

Thoughts for the Week

Paul at his Prayers: There are enough prayers strewn across his letters to give us material to work with. That in itself is suggestive. Prayer and letter writing go hand in hand. Perhaps Paul is setting us an example at this point. Perhaps he is saying: 'Letter writing is a ministry. If, somehow, it can be intertwined with prayer, it can be a powerful ministry.' If our hearing apparatus is tuned in carefully, we might overhear him as he prays. 'Hush, hush, whisper who dares? Paul the Apostle is saying his prayers' – to misquote A.A. Milne.

Donald Coggan, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1974 – 1980.

DATES TO NOTE

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| Sun. Sept. 24 | Flute and Piano Concert, 4 pm, Church |
| Sat. Sept. 30 | Rummage Sale, 9 am to Noon |
| Sat. Sept. 30 | Youth Movie Night, 6 pm, Fireside Room |
| Tues. Oct. 3 | Senior's Café, 10 am, Fireside Room |
| Wed. Oct. 4 | Safari Talk, 7 pm, Fireside Room |
| Fri. Oct. 6- Mon. Oct. 9 | BCYAYM Fall Conference |
| Wed. Oct. 12 | Parish Post Deadline |

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.

INTERFAITH OPPORTUNITY

Would you like to visit the beautiful Ismaili Centre with Marilyn in Burnaby to learn more about its architecture as well as the beliefs and community work of the Ismailis? A friend of Marilyn's 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– Marilyn knows, she has eaten there! Having done a similar tour in the Spring, it was fascinating. We will be joined there by parishioners from Knox United.

ORGAN RECITAL

On Friday, September 29th at 7:30 pm, St James' Anglican Church is presenting an organ recital by Donald Hunt, the new Director of Music at Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria, BC. The recital at St James' Anglican Church will be Donald's first appearance on the West coast. He will play works by JS Bach, Marcel Dupré, Olivier Messiaen, and others, on the mighty Casavant Organ, first installed at St James' in 1938. Tickets are available online : <https://simsdonaldhunt.eventbrite.ca>

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.

RUMMAGE SALE VOLUNTEERS

The rummage sale is one of our main fund-raisers 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

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

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.

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 will have 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.

WALK FOR RECONCILIATION

Rev. Kim at St. Anslem's is leading a group of participants for the upcoming Reconciliation March on September 24, and you are invited to join. We will meet on the steps of the Cathedral (690 Burrard Street) at 8:45, leaving at 9:10 towards the march marshalling area. You can find Rev. Kim by his parish banner on the steps, and you're invited to bring your parish banner too. Email Rev. Kim at Hkim@stanselms.ca for more information. Please dress for the weather.

CHRISTMAS FAIR CONVENERS WANTED

The Christmas Fair is Saturday November 25. Contact Marian Boyle or Debbie Matheson if you would like to be a stall convener.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

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

SAFARI TALK

Derek Simpkins, Jane Dunlop and Jocelyn Gardner will be offering a presentation to the parish: "African Nature: on safari in Zambia and Botswana" at 7 pm on October 4th in the Fireside Room.

RUMMAGE SALE

Our semi-annual Rummage Sale is approaching!

Please do not bring your rummage to the church before September 26, we are an active parish and bringing donations before September 26 inhibits activities.

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.



FOOD BANK SUNDAY

A reminder that Food Bank Sunday will be Oct. 1, as is customary on the first Sunday of each month .

Always welcome are : cash donations in clearly marked envelopes; **food donations** such as nut butters, canned fruit, rice and grains, pulses (lentils, beans, legumes) , whole grain cereals, pastas, pasta sauces, canned fish and meats.

Our collected food donations are securely stored on site until 10 Food Bank boxes have been filled; these are then picked up by a Food Bank truck and brought to their distribution center.

We are currently working on box no. 3.

Many thanks for your contributions.

EMMET CAHILL CONCERT

Emmet Cahill, of Celtic Thunder fame, is doing a North American tour launching his solo album. He will be performing at Knox United Church (located at 5600 Balaclava Street) on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 7:30 pm. He will performing a range of songs from sacred, to light musical theatre and Irish Classics. The tickets are

available online or through Knox United at a cost of \$30 (US) or \$45(US) for Meet and Greet. There is a \$2 processing fee if the tickets are purchased online.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's breakfast is cancelled for Sunday, October 1.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

Team 4, Nancy, Pauline, Meera, and I, set off from St. Philip's, provided with lots of packets, sandwiches and fruit and several blankets by Penni Stock and Marian Boyle. We brought along some hard boiled eggs as well. At 4th and Highbury we found T, B, J and M. I believe only J is still outdoors, and was happy to take a blanket. M has found housing recently. Everyone was happy to take some food.

We went down by the Hostel, but no one was on the porch there. The area where A used to stay at the substation is now completely fenced off.

At Locarno Beach at the concession stand we found A. He did not have any visible food, and was under a tarp that looked quite thin. But he declined all our offers of food and blankets. Very quiet as usual.

We did not find anyone at Jericho Beach.

At 4th and Vine, on the SW corner just in front of Shoppers there was a tent. R and J were inside. They were happy to take food and a blanket. We told them about the Kits showers as a place for help with housing applications. Across on the NE corner we found P at his usual spot selling the Megaphone Magazine. Further along in front of Whole Foods we found T. He lives in a nearby apartment but is often panhandling and always happy to receive food.

Continuing along to the Granville area we found J relaxing in the little park by the Vancouver School Board building. He seemed in good spirits. Was happy to take food. He says he has several different places he stays in Kerrisdale, so I gather couch surfing. On the SE corner of Broadway and Granville we found a couple resting on their packs. They were F and A. A is First Nations. They were quite chatty, and happy to take food. They are homeless and would like to find housing. We told them about Kits showers. It seems that F would first need help with ID. On the east side of Granville at 10th we found S. Shortly he was joined by G. They were not too talkative this morning, but as usual grateful for food, especially peanut butter and jam sandwiches.

On Broadway in front of London Drugs we found N, new to me. A middle aged man who took food but didn't encourage conversation.

On Broadway at Macdonald in front of Safeway we found S. As usual he took only a selection from the packet. Still living outdoors but says he has been working on applications.

In front of the former Hollywood Theatre we found J. By then we were out of packets, but gave him a sandwich and bananas. He is homeless. We told him about Kits showers as a place to get help with applications.

Altogether a good outing with lots of people to visit and very pleasant weather.

Mary Lymburner for Team 4