

Celebrant: The Rev'd Canon Dr. Harold Munn

Preacher: The Rev'd Dr. Marilyn Hames

Thoughts of the Day

For food and drink and friendship, we render thanks. Bless, O Lord, our table; deepen our gratitude; enlarge our sympathies and order our affections in generous and unselfish lives, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

The Most Rev. Robert Runcie, former Archbishop of Canterbury

DATES TO NOTE

Tues. Nov. 28	Senior's Café, 10 am, Fireside Room
Sun. Dec. 3	Advent Carol Service, 4 pm, Church
Mon. Dec. 4	Jones Girls, 12 pm, Fireside Room
Wed. Dec. 6	Parish Post Deadline
Sat. Dec. 9	Youth Group Progressive Dinner
Sun. Dec. 10	Abendmusik Advent Vespers, 7:30 pm, Church
Tues. Dec. 12	Senior's Café, 10 am, Fireside Room
Wed. Dec. 13	Altar Guild Meeting, 2:30 pm, Fireside Room
Sun. Dec. 17	Simple Pleasures, 11:30 am, Fireside Room
Sun. Dec. 17	musica intima concert, 3 pm, Church
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!

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.

REFUGEE NEWS

While we wait for Lama and her four children, refugees from Syria, to be cleared for arrival in Vancouver, we would like to put together a registry of household/personal effects you might be willing to contribute as we prepare a new home for them. There is no place to store things at the church for what could be an extended period, and so we are asking you to hold on to things in your own home until we have notification that the family are on their way. Brenda Harrison has offered to set up this registry - feel free to contact her with a list of what you can contribute along with your contact information at brendaharrison@shaw.ca or leave a note in the "H" slot outside the Totem Room. For more information on the family and how you can help, please contact Mary Lymburner, 778-898-5117 or kmarylymburner@telus.net. **Donation of interim storage space would be greatly appreciated.**

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.

ADVICE FOR ALL MICROPHONE USERS - TO AVOID SOUND SYSTEM FEEDBACK

Readers, announcers, prayer leaders - We received valuable guidance regarding our sound system from Brenda McDonald's grandson - who is a sound engineer and who recently helped establish default settings for the sound system.

The main recommendation: to avoid feedback - is for anyone using the microphones to project and speak directly towards the microphone so the volume does not need to be turned up too high.

Our worship space has very lively acoustics - which is lucky for us, but make the sound system more sensitive to feedback when the volume is turned up. This makes projection and speaking directly towards the microphone 'safer' than boosting the volume.

QUIET DAY FOR ADVENT

Take time for silence and reflection in this season of expectation at St. Faith's Anglican Church on Saturday, December 9th from 10 am to 3 pm. The day will include prayer and poetry and a variety of creative contemplative practices including making prayer beads and prayer shawls. **All are welcome!** Bring a bag lunch. Tea and treats are provided. To cover the cost of supplies, a donation of \$30 is suggested. St. Faith's is located at 7284 Cypress Street (at West 57th Avenue)

TESTAMENT OF A NAKED MAN:

A CONTEMPORARY DRAMATIZATION OF THE GOSPEL OF MARK

On Friday, December 1st at St. Faith's Anglican Church, 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. A wonderful way to welcome the Advent season and a new liturgical year as we begin our journey through the Gospel of Mark. Angus Stuart is the Rector of St. Francis-in-the-Wood. The performance is at 7 pm. Tickets are \$20 at the door for the outreach ministry of St. Francis in the Wood.

Harold Munn will provide a background session on **Wednesday, November 29 at 7 pm in the Fireside Room**, explaining the construction of St. Mark's gospel, the first gospel to be written (or perhaps to be performed) so that the reading will be even more meaningful.

Advent Sunday, December 3, is the first Sunday of the year in which we read through the Gospel of Mark on Sundays. Angus has given this performance around the U.S.A, and in

Britain, and it is highly recommended. St. Faith's is located at 7284 Cypress Street (at West 57th Avenue).

For more information, click the link below: <http://www.stfaiths.ca/church-events.html>

OUTREACH FAMILY CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

The season of Advent is fast approaching and, once again, St. Philip's Outreach is sponsoring our family Advent Fundraiser. This year, we are raising funds to purchase treated mosquito nets which help to prevent the spread of diseases through families in villages in Africa. The funds we raise will be matched by the federal government times 6 this year. We welcome all donations in any amount until the end of December. Thank you for continuing to support the family Advent fundraiser. Any questions, please speak to Penni Stock, Outreach co-chair. **Please write "mosquito nets" on the envelope line. Thank you.**

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY REPORT - KEY POINTS

We had a very long chat with T about housing and such. We are hopeful he will have a place in the new modular housing.

At the 4th and Highbury corner we found B, J, D, R and D. They were very happy with all of the food, packets, warm socks and various other warm clothing items. We talked for a long while. We are going to help D try to get into a shelter, the same one as R. He is very nervous about this, but is motivated by his friend, who says it has been a good place.

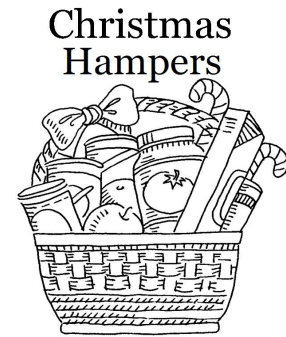
R was distraught at losing all of his ID, including his landed immigration papers and BCID. We devised a plan to help him retrieve them. We also lent him our phone so he could call home to Tibet and let his mom and dad know he was safe. He hadn't been able to connect with them for a very long time. There were tears all around.

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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 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.