

Celebrant: The Rev'd Dr. Marilyn Hames
Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Dr. Harold Munn

Thoughts of the Day

O God, our father, In a world where many are lonely, we thank you for friendship and community; In a world where many are despairing, we thank you for hope; In a world that many find meaningless, we thank you for faith; In a world where many are hungry, we thank you for this food. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Most Rev. E. W. Scott, former Primate of Canada

DATES TO NOTE

Sun. Nov. 19	Stewardship Lunch, 11:30 am
Sun. Nov. 19	Church School Meeting, 11:30 am, Totem Room
Mon. Nov. 20	Outreach Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm, Upstairs Meeting Room
Tues. Nov. 21	Church Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm, Fireside Room
Sat. Nov. 25	Christmas Fair, 11 am - 2 pm
Tues. Nov. 28	Senior's Café, 10 am, Fireside Room
Thurs. Jan. 18	Annual Reports due for Vestry

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.

CALENDARS FOR SALE

The 2018 Canadian Church Calendars are here! Having received feedback from last year's calendar, there are many improvements for this year's calendar. They are priced at \$6.00 each. The calendars are located just outside Beth's office door. Get one before we run out!

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, on November 19th, these reflections will be offered along with the monetary gifts at the 10 am service. As pledges are returned, yellow and orange leaves will be added to the "vine" around the Gratitude Wall.

CHRISTMAS FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Christmas Fair is Saturday November 25, only a few days away. Most of all, we need folk to sign up to help before, during and after the fair. Lots of guidance is available. Please speak to the conveners, and sign up on the volunteer bulletin board. Speak with Marian Boyle: marianboyle@shaw.ca; or Debbie Matheson: debbiematheson53@gmail.com for more information.

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, Nasridin 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

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.

ATTIC TREASURES AT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Do you have some attractive items of glass, china, crystal, or silverware you would like to donate to Attic Treasures? Or perhaps some pieces of vintage jewellery? If so, please drop them off at the Totem Room, home to Attic Treasures, between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, November 21 – 23. Someone will be there to receive them during those times.

If you are unable to drop off items during those times, please leave them in a box on the short counter in the kitchen clearly tagged, "Attic Treasures", before Thursday, November 23. Our washing and polishing crew cannot handle items received after Thursday. Thank you from Ann Kent, Elizabeth Knox, and the Attic Treasures team.

SENIORS' CAFÉ RETURNS ON ALTERNATE TUESDAYS

Seniors Café continues this fall on alternate Tuesday mornings, November 28, 10:00 am to Noon in the Fireside Room. Join us for coffee, tea and conversation or find a partner for a board game or jigsaw puzzle. 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.



Enjoy the Seniors Café Art Display! For the first three weeks of November, art work from some of our Seniors Café painters is on display on the west wall of the gymnasium. The pieces include a selection of exercises, photos that have inspired painting themes, and some finished work. We are grateful to Tammy Delaney, a local Vancouver artist, who has led the Café painters in an art workshop once each month for the past year, giving us new skills and inspiring confidence. Please check back from time to time as the art work on display will rotate from week to week.

TURKEY DOLLARS

Stongs Market are issuing their annual Christmas Turkey Dollars. Please submit your unwanted Turkey dollars in the collection plate for the next few Sundays. They are being collected for Dunbar House.

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.

ST. HILDEGARD'S SANCTUARY PRESENTS TESTAMENT OF A NAKED MAN

A contemporary dramatization of the Gospel of Mark Friday, December 1, 2017 at 7PM. Tickets at the door are \$20 at St. Faith's Anglican Church.

Join us for this dramatic interpretation by Angus Stuart.

A wonderful way to welcome the Advent season and a new liturgical year as we begin our journey through the Gospel of Mark. The power of the Gospel according to Mark is brought to life in a dramatic one-man performance set in the poetic stillness of sacred space.

You could use the pic and more info from <http://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/events/testament-of-a-naked-man--1188/2017-12-01>

BOTTLES WELCOME FOR THE BOTTLE TOMBOLA

Donations for the tombola can be dropped off to the office - such as bottles of sauce, juice, wine, shampoo, pop, etc.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

On Saturday, Team 4, Nancy and I and Charlotte, a social work student with the Mobile Care Unit, set off from St. Philip's. We were sent off by Don Lamb, Margaret and Marian with sandwiches, fruit, hard boiled eggs and lots of warm winter clothing.

At 4th and Highbury we met a large group: The regulars: T, M, D and J all have housing. J just moved indoors a week ago. R says he has housing lined up for January, but in the meantime, has been going to a shelter some nights.

We also met two men new to us. Both are homeless. W is an older man. He was willing to fill in the forms for the Carnegie Outreach Program. He had been at Kits showers that morning, and we told him if he went next week he could get help with other BC housing forms. D is also homeless, said he had filled out forms already.

Some of the group took some warm clothing and all were happy to receive the food.

We found no one at Locarno and Jericho beaches.

Beside the Hostel at Jericho we found M on his bike. He has housing and seemed warmly dressed and well equipped. He was very chatty but in Spanish. Took some food but did not need more clothing.

At 4th and Vine we saw P selling megaphones and T who lives near that corner panhandling. Both were happy to take some food.

On the SW corner of 4th and Maple, actually facing Maple and tucked in in front of a parking garage belonging to the Indian Oven restaurant, we met R. He was new to us, but apparently had had some help with housing forms from the Mobile Care Unit.

Continuing on to Granville we met S and G, seated separately but both on the west side of Granville between 10th and 11th. They have both completed housing forms.

Along 12th on the east side of Granville we met D pushing a cart full of cans and bottles. He is a pleasant First Nations man, has housing, but was happy to take some food. He looks well.

Just at Broadway and Granville we met once again R, D and D whom we had just seen at 4th and Highbury. I was happy to see R again as he had asked about shoes, and in the busyness at 4th and Highbury I had forgotten to show him what we had in the car. So he was able to choose a pair.

On Broadway we found S at his usual place in front of the London Drugs. He took a bit more of a packet than usual. He says he has completed housing forms.

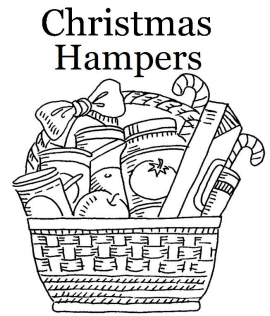
By then we were out of packets and time. We dropped a few perishables off at the 17th and Dunbar building.

Mary for Team 4.



It's that time again! We are requesting your help to provide Christmas hampers for families in two eastside schools

Food for Families: We gather food for the hampers as a community. You can help by bringing even one or two items of food to church each Sunday. If you are able, please contribute to the general collection as described below. Items are collected then distributed amongst the families as part of each hamper. We have organized Sundays as follows:



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| Sunday November 19 | Food for Breakfast |
| Sunday November 26 | Food for Lunch |
| Sunday December 3 | Food for Dinner |
| Sunday December 10 | Treats |
| Sunday December 17 | Any items still needed - organizing and packing of hampers |
| Monday December 18 | Purchase of Turkeys and Hams. Delivery of Hampers to Schools |

Please do not include:

Perishable items, such as fresh meat, fruit, vegetables, dairy products or alcohol.

Gifts for families: In addition to bringing food items which will be pooled and distributed among the hampers, individuals or families of the parish will be invited to select one of the hamper families and purchase gifts for the members of that family. Watch for details.



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

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

ONE week to Convene, Create, Collect and Donate

Conveners

- Attic Treasures: silver, fine china, linens, crystal Ann Kent
- Silent Auction: gifts, tickets, services, dining, art Glenna Geddes
- Raffle: \$20 book of 10. Buy Sundays or in the office Bruce Gregg
- Handcrafts for everyone Juliet Helliwell & Marilyn Pomfret
- Kitchen Gourmet: preserves, chutneys... Sheila Butt & Dora Martin
- Christmas Cakes Catriona Wilson & Joanne Vondette
- Bake Shop: loaves, cakes, shortbread, gingerbread... Laurie Cassie
- Small Gifts & Jewellery Fran Safarik
- Christmas Table: festive ware (no lights or boughs!) Kira Domaschuk
- Tea Room Mary Pollock & Ursula Bell
- Bottle Tombola: sauce, juice, wine, shampoo, pop... Wilson Family
- Hot Dog BBQ The Youth Group

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

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

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~Christmas Fair 2017~ Saturday, November 25

Do you have a special talent, some spare time, or a treasure you could offer for auction?

Could you cook and serve a dinner for four; prepare a picnic; bake a fancy cake; serve a cream tea; coach a language; write a will; do a tax return; babysit; garden/prune roses (specify length of time); clean a house (specify length of time); paint a room; whatever your skills/specialties include. If you are a season ticket holder for the symphony, hockey, theatre, perhaps you could donate a pair of tickets.

We also need material items, either your own personal items, or from retailers and companies. Gift certificates are particularly welcome. Please consider asking your favourite hairdresser, bakery, clothes store, etc., for a donation.

Please indicate your offer below and return this page in the collection plate, or drop it off at the church office by Sunday November 18.

For more information contact Glenna Geddes at
604-224-5495 or glenna.geddes@telus.net

Silent Auction: I can offer

Donor Name: _____

Phone/e-mail _____

Item/ Service Details: (what? how many? how long? when?)

Value _____

(This is very important to help me establish a fair starting bid)

Thankyou!