

Thoughts for the Week

Bishop Alan Reed of Ontario told a gathering of recently ordained priests about clergy who came to him for help finding the perfect parish. They would say things like: I am theologian. Put him in St. Paul in Paradise. The people there will appreciate the gifts I have to share. I should not be here in St. Swithun in the Swamp. The people here have no appreciation of things theological. Bishop Reed shared his response to these clergy: Lead the people in St. Swithun in the Swamp into the parish you believe they should be and then others might be interested in the gifts you have to share. God is calling us all. The role of leaders is to help us discern the call. *The Ven. Dr. John Bailey*

DATES TO NOTE

Sun. Jun. 25	Parish Picnic, 12:00 pm, Chaldecott Park
Sat. July 1	Canada Day
Sun. July 2	Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am, Fireside Room
Mon. July 3	Church Closed, Canada Day observed
Sun. July 9	Chapel Renovation Committee, Chapel, 12 noon

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.



TODAY 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. If you would like to help out, please contact Amanda Holley at 604-626-5174. See you there.

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.

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 yarn and colours you want, but please use machine-washable wool or yarn
- Leave the completed squares in the basket beneath 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

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

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.

Individuals involved in "High Risk" Ministries also require a Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Checks (PRC/VSC) every 5 years. The Diocese has sent us a letter highlighting those whom they know need to renew this requirement. Beth will be contacting individuals in the next few days.

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.

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.

CHAPEL RENOVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Chapel Renovation Committee will be held in chapel on Sunday, July 9th at 12 noon.

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@stpdunbar.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.

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>.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

On Saturday, Team 4, just Rhona and I, set out with packets, fruit and yogurt kindly supplied by Leslie Jones from St. Helen's. We also took along some sandwiches and hard boiled eggs.

At 4th and Highbury we found A from 17th and Dunbar, T, B, R and M. M has fairly recently found housing. I am not sure where. Only R is homeless. T is camping at the beach much of the time, but keeping his apartment. All seemed in good spirits, and happy to have some food.

At Jericho Beach by the ponds we found W and K in a tent. Very pleasant couple. Happy to take some food.

We found A back in his usual place at the substation. He seemed a little more responsive than usual, and took all kinds of food.

At the corner of 4th and Vine we found four people. On the SW corner we found T panhandling. He is well dressed and has housing in the area, but welcomed some food. There was a man sleeping in front of Shoppers Drug Mart. We left a packet.

On the NE corner in his usual place was P selling megaphones. A bit further along in front of Whole Foods was R. R is a fairly young man, looks well. He has an SRO which is not very pleasant and he often sleeps outside. He was new to us but clearly had met others in the Neighbourhood Ministry. All happy to have some food.

We continued on to Granville where we found S and G fast asleep at 12th and Granville. We spoke to them and they woke up enough to take some food and thank us. By that time we were out of packets, so we gave them a couple of extra sandwiches and bananas and ended our trip.

Mary for team 4

