

Celebrant: The Rev'd. Canon Dr. Harold Munn
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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.



DATES TO NOTE

Sun. Dec. 10	Abendmusik Advent Vespers, 7:30 pm, Church
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
Sun. Dec. 17	Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long, with Songcology, 7 pm, Church
Sun. Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Simple Eucharist for Families, 4 pm, Fireside Room
Sun. Dec. 24	Children's Christmas Eve Service, 5 pm, Church
Sun. Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist, 7:30 pm, Church
Sun. Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Eucharist, 10 pm
Mon. Dec. 25	Christmas Day Service, 9:00 am, Church
Thurs. Jan. 18	Annual Reports due for Vestry

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 memo line of the cheques and on your envelopes. Thank you.**

HELP FINDING A LOCAL RENTAL HOME FOR OUR RECTORY TENANT

Do you know of a home rental opportunity? After 8 years renting our rectory, our tenant will be seeking new accommodations in this neighbourhood - ideally West of Granville. Occupation would start April 1, 2018. If you know of an opportunity with 4 bedrooms, please pass the information onto Beth via manager@stpdunbar.com. Note: that they do **not** have any pets.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

St. Philip's will have 4 Christmas Eve services this year: the Simple Eucharist at 4 pm, the Children's Christmas Service at 5 pm, the Choral Eucharist at 7:30 pm and a Candlelight Eucharist at 10 pm. This is in addition to the Advent IV morning services on December 24 at 8 am and 10 am.

TURKEY DOLLARS

Stongs Market are issuing their annual Christmas Turkey Dollars. Please submit your unwanted Turkey dollars in the collection plate on Sunday. This is the last Sunday of collection as they are being given to Dunbar House for this coming Saturday, December 16th.

ANGELS FROM HEAVEN CAME

The Gallery Singers invite you to celebrate Christmas with traditional favourites and contemporary carols on December 17th, 3 pm at Holy Trinity Anglican Church. Adults \$18; Students with ID \$9.00; children under 12 free.

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.

ST. JOHN'S SHAUGHNESSY CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

St. John's Shaughnessy is having their annual Christmas Carol Service on Tuesday, December 12th at 7 pm. The York House School Choir and St. John's Shaughnessy Choir will lead this beautiful candlelight service followed by a reception in the Trendell Lounge. St. John's Shaughnessy is located at 1490 Nanton Ave.

SIMPLE PLEASURES....

Starting at Noon, 17th December. Friends, this is your invitation to a beautiful, relaxing hour of simple pleasures and delights hosted by Marilyn and Michael and volunteer* soup-makers as their gift to you this Christmas.

Tired of all the hype and commercialism of Christmas? We want to recapture the simple spirit of Christmas hospitality with you—our Church Family! All you need to do is set aside the hour after Church and join us in the Fireside Room for:

1. A simple lunch with a serve-yourself choice of delicious soups and buns
2. Michael reading from Dylan Thomas's beloved 'Child's Christmas in Wales'
3. Marilyn helping you make your own 2017 Jesse or Christmas Tree Ornament.

*If you are able, please bring either some bread or soup to share and leave it in the kitchen. If you are able to bring soup and/or bread please e-mail Jocelyn at joc@form47acct.com

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY CHRISTMAS EVENTS - PLEASE JOIN US!

Volunteers are warmly welcome to join us **on Saturday December 16th** for our 10th Annual Christmas Street Outreach to our homeless neighbours, followed by a lunch and carolling at 17th and Dunbar. These are wonderful events that bring together our four churches and friends from the community. Here are the details:
Street Outreach: Volunteers meet up at St. Anselm's church at 9:00 a.m. We will prepare gift and lunch bags, enjoy coffee and muffins, and divide up into teams. Even if you are unable to go out on the street, please do join us for this time of fellowship. Please let Vicki know if you can volunteer to drive, or to bring a contribution for the lunch bags (sandwiches, hard-boiled eggs, mandarins). vbpotter@hotmail.com 604-730-7846

Dunbar Pre-Christmas Luncheon & Carolling at Dunbar

Saturday December 16th

12:30-2:30pm, Dunbar Apartments (3595 West 17th Avenue)

Take a pause from the hustle and bustle of Christmas activities and join us at Dunbar Apartments for lunch and carolling with our friends. This is a wonderful event that the residents of Dunbar have grown to anticipate with excitement.

Set up time begins at 11am. If you can provide refreshments for the event, please choose from the following list:

Eggnog; Eggs; Milk; Bacon; Onions; Potatoes; Elbow Macaroni; Ham; Cranberry sauce; Cheese; Bananas; Pancake Mix; Pancake Syrup; Salad; Vegetable Platter; Casseroles; Fruit/Mandarin Oranges; Juices; Desserts/Christmas Cookies.

Please let Joan know if you can assist with setup or cleanup, provide some treats or are able to join in singing Christmas carols. Please contact Joan Stewart: jstewart@westerndriver.com

THE LONGEST NIGHT: A BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

On Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 7:00pm at St. Faith's Anglican Church (7284 Cypress St. at W 57th Ave near W Blvd), there will be the Archdeaconry Christmas Service. This special service of hope is for those who find it difficult to be merry in the season and provide an opportunity to acknowledge pain and sadness. In worship, we will ask God for healing to face a future sustained by hope and grace. After the service there will be: a quiet space to light a candle and pray; a table of "comfort items" for you to take away; a chapel with a minister offering prayers for healing. *All Are Welcome*

5 PM CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

This service is led by the children. It's a beautiful re-telling of the Christmas story. All children are welcome to participate. Typically ages 2/3-13/14 are involved. We re-tell the story in 5 parts, each part a gospel reading. We have all the costumes and there are roles for all ages in this service. The youngest typically carry a figuring up the aisle, the middle age group are typically in costume (we have costumes) and the older students are readers. That's not cast in stone, but that's typical.

We do a few rehearsals so everybody feels ready. Rehearsals for the 5 pm Children's Christmas Eve Service are:
Thurs. Dec. 21: 4:30 - 5:20 (readers stay an extra 20-30 min)

Fri. Dec. 22: 4:30 - 5:20 (readers stay an extra 20-30 min)

Sat. Dec. 23: 9:30 - 10:20 (readers stay an extra 20-30 min)

Rehearsals are about 45 min-1 hr. The older kids who are reading stay a little later for extra practice.

We do ask that you plan to attend all rehearsals. The youngest group have trouble remembering where to stand/when to walk when those in front or behind them keeps changing. Thank you for understanding that part. It is a very memorable, beautiful service and a lovely way to spend Christmas Eve together.

If your children are interested in participating in the 5 pm service, please contact Laurie Cassie:

lauriecassie@gmail.com

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:

Sunday December 10: Treats; contributions of lunch and dinner items are welcome

Sunday December 17: Any items still needed - organizing and packing of hampers

Monday December 18: 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. All gifts must be brought in no later than December 17th.

Christmas Hampers

