

Thoughts of the Day

Let us not excuse ourselves, saying that it is no easy a thing for a man being entangled with worldly business to pray, seeing that he hath no oratory nor house fit for prayer nigh him. For wheresoever thou be, thou mayest make and appoint thine altar.

Thomas Becon, 1512 – 1567

GRATITUDE WALL

Thanksgiving is the time when we take a moment to reflect on God's goodness to us and express gratitude for all he has provided. Contemplation of our many blessings may even motivate us to respond with more generosity and kindness. With this in mind, you are invited to write down things you are thankful for and place them on the Gratitude Wall in the Fireside Room. At the end of the Stewardship Campaign, these reflections will be offered along with the monetary gifts at the 10 am service.

DATES TO NOTE

Mon. Oct. 23	Outreach Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Upstairs Meeting Room
Sun. Oct. 29	Church School Halloween Party, 11:30 am, Fireside Room
Tues. Oct. 31	Senior's Café, 10 am, Fireside Room
Sun. Nov. 5	Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am, Fireside Room
Sun. Nov. 5	The Josquin Singers: The Bach Project, 4 pm, Church
Sat. Nov. 25	Christmas Fair, 11 am - 2 pm

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.

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.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

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

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.

THE JOSQUIN SINGERS: THE BACH PROJECT

The next music concert in the St. Philip's Music Concert Series will be on Sunday, November 5 at 4 pm. The Josquin Singers and The Josquin Players will be performing The Bach Project I. This is a new ensemble that Michael Murray has put together to enrich the concert series at St. Philip's. The group is made up of professional singers and players. We will be presenting Cantata BWV 106 "God's Time is the Best Time" by J.S. Bach, and music by Palestrina and other Baroque composers.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORMS

Parish Membership Forms are available in the Narthex. We are currently updating our contact and privacy information and ask that all Parishioners complete the form. The completed form is to be returned to Beth Vondette in the office. For further information, contact Charlotte French.

CANNING JARS NEEDED

8 oz. canning jars are needed for the Christmas Fair. There is a box under the mailboxes in the hallway to collect them.

SENIORS' CAFÉ RETURNS ON ALTERNATE TUESDAYS

Seniors Café continues this fall on alternate Tuesday mornings, October 31, and November 14 and 28, 10:00 to Noon in the Fireside Room. Join us for coffee, tea and conversation or find a partner for a board game or jigsaw puzzle. Local artist, Tammy Delaney, will be with us on October 3 to share new techniques with the painting group. We are also looking forward to some other popular activities from the spring and summer such as flower arranging and poetry appreciation. Everyone is welcome – please invite a friend or a neighbour.

REFUGEE NEWS

The application to sponsor Lama and her four children, refugees from Syria now in a camp in Lebanon, has been in process at the Canadian Visa Office in Beirut for about 6 months now. This may take some more months. The applications to sponsor Lama's parents, Nasriddin and Fatmeh, and her younger brother, Ward, in partnership with Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, have just recently been approved and sent on to Beirut for further processing. It is expected we will need about another \$14,000. 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

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

We are in need of the following items for packets to be given to our homeless friends. Socks, Tinned tuna/sardines/beans, individual fruit/dessert packs, fruit juices, Boost supplement. Please leave the items in the bins marked for Neighbourhood Ministry, in the Narthex. Thank you for your continuing support and prayers.

Team 4, Nancy, Meera and I, set out from St. Philip's. We were sent off by Don Lamb, Penni stock and Suzi Noetzel, well provisioned with packets, fruit, sandwiches and hard boiled eggs, blankets and jackets, etc. It was great to see Don back.

At 4th and Highbury we found B, T and D who are all housed; J is still living outdoors and took a backpack; R is still looking for housing and has been working on forms with Vicki. R is looking for a pair of waterproof boots, size 9 1/2. All were happy to take food. We went to Jericho and Locarno beaches and past the hostel but saw no one.

At 4th and Vine we found R on the SW corner with an interesting tower for panhandling, young man, sometimes stays with his mother in Surrey and sometimes outdoors. He took food. Looked quite well. P was at his usual spot on the NE corner selling megaphones. Further along in front of Whole Foods we found N whom we had met once before. He is homeless, says a lawyer is working on housing forms for him. He looked cold but tried a couple of our jackets, found them too small. He would need something larger and waterproof. Also looking for waterproof boots, says size 9, but he is not a small man.

Also along there was R, has housing, looking for work. All happy to take food.

We went down to Granville. No one at the park by VSB today. Likely too cold. We did not see S or G. There were two collections of belongings, including books, one on each side of Granville around 11th. We thought these likely belonged to S and G so left a packet and some other food at each. On the SE corner of Broadway and Granville we met Brooklyn, also called B. New to us, but seemed to know of the NM. very pleasant, happy for the food. He has been homeless for some years, and not sure that he wants housing.

Down Broadway in front of IGA we found S. He was in a good mood as his panhandling had been profitable that morning. As usual he selected items from the packet. Says he is working on housing forms.

In front of the Safeway at Broadway and Macdonald we found S, new to us. He is a veteran, suffers from PTSD. Camps out. He is not sure that he would do well in housing. Not in need of food, but was quite chatty. He told us there were a number of people who sleep in cars at the east and west Spanish Banks beaches but leave quite early in the morning. Not quite sure how we could reach out to them.

On my way home, I left a packet on the West Point Grey United Church porch for B. There were some belongings there but not as many as usual, so wondered if he is still in residence there. I dropped the few remaining perishable items at the 17th and Dunbar building.



**Christmas Fair
Saturday Nov. 25
11:00 – 2:00 PM**

Raffle Tickets are here! Prizes: Weigh-to-Go food basket; Christmas Treats; four seats at Arts Club's The Day Before Christmas 2:00 pm Dec. 16.

Six weeks to Convene, Create, Collect and Donate

Conveners

- Attic Treasures: silver, fine china, linens, crystal
- Silent Auction: gifts, tickets, services, dining, art
- Raffle: \$20 book of 10. Buy Sundays or in the office
- Handcrafts for everyone
- Kitchen Gourmet: preserves, chutneys...
- Christmas Cakes
- Bake Shop: loaves, cakes, shortbread, gingerbread...
- Small Gifts & Jewellery
- Christmas Table: festive ware (no lights or boughs!)
- Tea Room
- Bottle Tombola: sauce, juice, wine, shampoo, pop...
- Hot Dog BBQ

Ann Kent
 Glenna Geddes
 Bruce Gregg
 Juliet Helliwell & Marilyn Pomfret
 Sheila Butt & Dora Martin
 Catriona Wilson & Joanne Vondette
 Laurie Cassie
 Fran Safarik
 Kira Domaschuk
 Mary Pollock & Ursula Bell
 Wilson Family
 Church Families ?

Elves are needed for MANY roles before & during the Fair: please help!

- Silent Auction Solicit donations from businesses & parishioners.
Get letters to businesses from the S mailbox.
- Lawn signs & posters Put up signs and posters to blanket the West Side.
- Decorate the Gym Tues. Nov. 21, 9:00 – 12:00 **Who can help?**
- Skirt tables & set-up Nov. 21 - 24 Conveners et al
- Bankers Accounting & security, running change to stalls
- Sellers Sat. Nov. 25, 10:00 – 2:30 See conveners
- Greeters/Security “ 10:00 – 2:00 Sidesmen
- Take down, clean up “ 2:00 – 3:00 All hands on deck!
- Attic Treasures Pack-Up: we need a team to help. Speak to Ann Kent

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