

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

Preacher: The Rev'd. Dr. Marilyn Hames

DATES TO NOTE

Sun. Jan. 28	Hiking in Patagonia, 11:30 am, Fireside Room, with Marilyn
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
Wed. Feb. 7	Building Assessment Meeting, 7:00 pm, Fireside Room

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 today after the 10 am service in the Fireside 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.

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.

FUNERAL FOR CORNELIUS LIGHTHALL

Cornelius Lighthall, a beloved long-time parishioner of St. Philip's passed away this week. His funeral is scheduled for Saturday, February 10th at 2 p.m. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Fay and the Lighthall family.

GUEST PREACHER NEXT SUNDAY

On February 4th, Jason Wood, a Vancouver School of Theology student with a high commitment to social justice, and a deep faith, will preach at the 10 am service.

Jason Wood and his wife Anna live in the Downtown Eastside, where they seek to practice radical hospitality as members of the Servants Vancouver community. Jason is currently discerning ordination and recently began his Masters of Divinity at Vancouver School of Theology. When not studying, he spends his time urban farming, making music, and organizing the ecumenical Christian community for climate justice.

TAX RECEIPTS 2017

Tax receipts are available for collection from Jock Munro after the 10:00 am service today. If you are unable to collect your receipt, and would like it mailed to you, please notify Beth Vondette in the Church office via email: manager@stpdunbar.com

PALM CROSSES

Please bring in your palm crosses from last year to any service prior to Ash Wednesday. Please place them in the basket in the Narthex.

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.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Join us for a Holy Eucharist Service including the Imposition of Ashes at 7 pm on Wednesday, February 14th. Following the service, Harold will present the first Lenten series on the topic of 'Daily Office Prayers'.

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.

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.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

A reminder that Food Bank Sunday is next Sunday, as is customary on the first Sunday of each month .

Always welcome are: cash donations in clearly marked envelopes; **food donations** such as nut butters, canned fruit, rice and grains, pulses (lentils, beans, legumes), whole grain cereals, pastas, pasta sauces, canned fish and meats. Our collected food donations are securely stored on site until *10 Food Bank* boxes have been filled; these are then picked up by a Food Bank truck and brought to their distribution center. Many thanks for your contributions.

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. The proceeds of this concert will be given to St. Philip's Refugee Fund. For more information, visit <http://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/events/the-pep-project-concert/2018-02-18>

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

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 this 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 8 tickets available for purchase in the office.

SPIRITUS - AN EVENING WITH KIYA TABASSIAN

St. Anselm's is thrilled to welcome Kiya Tabassian from Ensemble Constantinople to be with us for an evening of music and conversation. In town for an Early Music concert, Kiya will delight us on the Sitar, while regaling us with stories and taking questions from the audience.

Doors open at 7pm and the concert begins at 8pm. Tickets are by donation at the door (\$20 suggested), and all are welcome. St. Anselm's is located at 5210 University Boulevard (across from UBC Golf Course).

THE PIANO MAN: A St. Augustine's, Marpole fundraiser in support of the Community Meal Program

Do you like the music of Elton John, Billy Joel or feel like DANCING? Come and join us at St. Augustine's Marpole for a Dinner and Dance with LIVE entertainment! A tribute to Elton John and Billy Joel, starring Ryan Langevin on Saturday, February 10, 2018.

So come, have an early Valentine's Treat for yourself, some friends, and...support a vital Anglican Outreach in Marpole. There will also be a Silent Auction. Doors open at 5:30pm, Silent Auction begins at 6 pm, Dinner at 7 pm, Entertainment at 7:45 pm. St. Augustine's is located at 8680 Hudson Street.

The evening includes dinner, silent auction, entertainment and dancing.

Reserve your tickets by phone 604-261-5223 or by email gdingham@gmail.com

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

Carol and I of Team 3, and Charlotte, our social work student, set out from St John's this wet morning where Ken met us with 20 packets, hoards of sandwiches and eggs, a bin of clothes, bags of bananas – my goodness!



First stop was 4th & Highbury, where B, D, T, J, and C were there to greet us. C is back in to town to work, he said, but otherwise has been moved to Victoria where his brother is. All gratefully accepted packets and fruit and sandwiches. All seemed good, notwithstanding the penetrating chill in the air. J took some nice-looking outer wear pants – D accepted some extra socks. All have places to sleep, indoors.

At 4th & Vine today was M, sleeping in front of an empty storefront on the south side of 4th. He said he'd had a rough time lately, saying all his stuff had been stolen (mentioned crackheads). We left him a pair of outer-wear pants, and sweater, a hat, and a packet, fruit, sandwich and egg. He went back to sleep but thanked profusely.

There was no one at the Shoppers at 4th/Vine today. Kitty corner was just P, the Megaphone guy. He greatly accepted and packet/sandwich/egg/fruit.

At 4th & Maple we stopped to see R and C. This was the first time I'd met them, but they indicated they'd been there for a long while. R (30s I'd guess) is quiet friendly – his "brother" C (40s ??) is quite a bit less talkative. R sleeps right there under the storefront overhang at the southwest corner, and C says he sleeps across 4th and a few storefronts done. They indicated they'd 'done the forms' for housing, but they are somewhat particular about where they'd go "not over the bridge" (motioning toward downtown). R said knows about the Kits breakfast. As for shelters, says he is not interested (bad experiences with drugged-out people there). At Granville and 10th we saw S and G. They were well and accepted our food stuffs, but were not very talkative.

Up the street at Granville & 12th, we left a packet for someone's belongings there protected under a tarp.

At Broadway & Burrard in front of the Shoppers we saw T (a.k.a. J) and R. I might have met R once before, a long while ago. He lives at the 4th & Fir apartments. T I had not met before today, though he says he's been there for 3 years, and sleeps in the underground parking at the computer store building on southwest corner of Broadway/Burrard. T is very outgoing and friendly. He says he is on the list (applied) for the new modular housing (57th & Cambie) coming. R took a shirt and a hat and an extra pair of socks. Both thanked us.

At 8th & Burrard we saw A, pushing a cart. I've seen A before on occasion (an abnormality with his nose). He seemed pretty happy, says he has a place to sleep, and indicated that he bins just for extra money.

At Broadway & Vine there was another set of belongings (only), so we left some items.

No one else along the western rest of Broadway today.

We continued up the hill towards 10th Ave. At the United Church on 8th & Tolmie we left items for B.

On 10th Ave in front of the bank at Sasamat we saw R standing with a walker. It has been a very long time since seeing R. He continues to look more frail, more hunched, and his complexion a bit jaundiced to me. He says he is indoors to sleep. We reminded him of the Saturday breakfast at Kits available (he seemed to have forgotten of it). He took a packet/sandwich/egg/fruit.

We looked for A but we could not find him, so Carol took a packet/sandwich/egg/fruit combo in hopes to find him later.

We returned to St John's and dropped off the unused clothes and a few fruit.

On my drive home through Dunbar I saw J at the Shoppers on Dunbar. He was delighted to take a packet.

I hope I didn't miss anyone. Hmm, just realizing we did not get to the beach today... All in all a very busy outing. Thank-you so much to Charlotte for joining in – she is terrific.

o.b.o. team 3, Dale.

LENT MADNESS 2018 - WHO WILL WIN THE GOLDEN HALO?

Lent Madness began in 2010 as the brainchild of the Rev. Tim Schenck. In seeking a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women comprising the Church's Calendar of Saints, Tim came up with this unique Lenten devotion. Combining his love of sports with his passion for the lives of the saints, Lent Madness was born on his blog "Clergy Family Confidential" which has subsequently moved locations and become "Clergy Confidential".

The format is straightforward: 32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time and Who will win the Golden Halo? people vote for their favourite saint. 16 saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo. The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch.

To download a copy of this year's bracket of 32 saints, go to: http://www.lentmadness.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/LentMadness-8_5x11.pdf