

## Thoughts for the Week

If we will but consider what the act of prayer is, we will see that, of all the spiritual powers of the regenerate soul, it is the highest, and most nearly akin to perfection. It is no less than speaking with God, under a consciousness of His presence, with kindled desires, and a submitted will. It implies the presence and energy of faith, love and repentance. Such as we are, such our prayers will be.

Henry Edward Manning

### DATES TO NOTE

Mon. July 3	Church Closed, Canada Day observed
Tues, July 4	Senior's Café, 10 am, Fireside Room.
Sun. July 9	Chapel Renovation Committee Meeting, Chapel, 12 noon
Wed. July 12	Sexual Misconduct Policy Training, Fireside Room, 7 pm
Wed, July 18	Senior's Café, 10 am, Fireside Room.

### 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.

### 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!

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm and another on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

### CHAPEL RENOVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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

## **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 Refugee Concert was held at St. Philip's in honour of the 60<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kmarylymburner@telus.net)

## **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.

## **SENIOR'S CAFÉ NEWS FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS**

Seniors Café will continue on alternate Tuesday mornings through the summer on July 4 and 18, and August 1 and 15, 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 July 18 and August 15 to share more techniques with the water colour group. Everyone is welcome – invite a friend, neighbour, or summer visitor.

## **JOIN OUR 3<sup>RD</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>.

The concert is on Sept 9th 3PM.

Register with Michael to book your spot in the choir.



## **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. **Registration closes on Friday, July 14.**

To register, please contact Beth Vondette at [manager@stpdonbar.com](mailto:manager@stpdonbar.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.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY**

I met Don at St. Philips where he piled up my car with wonderful packages, fruit, water, P&J sandwiches and some extra socks, barely room for my team except that we were a small group this time (Jane, Mitzi (dog) and Nancy) (one of our Team, Hyok, was being ordained a deacon at Christ Church Cathedral as we were out on our Ministry - our thoughts and prayers were also with him that morning). Thanks to all those at St. Philips who worked on getting the packages and provisions together.

I met Nancy at the Safeway where we also met up with Adam, Brian, Omar and Anastasia. Omar and Anastasia are students from Henry Hudson school. Adam and Brian are their dads. The Grade 5 students at Henry Hudson wanted to do something to assist our organization and at Peg Gabor's suggestion they were given a "wish list" of items that would be needed for our teams to take out with them on their Ministry walks. The students organized fund raisers for the items on the "wish list". They worked extremely hard in the fund raising, organizing the donations and getting them packaged up (in amazing sacs and small backpacks - also donated) and getting them ready for our outdoor Teams. Adam, Brian, Omar and Anastasia also joined us (in their own car) for some of the trip.

We headed on down to No Frills and found B (formerly of Dunbar), A (from Dunbar), T (who is camping on the beach for the summer) and R. Peg also met us there to introduce the students and their dads to the group and give them a bit of history on how the students got involved in our Ministry. The children were wonderful and made sure all the fellows had a package, fruit, cookies, sandwiches, water, etc. We were very generous because we not only had the items from St. Philips but all the wonderful provisions from Henry Hudson. We spent quite some time chatting away and enjoyed ourselves immensely. I asked T about J but he did not know where she was (she had been staying with him for awhile). We also found out that W has a part time job at the bottle recycling centre... good for her!

We then headed over to the substation but did not find A anywhere.

We then headed over to Fourth Avenue and parked. We met P (our megaphone fellow) who was introduced to everyone and also T outside Whole Foods (always happy to get some things) and then we found R sleeping outside the Shoppers. We gave him one of the children's sacs (which he loved) and lots of extras. (I did wake him up but he was not terribly chatty except to say that he loved the motif on the sac that the items came in.)

We then headed back to the car and as the children were quite hot and tired, they decided that they would leave us there. They gave us the rest of their goods (our car was now completely packed - there was not really even enough room for Mitzi!). We thanked them for all their hard work and wonderful company.

We travelled down Fourth to Granville and met S and G. We gave them lots of items including about 3 sandwiches each which they loved. They were parked near the Stanley this time. We also found a tent parked near Chapmans. We could not tell if anyone was in it, but some food had mysteriously disappeared from the entrance, so we thought it might be J. We left a package, sandwiches and fruit for him and tucked it under the tarp! We then headed up Broadway and found S outside the Safeway. We made a special package for him and as

Nancy had brought extra Boost, we gave him two of those which he promptly drank. He is a man of few words though!

We headed on back to the Safeway via the United Church and left lots of things for B. He was not home at the time. After dropping Nancy off, I went home via Dunbar to see if I could find J outside the Shoppers but no luck...

I headed on home.

Team 2 had a very enjoyable walk. We particularly enjoyed having the company of Adam, Brian, Omar and Anastasia. It was a lovely way to spend a Saturday morning, especially as most of the fellows we met that day were happy and in good spirits.

Thanks from Team 2, Jane

P.S. As I have still a car full of goodies, I will be taking them to St. Anselm's on Saturday morning. Shirin or Vicki, please let me know what time I should be at the Church to drop off the packages and extra provisions. There will probably be no need to make any more packages for next week's trip.