

Thoughts for the Week

‘The Book of Common Prayer makes it abundantly clear that the supernatural life to which I am called in my baptism is possible only as I live my life in the Church, and that the Church is constantly helping me to grow in holiness. The call to a total dedication of life proceeds from the liturgical life of the Church. This seems to be the note on which the Offices of the Book of common Prayer end. The daily growth in the life of prayer and conformity to the Person of Christ are not the lonely experiences of a Christian living in isolation. Such a life is lived ‘in Christ’, and the whole Church is ready to foster growth and holiness with its pastoral priesthood, the sacramental system, the Church calendar, and the ministry of the Word.’

Emani Sambayya, *The Genius of the Anglican Communion: An Indian Perspective.*

DATES TO NOTE

Sun. Sept. 10	Tea and Bee, 11:30 am, Fireside Room
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
Sat. Sept. 16	Open Gym, 5:30 pm, Gym
Sun. Sept. 17	Welcome Back Sunday, 10:00 am, Church
Sun. Sept. 17	Sexual Misconduct Policy Training, 1 pm, Fireside Room
Tues. Sept. 19	Church Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm, Fireside Room
Sun. Sept. 24	Flute and Piano Concert, 4 pm, Church
Sat. Sept. 30	Rummage Sale, 9 am to Noon

WELCOME BACK! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Welcome Back from summer vacations. Next Sunday, September 17, enjoy hotdogs, lemonade, and the chance to gather with friends and to meet someone new. There will be welcome tables from a number of the church groups - a chance to learn more about what is happening in the parish. Invite a friend and let's share summer stories and celebrate together.

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.

TEE AND BEE SESSION THIS SUNDAY!

We will hold regular “Tea and Bee” sessions to knit together the squares parishioners have knitted 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 “Tea and Bee” session will be today at 11:30 am the Fireside Room.

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.

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.

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

FUNDING TO FIX OUR EXTERIOR WALL - A 'SURPRISE' SUMMER PROJECT

We are now in the final stage of this repair. The final cost of this project is above \$30,000, so any help with offsetting this necessary work would be greatly appreciated. We have raised just over half of what is needed. Please designate donations for this work to the Building Fund.

MARILYN'S EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY

Marilyn began 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.

BCYAYM FALL CONFERENCE

The British Columbia and Yukon Anglican Youth Movement's Fall Conference will be hosted by St. Philip's this year over the Thanksgiving long weekend. They expect around 75 young Anglicans to be in attendance. We are looking for individuals who would be willing to assist with cooking food for them. A meal plan has been developed, we just need volunteers to prepare the meals. One catch is that due to foodsafe regulations, food cannot be cooked offsite and then brought in, meaning that all food needs to be **prepared and cooked** at the Church. Pre-Packaged items may be used however to save time (i.e., pre-made lasagna). Food expenses will be fully reimbursed with the submission of receipts.

The Fall Conference culminated with a Sunday lunch barbecue, to which the entire parish is welcome. Please speak with Janet Brown or Beth Vondette if you are interested in being a chef de cuisine.

RUMMAGE SALE VOLUNTEERS

The rummage sale is one of our main fundraisers for the year, and we do rely on volunteers to help make the sale a success, so please sign up to help throughout the week prior to the sale and on the day. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Volunteers needed board in the Gym.

GODLY PLAY CORE TRAINING

Dunbar Ryerson United Church is hosting this 3-Saturday full accreditation program this fall. The program runs from 8:30 am to 5 pm on the following Saturdays: September 30, October 14, and November 25. The cost is \$125 per session or \$350 for all 3 Saturdays. Inquire to Anne Clark about cost for recertification. For questions and registration form, email Anne Clark: arbc52@gmail.com.

CANONICAL COMMITTEE Q AND A

The Canonical Committee will be holding a Question and Answer forum in the Church after the 10am service this week, Sunday, September 10. If you have any questions, especially if you were away for the announcement in July, please come and ask the members of the Committee directly.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Volunteers for coffee hour are needed. If interested, please contact Amanda Holley or Catherine Bernard.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

Tim, Carol, Lynwen and I set out on this beautiful morning after picking up packets, bananas, oranges, hardboiled eggs and extra water bottles from Marion, at St. Anselm's.

Our first stop was at West Fourth and Highbury, where we found J and her friend C, T, B, M, B and S. All were known to us except S. He is a youngish slightly built man with red hair and a beard, baseball cap. He walks a route with a shopping cart picking up bottles. He is homeless, but thinking about housing for the winter. He is resourceful - spent last winter in a shack that he built himself somewhere in Richmond. We let him know about the Kits showers program and the MCU, where he can get help to acquire ID and apply for housing.



Everyone was cheerful and grateful for the packets and fruit and eggs.

J said that she will be housed soon, and may need some help with kitchen supplies when she moves in. Don, many of the fellows and J asked about you, and J wanted us to let you know she is praying for you.

Our next stop was at the Shoppers/Whole Foods on West Fourth, where we met T panhandling, P (the Megaphone fellow), and another tall, thin, bearded man who did not want to chat. All were happy to take packets and extra food.

We then continued along West Fourth but did not see anyone else. We came back along West Broadway and saw S in front of the Safeway at MacDonald.

He was groggy, and appeared very thin. He took out what he wanted from the packets.

We didn't see anyone else on Broadway so headed up to the Shoppers on Dunbar, and found Jason there. He was very cheerful, accepted lots of food and a packet, and said he is very happy with his housing at 7th and Fir.

Lastly we left Blair a packet and the leftover oranges at his spot at the United Church at Tolmie and 8th.

It was a good outing. Everyone we encountered had found some shade from the hot sun and was in good spirits.

Sue on behalf of Team 3



RUMMAGE sale

Sept. 30 9 am to noon

- ✓ we can use ✓
- ✓ Clothing and shoes, men's,
women's and children's ✓
- ✓ Sporting equipment ✓
- ✓ Kitchen utensils, china and knick-knacks ✓
- ✓ Linens ✓
- ✓ Jewellery ✓
- ✓ Books ✓
- ✓ Small appliances only ✓
- ✓ Toys - complete puzzles only ✓

please do not bring your rummage to the church before September 26

- ✗ Please do not bring us ✗
- ✗ Sleeping bags or pillows ✗
- ✗ text books ✗ TV's or microwaves ✗
- ✗ computers or other electronic equipment ✗
- ✗ anything too big for one person to carry easily ✗

These items do not sell, and we are left with the expense of disposal

We will be sorting and setting up from Wednesday Sept.27 morning on so if you have an hour or two during the week, please come and give us a hand.

Lawn signs and posters are available - please help us advertise the sale by taking one or more. There are also sign up sheets on which to offer your help