

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

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The priest in charge would like to say a warm thank you to all members of the congregation who gave their time and skills to make possible the wonderful Christmas services. There were nearly 450 people attending those services. A special thank you to all the staff, each of whom contributed their special skills and commitment. Thanks to Beth who kept everything organized and arranged and printed 650 leaflets for seven separate services and packed most of the 100 small gifts for the children's service. We'll done, everyone!

DATES TO NOTE

Sun. Jan. 7	Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am, Fireside Room
Sun. Jan. 7	Chat with the Rev'd Dr. Eileen Scully, 11:30 am, Fireside Room
Mon. Jan. 8	Jones Girls, noon, Fireside Room
Tues. Jan 16	Church Committee, 7:00 pm, Fireside Room
Wed. Jan. 17	Sacred Sanctuaries Presentation, 7 pm, Fireside Room
Thurs. Jan. 18	Annual Reports due for Vestry

UPCOMING GUEST PREACHER

Guest preacher January 7, 10.00 a.m. will be The Rev. Eileen Scully who is the director of the National Church's department of Faith, Worship, and Ministry. Eileen works with volunteers to support ecumenism, Anglican identity, ethics, interfaith relationships, worship, theological education and ministry. Eileen will be available following the service for questions and discussion in the Fireside Room about developments for our church in these areas.

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.

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 kmarylumburner@telus.net. Donation of interim storage space would be greatly appreciated.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

We are happy to report that donations from Identified Givers, the backbone of our budget, are doing well to the end of November. However, some long time parishioners are no longer with us and this has reduced the number of contributions. Although we started the year with a significant budget deficit, we are on track to be able to balance the budget by year end if pledged giving is at least maintained. The deficit has been reduced due to a combination of: controls on spending, increased rental revenue, and a generous donation from a parish family. Thank you for your support of St. Philip's throughout 2017 and please continue to meet your pledge to the end of the year.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The deadline for annual reports is Thursday, January 18th. Please submit your committee reports to the office no later than noon, so that Beth may begin compiling the report. This deadline is firm. 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@stp.dunbar.com. Note: that they do **not** have any pets.

ST. JUDE'S ANGLICAN HOME FUNDRAISER

St. Jude's Anglican Home is putting on a fundraiser to raise funds to refurbish their bathrooms by putting on a play at the Metro Theatre located at 1370 S.W. Marine Drive on Wednesday, February 7th. The performance of "Murder by the Book" by Duncan Greenwood and Robert King begins at 8 pm, but there will be a silent auction and light refreshments at 7 pm. The tickets are \$50 each, but a \$25 tax receipt is available upon request per ticket. Beth Vondette has 10 tickets available for purchase in the office.



SACRED SANCTUARIES: DELPHI TO JERUSALEM

On Wednesday, Jan. 17th @ 7pm, at St. Philip's Church (located at 3737 West 27th Avenue), Derek Simpkins will be offering a lecture and slide presentation on "Sacred Sanctuaries: Delphi to Jerusalem". Both he and Linda, together with Jocelyn Gardner, recently completed a voyage around the Eastern Mediterranean, where they were able to visit some outstanding "sacred sanctuaries".

In addition to his lecture on Jan. 17th, Derek and Linda will introduce their new book, "Jerusalem the Golden".

ARE YOU READY FOR TOMORROW'S DECISIONS? – *Conversations about Advance Care Planning to increase your comfort in discussing ACP with family and health-care providers.* Join us **Sunday February 4th, 2018** beginning with a light lunch at 12:15, session from 1-3pm at Dunbar Ryerson United Church 2195 West 45th Ave. Preregistration required: swg.vancouver@gmail.com or 604-731-6307

5 PM CHRISTMAS EVE THANKS

A special thanks to Laurie Cassie who directed this year's tableau and to Rebecca for her assistance with the costumes and organizing the smallest actors. Extra special thanks to our children in the parish who were the star performers whose ministry made Christmas Eve special for our parish and surrounding community.

