

Thoughts for the Week

He, whose eyes are free from guile,
Who, to save my base, deceitful self,
Did flood me with his grace like rain;
He, the life of all terrestrial lives;
He, the clear eternal ambrosia and sweet Fruit –
‘Tis He I see upon the Cross.

H.A. Krishna Pillai



DATES TO NOTE

Wed, July 18	Senior's Café, 10:00 a.m., Fireside Room.
Fri., July 28	Grant Writing Seminar, 9:00 a.m, Fireside Room.
Tues. Aug. 1	Senior's Café, 10:00 a.m., Fireside Room
Sun. Aug. 6	Men's Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Fireside Room



CHILDREN AT THE 10.00am SERVICE DURING THE SUMMER

There are no church school classes so parental supervision is required for younger children.



For school-age children, we provide informal activities that can be done at the tables and chairs at the front of the church (near the door to the Memorial Garden) or in the pews. Worksheets for various ability levels, pencils and crayons can be found in a box in the Narthex (to the left as you enter the church) or may be on the tables. Please ask a sidesperson, if you cannot see it.

Families with Newborns to two years old : please use our "Noah's Ark" room. Parental supervision is necessary. Entry door is on the far left (or Gospel side) of the church as you walk down the aisle.

Regular church school classes resume after Labour Day.

UPDATE ON THE OFFICE WALL

The work has begun! The scaffolding went up on Tuesday of this week, and work began on Wednesday. The workers began by removing the remaining loose stucco from the wall and are discovering the extent of the work that will need to be done. The fencing has been extended and now blocks the entrance to the main "office" door in order to make room for the scaffolding. Until further notice, please use the door near the mailboxes if you need to access the office or hall.

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.



SING THIS SUMMER!



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 the summer on July 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.

BC WILDFIRE RESPONSE

As of July 10th, 2017, 10,000 residents in British Columbia have been forced from their homes as 220 wildfires sweep the province. On July 7th, a state of emergency was declared within the province of British Columbia as 138 new fires were sparked that same day. Lightning has been attributed as the cause of the wildfires which have been fueled by dry conditions and strong winds only making the situation worse.

To donate to this effort, we encourage donations to the Canadian Red Cross.

On their CanadaHelps website, under the “Apply your donation to a specific fund set up by this charity”, select number 6 “British Columbia Fires Appeal” in order to direct your donation to this particular crisis.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-canadian-red-cross-society/>



SUMMER HOURS & NOTES

SECURITY: CHURCH LOCKED AT NOON

For the month of July and August, the church will be locked at noon unless there is a specific event planned. If you need to get in at any time other than before noon, please arrange it by calling the office before noon - 604 224 3238 - preferably the day before you need to get in.

THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN 9 - noon Monday to Friday.

THE DEADLINE for bulletin notices is Wednesday at noon.

OUT OF THE OFFICE IN JULY

Michael Murray

In case of emergencies, please call the office, 604 224 3238, and there will be a contact number for you to call.



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 60th anniversary of the Hungarian refugees in Vancouver. The proceeds, totaling 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

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>.

PARISH MANAGER IS GOING ON VACATION IN AUGUST!

Beth will be away from August 8 through August 22nd.

From the Parish Manager



She is going to be in Scotland, and will not be checking emails while she is away. She is very happy that her stalwart team of volunteers have agreed to assist while she is away, so the office will be open from 9 a.m. until noon.

The volunteers do not have access to the email account, so if you need to contact anyone in the office, please call 604-224-3238.

Beth will be pre-printing the bulletins for the 2 weeks she is away, so if there are any notices that need to be in the August 13 or August 20 bulletins, please submit them no later than August 1. Any "surprise" notices (notices that arrive after August 1) will be given orally during announcements.

The PDF version of the notices will be posted prior to Beth's departure for August 13 and August 20, and will be located in under "News" on the website: <http://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/>

A LETTER FROM THE KITS SHOWER PROGRAM

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Kits Shower Program for the Homeless, I would like to thank you for your on-going support of our program.

Your generous donations each year help provide our guests with delicious food and brand new underwear, razors and other toiletries.

We are so grateful as well to have the support of the wonderful street ministry and the Mobile Health Unit, which has created a wonderful partnership which benefits our guests and our volunteers. With heartfelt gratitude and respect,

Penny Rogers, Coordinator, Kits Showers for the Homeless Program

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY NEWS

Dale and Lindsey set out on a beautiful sunny summer morning armed with packages filled with goodies, and a special treat of delicious looking egg sandwiches and hard boiled eggs.

First stop was to B at the United Church. He was there but asleep, so we left a package and carried on.

We found no one on 10th ave and so went on down to the No Frills, where spirits were high and everyone was enjoying the sun.

R & D were full of appreciation for the network of Ministry volunteers. D will be meeting with Vicki tomorrow about housing. Both he and R were keen to speak about that.

M has hip related surgery in as soon as three months. He said that they were putting a titanium plate in his hip. Although he was a bit tentative about it, this seems to be a good thing. He also had a bird with him that he called F. The bird seemed to have an injured wing and was quite vulnerable. He seemed to possibly be taking care of it. He asked to pass on special thanks to E for the egg sandwich.

We saw W for the first time in awhile. He looks quite good, was in high spirits and very talkative, telling jokes and commenting on Canucks prospects. Will also took a package for his friend, I. W told us that I plays a harmonica, is a tall guy, and a little shy of strangers. W says he has passed on a package to I in the past and he was very appreciative of the it.

A looks quite good. He is celebrating 6 years at the Dunbar apartments. He spoke about some of the strategies he used when he was new there that helped him to fit in and adapt to life there.

We didn't have the opportunity to chat too much with A, but he was extremely grateful for the packages.

T also stopped by after dropping his bottles off. He says that he and J are a couple now. He also passed on good wishes on her behalf.

Checked out the beach and Broadway, and no one was there. 4th Ave was closed for the Khatsalano festival, so we headed over to South Granville.

We found S and G just off Broadway on 11th Ave. Both were snoozing on benches, so we left packages and did not disturb them.

Lastly, we found S outside Safeway on Broadway. We expected that he might be down and out due to his slumped posture when he arrived. But once we started chatting to him, he actually seemed to be quite alert and in relatively good spirits. As per usual, he was selective about what he took from the package - socks, the razor, and the supplement drink.

D will take the remainder of the packet to drop off this week on his way to work. All in all, a great morning!

