

Thoughts for the Week

We need silence. We need to learn what silence is. We need the time and space which silence alone can provide to get the measure of our secret ladder. To face and not be outfaced by the multitudinous demands of life in the world today. We need to know the kind of silence that makes possible the kind of communication that Pascal hungered for which is communion, a thing not to be gained by dodging unpleasant things like Harold Skimpole nor by denouncing them as a pack of cards like Alice. The spirituality we seek must reckon with the mire and clay, the shouting and the torches, the accusations and the mockery. It needs silence to enable it to grapple with that task. Alan Ecclestone

DATES TO NOTE

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| Mon. Sept. 4 | Labour Day, Church Closed |
| Tues. Sept. 5 | Summer Choir, 7:00 pm, Church |
| Tues. Sept. 5 | Trustees Meeting, 7:30 pm, Upstairs Meeting Room |
| Fri. Sept. 8 | BCYAYM Sleepover and Meeting, 5:00 pm, Fireside Room |
| Sat. Sept. 9 | Summer Choir Concert, 3:00 pm, Church |
| Mon. Sept. 11 | Jones Girls Meeting, 12:00 pm, Fireside Room |
| Mon. Sept. 11 | Outreach Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm, Upstairs Meeting Room |
| Tues. Sept. 12 | Altar Guild Meeting, 2:30 pm, 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.

DUNBAR HARVEST FESTIVAL SATURDAY, SEPT. 9 FROM 11:00 - 3:00

Diana Bragg and Debbie Matheson are asking for volunteers to help them set up by 10 am, and to greet the Dunbar public for an hour or two from 11:00 to 3:00. Our focus is on offering a family-friendly welcome, children’s face painting, and news of what’s on at St. Philip’s. Friendly, silent, patable dogs are welcome to come with you. Contact dasbragg@gmail.com or debbiematheson53@gmail.com

UPDATE ON THE OFFICE WALL

The work almost been completed! 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.

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 Sunday, September 17th at 1 pm. Please let Beth know if you will be attending.

MARILYN'S EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY

Marilyn begins a *soft sabbatical* on 1st September to resume her MA in *Celtic Studies* at the University of Wales after having taken a year out from the course to help with the transition between rectors. She will still preach and celebrate on Sundays at least once a month and be involved during the great Feasts and Fasts, but not be available at other times.

Having already completed a module on *Celtic Otherworlds*, Marilyn will be researching Welsh women saints, continuing her Welsh language studies, and hiking with Andrew in Patagonia (where a Welsh colony was set up in the latter half of 19th Century). She hopes this will feed into the creation of a number of resources for those interested in *Celtic Christianity*: prayers, devotional materials and liturgies for small groups, retreat resources and mini-pilgrimage guides.

Seen as a model in retaining and reclaiming an indigenous culture, some First Nations people from eastern Canada are now turning to Wales to learn how the Welsh are managing to do this. When Marilyn was studying for her doctorate in *Spirituality* her First Nations colleagues regarded her as a *sister* from one of the European First Nations. Maybe we could enlarge on that concept to help in the work of mutual understanding and reconciliation by learning how much we all have in common in trying to discover and honour our roots.

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!

The next “Tee and Bee” session will be Sunday, September 10 at 11:30 am in the Fireside Room.

INTERESTED IN BEING A READER?

We are looking for new readers for Sunday mornings, someone to take over the reader's rota, which is complete till the end of October, and someone to host the reader's table on September 17th which is Welcome Back Sunday. Please contact the office if you are interested, or for further information.

BENEFIT CONCERT SEPT. 9

42 of Vancouver's finest professional musicians will be donating their time and talent to present a concert of orchestral music by women composers at 8 pm on **Sept. 9**, at Christ Church Cathedral. Tickets are \$20. All the ticket proceeds will go to the **Downtown Eastside Women's Centre** and the **YWCA**.

Tickets can be purchased online through this link or at the door:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/concert-for-the-downtown-eastside-womens-centre-and-ywca-tickets-35362214335?aff=affiliate1>

website: www.womensorchestra.ca

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Food Bank Sunday. Please bring your non-perishable food items and place them in the basket in the Narthex. Particularly welcome are nut butters (i.e., almond butter), legumes and canned fruit.

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

INTERFAITH OPPORTUNITY

Would you like to visit the beautiful Ismaili Centre in Burnaby to learn more about its architecture as well as the beliefs and community work of the Ismailis? A friend of mine is organizing a tour from 1 to 4 pm on October 18th. Please register through Beth at the office by 25th September. If lunch is provided there may be a nominal charge, but it will be delicious--I know, I have eaten there! Having done a similar tour in the Spring, I found it fascinating. We will be joined there by parishioners from Knox United.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

Today, Team 1 canvassed the streets filled with wonderful packets supplied by Penni and the folks from St. Philip's. Our team today included Ellie, Peg, Heather and me. We missed Don, and Pitman led us in a prayer that asked for God's healing presence for Don.

We started off down 4th Avenue and left a packet in front of Shoppers, where there was a bedroll and evidence of a camp, but no sign of anyone. Further on down, there was an extensive camp of cardboard boxes on the north side of the street, near Burrard. Two people new to us were in the camp, along with a pretty vicious dog. Heather and Peg braved the dog and engaged the couple, who were from Victoria. They were happy to accept food, packets and some warm clothing.

We backtracked to the 4th and Highbury corner, where T, J, R and M awaited us. They were all very chatty. We arranged with R to try to get him to our eye doctor for a check-up, then on to get new glasses. H talked at length with M about his hip surgery, what to expect, and suggested we try to arrange for home visits for several weeks, just to check in on him. We will work on that with Dr. Janet.


We carried on up Broadway. We found S outside Safeway, at McDonald, not very responsive. We found a fellow asleep outside the liquor store at Maple and left a range of goods. We found S and G on Granville. They were happy to see us, and we arranged to meet at the Income Assistance office on Monday, where we will get G set up again, and help S retrieve his birth certificate. We also filled out housing forms for G. These two are a priority for us, to get them indoors before another winter. They seem very eager - which is a change from previous winters. Keep them in your prayers.

It was a lovely day and we enjoyed gabbing together as we moved from site to site. Vicki, for Team 1

MUSIC CONCERT TODAY AT UBC

Countertenors Erik Kallo and Shane Hanson are having a recital today at UBC's recital hall at 1 pm. There is no charge for admission.





Summer Choir Concert

Baroque Choral Music featuring
music by Buxtehude and Schütz

Sunday, September 9th at 3 pm

St. Philip's Anglican Church

3737 West 27th Avenue

Admission by donation (suggested \$20)

Featuring:

Music Director Michael Murray

Organist Alastair Williams

St. Philip's Summer Choir