on Sept 9th 3PM. Register with Michael to book your spot in the choir.



JUNE 25 AT CHALDECOTT PARK

After the 10.00am service we will all walk down to Chaldecott Park (one block west) for our annual parish picnic. If weather is uncooperative, we will have our picnic in the Gym. Hot dogs, ice cream and drinks will be supplied. Please bring something to sit on and any other food you might need. We need volunteers to help set up, cook and clean-up afterward. We also need a barbecue! If you would like to help out, please contact Amanda Holley at 604-626-5174.

See you there.

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!

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY NEWS

I am very pleased to share with you that the Neighbourhood Ministry has been selected as a Care+Share recipient in the Diocese of New Westminster for 2018/2019. As a recipient, we will receive half of the funding that is collected Diocesan-wide through designated Care+Share giving. Diocesan Council noted "the impressive track-record of this ministry of fruitful collaboration with community, parish and governmental partners. the articulation of the vision and the plan forward are exemplary". Funding received will be used to continue our work, particularly with respect to expanding the Mobile Care Unit concept and collaborating with other Westside outreach service.

In addition, Diocesan Council has designated the Neighbourhood Ministry a "Related Group", which means the NM now has Diocesan wide standing while still being operated independently by the four churches.

In other news, we have received a donation of \$1000 from the Diocesan ACW in recognition of our work. We have also received formal notice from Services Canada of funding for two summer students. We have confirmed Benita Yi as one of these students. Benita has been serving as a Social Work practicum student with the Mobile Care Unit this past year and will continue with this work, as well as assist with Neighbourhood Ministry program communications. We are in the process of hiring a second student.

So very much to be thankful for. Blessings, Pitman

SENIOR'S CAFÉ NEWS FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS

Seniors Café will continue on alternate Tuesday mornings through June, July, and August, 10:00 to Noon in the Fireside Room. Join us for coffee, tea and conversation. Find a partner for a board game or jigsaw puzzle, or try your hand at some flower arranging. Tammy Delaney will be with us on June 20 to share more techniques with the watercolour group. Everyone is welcome – invite a friend or a neighbour.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY TRAINING

Thank you to everyone who has updated or completed their policy training, in compliance to Diocesan requirements. Any individuals who have not yet completed or updated their training, please note that Beth will be putting on another session on Wednesday, July 12th at 7 pm and another on Sunday, September 17th at noon. Please let Beth know which session you will be attending.

CAMP ARTABAN

Registration for Camp Artaban is open and places are available in all the camps. We believe that every child should have the opportunity to experience summer camp. At Camp Artaban, we have campership bursaries to enable those who can't afford the full fees to still attend. If you know of a child or family would benefit from Camp, please contact the Camp office for more information or to begin the application process or have the family contact us directly. If you would like to support the campership program, we accept donations which are earmarked just for that purpose. You can donate through the Camp office or securely online at <http://campartaban.com/make-a-donation>.

REFUGEE NEWS

The application to sponsor Lama and her four children, refugees from Syria now in a camp in Lebanon, is being processed at the Canadian Visa Office in Beirut. This will likely take several more months. Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in North Vancouver has agreed to partner with us to sponsor Lama's parents, Nasriddin and Fatmeh, and her younger brother, Ward. This will allow us to submit these applications to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada in the next week or two, as the Lutherans have sufficient allocations, i.e. sponsorship application spaces.

On April 30, the Refuge Concert was held at St. Philip's in honour of the 60th anniversary of the Hungarian refugees in Vancouver. The proceeds, totalling more than \$1400.00 were donated to our Refugee Fund. Thank you Michael Murray and Jason Hall for organizing this for our refugees.

It is expected we will need about 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 kmarylymburner@telus.net

FUND SOURCING AND GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP - A TOOLBOX FOR VOLUNTEERS

Friday, July 28, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

St. Philip's is hosting a full-day workshop on Friday, July 28, focussed on the skill sets for locating funding for non-profit organizations and completing comprehensive grant applications. The event is free for parish members and community partners but registration is mandatory. Fifteen spaces are available. First come, first served.

To register, please contact Beth Vondette at manager@stpdpdunbar.com for a registration form. Once you have registered, Beth will email a pre-reading list of easily accessed internet resources. Each participant receives a binder of helpful worksheets and templates on the day of the workshop.

Are you interested in developing sustainable programs for youth, families, or elders; or perhaps in programs that focus on education, outreach, music, or art? As a not-for-profit organization and a registered charity, the Parish of St. Philip's is able to seek funding assistance to support programs that connect with community. Our session leader is parish member, Ann Kent, who has several decades of experience sourcing funding for educational and community-based programs. Expect some challenging tasks and enjoy some lively discussion. Refreshments and a light lunch are provided.

Finding supportive, community partners is also an important part of the grant application process. This is an opportunity to connect with other members of the parish and members of the local community who share similar interests and hopes for the future.

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

A quick update on the cost and plans to repair the stucco and exterior wall on the West side of our courtyard. The stucco started to bulge in the last few weeks, so the 'blue fencing' was erected to protect people from falling stucco while quotes are collected for the repair work. The costs for the repair will be in the \$10,000 to \$20,000 range, so any help with this necessary work would be greatly appreciated. Please designate donations for this work to the Building Fund.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

Dale, Tim and I set out from St. Anselm's this pleasant, dry morning, with an abundance of packets, oranges, bananas, and hard boiled eggs.

We headed down West 10th and gave a packet to A, who was outside Bean Around the World.

At West Fourth and Highbury, we found R, D, and B. R expressed that he was worried about his housing application, and wants to check with Vicki about it at next Saturday's Kitsilano Showers MCU session. D has his housing application in and is now waiting, he realizes that it could be a while before he gets housing. R and D now have a new rice cooker (their old one was stolen) and are making lots of hot meals using this.

B is still living just off Commercial Drive and was looking forward to tomorrow's Italian Days on Commercial Drive. He has applied for a place at Steeves Manor and is hopeful that this will come through soon. He is worried about his Mom in Montreal, as she is getting older and has poor mobility due to arthritis; however, his sister lives close by and helps their Mom out.

At the Jericho Hostel there were some abandoned items, but it did not look like anyone was living there, so we didn't leave a packet; there was no sign of A at the Pump Station or the Locarno Beach concession. Similarly, there was no sign of T or J at the Jericho Beach concession and we did not find any tents in the woods there.

On West Fourth outside Whole Foods, P, the megaphone fellow was happy to accept a packet. We also found S there. He was chatty and looked much healthier in appearance than he has done in the past. He took a packet, and said that he is now ready to go into housing (he turned down housing at 7th

and Fir twice). We suggested that he visit the Kitsilano Showers program next Saturday to talk with the MCU about this. While we were talking with S and P, another fellow asked us if we were from the "church group".

His name was T and he has housing but wanted a packet. He was new to us, but said that he had spoken with Jane and her team many times. Further down West Fourth we found C with a shopping basket full of bottles; he also accepted a packet. He is not housed but is not looking for housing right now.

At Granville and 10th we found S and G, they have both applied for housing and are anxiously waiting. We gave them both packets, and left a packet with someone else's belongings further up Granville.

At the Liquor Store on Broadway and Arbutus we found W (new to us), just back in town from Calgary (originally from Vancouver). He is a First Nations fellow, in his late 50s, early 60s, and told us that he was waiting for his wife to bring a tent so they could camp out this summer. He didn't know about the Kits Showers program. He said he had been homeless off and on for the last six years.

At Safeway at MacDonald and Broadway, we did not find any sign of J, who we'd been asked to check on there. We found G though, who took a packet. He had been in and out of housing but was disillusioned by communal living where people took his food and other belongings. We mentioned the Kits showers program, but he said that he had also had a bad experience there – he had to check his bags before going in, and someone tried to give him the wrong bags back when he was leaving, which he didn't like.

At MacKenzie and Broadway, we saw a young, clean cut, well dressed young man slumped down on the sidewalk outside Starbucks with a cup for panhandling in front of him. He looked up as we approached, and thanked us for the packet, but made it clear that he didn't want to talk with us any further.

We left a packet with B's belongings at the United Church on West 8th.

Sue on behalf of Team Three