

Thoughts for the Week

We pray then because there is pain and love in life, because we both suffer and rejoice, because we try to find meaning in it, because we want to share this with another. No doubt a good deal of our praying is shallow and insincere, selfish and immature. What we are as persons speaks for itself in our prayers. It may be the best of the worst that speaks, but what we most deeply need to do is to learn to pray quite honestly as we are, to love and rejoice from the depths of our being.

Alan Ecclestone

DATES TO NOTE

Mon. Aug 21	Summer Choir, 7:00 pm, Church
Tues. Aug 22	Summer Choir, 7:00 pm, Church
Mon. Aug 28	Summer Choir, 7:00 pm, Church
Tues. Aug 29	Summer Choir, 7:00 pm, Church
Mon. Sept. 4	Labour Day, Church Closed
Sun. Sept. 10	Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am, Fireside Room
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.

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

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!

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 17!

Calling all committee chairs and group coordinators OR those who are looking for a new way to get involved at St. Philip's. Welcome Back Sunday is the opportunity to reach out and let people know about your committee or group OR to find a new opportunity to meet people and get involved. Please plan to have representatives available to answer questions and get to know about the activities and initiatives happening this year. And don't miss the hotdogs and lemonade!



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, except while Beth is away. See the announcement for more details.

THE DEADLINE for bulletin notices is Wednesday at noon.

OUT OF THE OFFICE IN AUGUST

Beth Vondette (August 8 - August 22)

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

UPDATE ON THE OFFICE WALL

The work has begun! After pulling back the damaged stucco, the damage was more extensive than expected. The costs for the repair are now anticipated to be above \$30,000, so any help with this necessary work would be greatly appreciated. Please designate donations for this work to the Building Fund.



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.



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.

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/>

PARISH MANAGER IS GOING ON VACATION IN AUGUST!

Beth is 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, Monday through Thursday. The office will be closed on Fridays.**

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 has pre-printed the bulletins for the 2 weeks she is away, so if there are any news items that arrived after publishing, they will be delivered orally on Sunday.

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/>