

Thoughts for the Week

It is God we are seeking for; the other world, which alone can give reality to this. Alone can invest duty with enduring meaning, can find for beneficence a certain value, for knowledge an ordered place, and flash upon the shows of earthly beauty some hint at least of the eternal loveliness. Men bid us limit our aims and hopes to this life, and turn from the dazzling mirage of the other. Our answer is that we cannot. We may try, try hard, try – as a race – for generations, for centuries; but we cannot do it. God is calling us.

John Neville Figgis

DATES TO NOTE

Tues, Aug. 1	Senior's Café, 10:00 a.m., Fireside Room
Mon. Aug. 7	Church Closed, BC Day observed
Tues. Aug 8	Summer Choir, 7:00 pm, Church
Sun. Sept. 17	Welcome Back Sunday
Sat. Sept. 30	Fall Rummage Sale



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.

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.

SING THIS SUMMER!



SENIOR'S CAFÉ NEWS FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS


Seniors Café will continue on alternate Tuesday mornings through the summer on 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.

REFUGEE NEWS

As you know, the application to sponsor Lama and her four children, refugees from Syria now in a camp in Lebanon, is now being processed at the Canadian Visa Office in Beirut. This may take several more months.

The applications to sponsor Lama's parents, Nasriddin and Fatmeh, and her younger brother, Ward, have now been submitted to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. St. Philip's is sponsoring them in partnership with Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. The applications were submitted by Canadian Lutheran World Relief which handles refugee sponsorship for the Lutheran Church. We are grateful for the help of the Lutherans, as our diocese did not receive sufficient allocations, i.e. sponsorship application spaces, for them.

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



**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.

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!

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/>



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.

SUMMER BALINESE MUSIC PROGRAM

Hosted by the Vancouver Children Gamelan, this program is the first of its kind in Vancouver - a fun and unique multi-cultural experience for your kids. They will get to learn about Balinese culture, music and dance in an ensemble environment. Gamelan is the traditional Balinese orchestra made up tuned percussion instruments (Yes, you hit them to make music!). The emphasis on collaboration is their way to strengthen community and create lasting friendships. For more info, email: vancouverchildrengamelan@gmail.com

Date: August 9 to August 25, every Mon, Wed, Fri

Time: 10 am to 12 noon

Location: Asian Centre UBC

Age: 7-13

Fee: \$50 registration fee, the program is FREE!

PARISH MANAGER IS GOING ON VACATION IN AUGUST!

*From the
Parish Manager*



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

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.sphilipsdunbar.com/>

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY NEWS

On Saturday, July 15, Caroline and I from Team 4, and Benita, the social work student working with the Mobile Care Unit, set out from St. Philip's. We were sent off by Penni Stock with packets, fruit and hard boiled eggs. We had brought some sandwiches.

At 4th and Highbury there was quite a large group. T and G were setting off on a bike ride, and said they did not need anything. The rest were all happy to take some food. L, in a motorized scooter, lives at Steeve's Manor. M has an operation coming up. He has housing downtown. D is moving into 7th and Fir shortly, and seemed very pleased about that. B talked to Benita about getting BCID. She will follow up with that.

At 4th and Vine we met T. He is housed nearby.. We often meet him panhandling on the SW corner. P, was in his usual place selling megaphones on the NE corner. We met R in front of Choices. He says he has housing but sometimes sleeps outdoors. He has recently had help to complete the applications for Persons with Disability assistance and has been accepted. He did need some ID. Benita told him about the MCU at Kits showers next week.

These three were all happy to take food. We left a packet on a cart on Vine by Shoppers.

Then down to the Broadway and Granville area. On Broadway just east of Granville we met H, a pleasant older man who had been binning. He was happy to take some food. He sleeps outdoors and says he is OK with that situation.

On the NE corner of 10th and Granville, actually on 10th, we met J. He was in a little tent made of cardboard and a bicycle, with various decorated objects and signs nearby. We gave him some food. At Granville and 11th we met Shaun. G was not with him, but he was expecting him back later, so we gave food for both.

On 10th Avenue west of Granville, on the lawn of the Vancouver School Board there was a man sleeping. He woke when we approached. His name is J. Older man. Says he has a place to stay with friends in White Rock, but was happy to take some food.

Returning along Broadway, R was in front of London Drugs. He said he did not need anything.

We dropped off the few remaining perishable items at the 17th and Dunbar building.

Mary for Team 4



CANONICAL COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Canonical Committee will be making an important announcement this Sunday!

A Question and Answer period with members of the Canonical Committee will be held after the 10 a.m. service in the church.

