

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

DATES TO NOTE

Sun. Jan. 21	Intercessors Meeting, 11:30 am, Church
Sun. Jan. 28	Hiking in Patagonia, 11:30 am, Fireside Room
Sun. Feb. 4	Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am, Fireside Room
Sun. Feb. 4	Candlemas, 4 pm, Church
Mon. Feb. 5	Jones Girls, 11:30 am, Fireside Room
Tues. Feb. 6	Trustees Meeting, 7:00 pm, Upstairs Meeting Room



SERMONS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

An audio recording of last week's sermon is available on our website. To access the audio file, please go to our website: <http://www.stpdunbar.com> and click on the heading "Sermons" on the top right of the screen. Thanks to Craig Wilson for arranging this.

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.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The deadline for annual reports was last Thursday, January 18th. Thank you to all those who submitted their reports prior to the deadline. If you have not yet submitted your report, please do so at your earliest convenience so that Beth may begin compiling the report.



CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS WANTED

The Church School is actively recruiting new teachers. If you feel called to this ministry, training will be provided. Please speak with Deb Hamilton if you are interested.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Join us for a Holy Eucharist Service including the Imposition of Ashes at 7 pm on Wednesday, February 14th. The first of the Lenten speaker series will follow this service.

LENTEN SERIES

Our Lenten study series is "Friends in the Spirit - Journeys with ancient traditions", and will be held Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room. (Note that March 13th is a **Tuesday**). The dates of the series are as follows: Wednesday, February 21st; Wednesday, February 28th; Wednesday, March 7th; **Tuesday, March 13th**; Wednesday, March 21st.

The first Lenten series presentation will be led by the Rev'd Canon Dr. Harold Munn on Ash Wednesday, after the Imposition of Ashes service, on the subject of Daily Office Prayers. This session will begin at **8:00 pm** in the Fireside Room. **Please note the time change of the first session.** This is to accommodate the Ash Wednesday service which will precede the first session. All other sessions will begin at 7:00 pm.

On Feb 21st: Lenten series #2: Patricia Vickers will speak on First Nations spirituality, "Ceremony and Healing the Soul". Patricia Vickers is of mixed heritage with ancestral roots in England, Heiltsuk (known to English speakers as Bella Bella) and Tsimshian (known to English speakers as Skeena) First Nations. She is currently Director of Mental Health and Wellness with First Nations Health Authority. She completed a doctorate degree in the transformative aspects of the Ayaawx (Tsimshian ancestral law).

Feb 28th: Lenten series #3: Aliya Hirji - Remembrance of God (Zikr) in Islam: Modes of Spiritual Reflection. Aliya Hirji is an African-Indian-Canadian Ismaili Muslim woman with a BA in Family Studies with an interest in inter-generational transmission of religious values and traditions. Fulfillment to her since 2001 was, and continues to be, building relationships with communities around her on a personal level and travelling the world visiting places of worship in these areas.

March 7th: Lenten series #4: Laura Kaplan, Jewish Rabbi, speaks on Jewish spirituality: "God in Jewish Thought and Experience". Rabbi Laura Duhan Kaplan is Professor of Jewish Studies and Director of Inter-Religious Studies at the Vancouver School of Theology. Her Ph.D. in philosophy, decade as a congregational Rabbi, and studies in Kabbalah have enriched her own experience of the Divine.

March 13th: (Tuesday) Lenten series #5: The Right Reverend Melissa Skelton speaks on Anglican-Benedictine spirituality. Please note, that this session will occur on a **Tuesday** in order to accommodate the Bishop's schedule.

March 21st: Lenten series #6: Harold speaks on current interpretations of the cross and resurrection.

HIKING IN PATAGONIA - NOT A WALK IN THE PARK

The Rev'd Dr. Marilyn Hames will be offering a slide show presentation on her recent trip to Patagonia on Sunday, January 28th after the 10 am service in the Fireside Room.

CANDLEMAS

Please join us for an intimate Evensong, featuring the Holden Evening Prayer by Marty Haugen on February 4th at 4 pm. This Candlemas will illuminate the Church with Candles as we sing Evening Responses and the Nunc Dimittis to officially close the Christmas and Epiphany seasons.

SPECIAL PURSE FOR THE RUNDLE FAMILY

Unfortunately there has been some very sad news regarding Min's family. There was a fire in the trailer park where Min's parents live in Okanagan Falls - her father died and they have lost their home and belongings. Min has gone to the Okanagan to be with her mother and siblings. Should you wish to help - we will be accepting donations designated to the Rundle's and I'm sure Min and her family will be in our thoughts and prayers over the coming months.

REFUGEE NEWS- MOST IMMEDIATE NEED IS FOR STORAGE SPACE

Lama and her children have had their medical examinations and interviews with the Canadian Visa Office in Beirut, and are awaiting the Visa Office's decision as to whether they will be accepted to come to Canada.

We have had offers of furniture from a couple of households who are moving. It would be good to be able to accept this furniture for the use of our refugee family when they arrive, but we have no storage space. So if anyone has storage space to offer, that would be very useful. Please contact Mary Lymburner at 778-898-5117 or kmarylymburner@telus.net.

Brenda Harrison is setting up a registry of furniture and household/personal effects that you might be able to contribute. If you are not moving, we request that you hold on to these items until they are needed. Please

contact Brenda 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.

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 7 tickets available for purchase in the office.

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

THE PIANO AND ERHU PROJECT (PEP PROJECT) CONCERT

In celebration of the Chinese Lunar New Year, Music on the Point Concerts with Personality presents The Piano and Erhu Project or PEP. PEP is a cross cultural musical project founded by UBC professor Corey Hamm (piano) and Chinese musician and Concert Master of the BC Chinese Orchestra, Nicole Ge Li (erhu). A unique rendition of the Chinese instrument erhu and western instrument piano, PEP synthesizes the best of Chinese and western music.

The concert showcases a selection of original compositions by Canadian and Chinese composers who are predominantly UBC faculty and alumni. The concert will also feature the world premiere of a new piece by UBC composer Stephen Chatman called Remember me, Forever.

The concert will be on Sunday, February 18th at 4 pm at St. Philip's. Admission by donation. Suggested donation is \$20.

For more information, visit <http://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/events/the-pep-project-concert/2018-02-18>

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

I met Don Lamb at St. Philips Church where he showered me with packages, fruit, sandwiches, eggs and winter weather gear. I left very well stocked... thanks to all those that assisted in preparing the packages and food.

I then headed up to Safeway on 10th and picked up Paris. It was nice to finally meet her. Paris is wonderful - and as remembering names is not my forte, she is an absolute asset in that department! We travelled over to No Frills and met B, D, R, D, B, M and E... a very congenial group. They were happy to accept the packages and we were very generous with the sandwiches and eggs (as I also prepared some). A few of the fellows accepted some gloves and although we had a few pairs of shoes and waterproof galoshes, unfortunately none of them were a perfect fit. B is looking for a new pair of boots... forgot to ask his size but he probably is about a 10. I had not seen E for quite some time, but he came over just for a sandwich - he did not want anything else. We enjoyed our visit.

We then headed over to the Jericho substation and although we found no one there, we circled around the parking lot near the bushes and heard some rustling. Paris said that she thought M hung around that area so we parked. We hiked into the woods and sure enough there he was sorting through his cans. He was very happy to see Paris and happy to accept some provisions.

We then headed up to Fourth and parked near the MacDonalds... we found Peter, our megaphone fellow, smiling as always, Tim outside Whole Foods and happy to take some provisions, and Greg outside the Shoppers. Neither Paris nor I had seen him before... He was pretty quiet and was very happy to take a bit of everything. We also gave him a sweater and some gloves.. I am afraid I did not get much information from him. Perhaps next time, we can find out more. We also found Malcolm, sound asleep, a little further down. I



half-heartedly tried to wake him but he did not stir so we just left lots of food.

We then travelled on down to Biminis and found R and C. The doorway where they were camping was extremely wet so they were trying to dry it out with brooms... They seemed happy though and took everything we had to offer. I believe they have filled in their housing forms.

We then found D underneath the bridge across from the 7th and Fir MPA building. We had not met him before. He seemed in good shape and was cheerful. He likes to sleep outdoors but does frequent the 7th and Fir housing complex to socialize. He knew about the Showers Program but he did not appear overly anxious to fill in forms... he does not like social / supportive housing.

We headed up to Granville and met P. Both Paris and I had met him before. He likes to be outdoors. He was happy to accept some food from us.

We hiked up and down Granville and found two camps (perhaps S and G's) and we left provisions at both.

Travelling back up Broadway, we found N outside London Drugs. He was happy to take food and we gave him a beautifully warm jacket. He said S had been there but had taken off so we did not see him on this trip.

We then dropped off a package for B at the West Point Grey United Church...

I then took Paris home. As we only had a few sandwiches and a couple of boiled eggs left, I packaged them up and handed them out to the homeless fellows on Robson and Granville Monday morning.

We had a nice trip and the weather cooperated.

Thanks,

Jane for Team 2

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