

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

### **Preacher: The Rev'd. Dr. Marilyn Hames**

#### **DATES TO NOTE**

Today	Annual Vestry Meeting, 11:30 am, Fireside Room
Wed. Feb. 28	Lenten Speaker Series, 7:00 pm, Fireside Room, Aliya Hirji speaker
Sat. Mar. 3 - Sun. Mar. 4	Youth Retreat, all day, Fireside Room, Gym and Church
Sun. Mar. 4	Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am, Fireside Room
Mon. Mar. 5	Jones Girls, 12 pm, Fireside Room
Tues. Mar. 6	Trustees Meeting, Upstairs Meeting Room
Wed. Mar. 7	Lenten Speaker Series, 7:00 pm, Fireside Room, Laura Kaplan speaker
Thurs. Mar. 8	Parish Post deadline, 12 pm

#### **ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING**

The annual Vestry meeting will be today, following the 10:00 am service. The Annual Vestry Report for 2017 is available in the Narthex. The meeting will receive parish reports and financial statements for the year 2017 and the budget for 2018, and nominations for Parish Officers will be presented and voted upon. All Parish members are invited to attend.

A light lunch will be served to those attending the meeting.

#### **GUEST PREACHER NEXT SUNDAY**

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, the Rev'd Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls, will be the guest preacher at the 10 am service. Dr. Dutcher-Walls is Professor of Hebrew Scripture at the Vancouver School of Theology. In addition to teaching, she is also the Dean, giving administrative oversight to student programs and services, the Registrar's Office and the Diversified Education programs, and the school's relationships with sessional lecturers, guest lecturers, and other contractual teaching staff.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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 13<sup>th</sup> is a Tuesday). The dates of the series are as follows: Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>; Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>; Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>; Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

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: The **Rev'd Canon Dr. Harold Munn** speaks on current interpretations of the cross and resurrection.

### **CHRISM MASS 2018**

Our bishop invites members of the diocese to attend the annual renewal of baptismal and ordination vows, and the blessings of oils for baptism and healing, at Christ Church Cathedral on Tuesday of Holy Week (March 27) at noon. If you wish to remain for a free lunch following, please register on the diocesan web site.

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

Sun. March 25	Palm Sunday: Eucharist: 8:00 am; 10:00 am
Mon. March 26	Eucharist: 10:00 am
Tues. March 27	Eucharist: 7:00 pm
Wed. March 28	Eucharist: 10:00 am
Thurs. March 29	Maundy Thursday Simple Supper, 6:00 pm, Fireside Room, followed by Eucharist and foot washing in the Church
Fri. March 30	Good Friday: Intergenerational service: 10:00 am Liturgy of the Cross, noon
Sat. March 31	Easter Vigil, Lighting of the Easter fire and Eucharist: 7
Sun. April 1	Easter Day: Eucharist: 8:00 am; 10:00 am, bring your bells for the ringing

### **EASTER SPEAKER SERIES "EXPERIENCING THE RESURRECTION"**

The Easter speaker series will run every Wednesday from April 11<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm.

April 11 Michael: "Resurrection Music from 1199 to today" in the Church

April 18: Harry Maier, Professor of New Testament, VST "Raised on the third day": The Resurrection of Jesus in the Early Church and Today. This will be held in the Fireside Room.

April 25: Michael: "Bach and Handel - a Resurrection Comparison". This will be held in the Church.

May 2: The Rev. Alasdair Smith: "Resurrection in Politics and Public life". This will be held in the Fireside Room.

### **REFUGEE NEWS**

Lama and her children had their medical examinations and interviews with the Canadian Visa Office in Beirut just before Christmas. A couple of weeks ago Lama and Sedra, the oldest child, were called back to the Visa Office for fingerprints. These are required for visas for entry to Canada from Lebanon for anyone over 14. 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](mailto:brendaharrison@shaw.ca) or leave a note in the "H" slot outside the Totem Room.

If you wish to donate to the Refugee Fund, please make cheques payable to St. Philip's with "Refugee Fund" on the offering envelope as well as on the "memo line" on the cheque. The proceeds of the upcoming Piano and Erhu Project concert at 4 pm on February 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Philip's will go to the Refugee Fund.

### **LENT MADNESS 2018 - WHO WILL WIN THE GOLDEN HALO?**

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](http://www.lentmadness.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/LentMadness-8_5x11.pdf)

Contact Beth if you wish to participate in a friendly competition to try to become the Supreme Saintly Selector.

## **PARISH POST**

The deadline for submissions for the next Parish Post is Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. The deadline is firm as Beth will be publishing very shortly after that date. Please submit your articles and pictures as soon as possible in order to guarantee a spot in the Post.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY**

Dear Neighbourhood Ministry volunteers,

I am delighted to share with you the news that over the past week, about 15 of the homeless clients served by the Neighbourhood Ministry were offered housing at the new modular homes building in Marpole. Move-ins have already started and will continue for the next few weeks. The building is operated by a non-profit group called Community Builders. We have reached out to them to see how we might help support their efforts to build a stable and strong community.

For the last several months, our street outreach and Mobile Care Unit volunteers have worked especially hard to prepare clients and ensure they are given every consideration for this housing. Volunteers have attended meetings with the City and BC Housing to offer assistance in locating candidates for the housing and helping them complete forms; spoken in support of the modular homes program at public meetings, often being "lone voices" in the room; toured the facility as it neared completion; and most of all, supported clients emotionally and with practical assistance, showing the care and compassion that is the hallmark of our ministry.

While not all of the current clients we serve were offered housing, we have been assured that they continue to be on the list as other modular homes projects are completed. Rest assured, we will continue advocating for every homeless person we meet.

Thanks to all of you who support the Neighbourhood Ministry's efforts in so many ways. Thank as always to Interim Clergy Leader The Rev. Alex Wilson for his steadfast and faithful support (and sorry I keep butting in). Please join me in giving thanks to God for the roofs that will now bless some of our friends.

Deacon Pitman

## **SENIORS CAFÉ RETURNS THIS SPRING!**

Our first Seniors Café of 2018 will be a special, spring-themed event on Tuesday, March 27. Bring a friend and join us in the Fireside Room from 10:00 am to Noon for friendly conversation, refreshments, and some table-top activities. Seniors Café will continue once a month on the second Tuesday of the month with further spring dates on April 10, May 8, and June 12.

## **FUNDING FOR SENIORS CAFÉ**

A special fund for Seniors Café has now been designated. Parishioners and community members wishing to make donations to support the Café program may now contribute by specifically naming Seniors Café when making a donation. We welcome contributions to a program that provides important social connections both for parishioners and for the Dunbar community. Other funding options are also being explored with the hope that we can return to making Seniors Café a bi-weekly event, particularly through the spring, summer, and fall months.

## **LEARNING PARTY WITH THE REVEREND EMILY SCOTT**

**Developing Ministries with Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship.**

Saturday, March 10, 9am-4pm at the Synod Office, 1410 Nanton Avenue.

Facilitated by the Rev. Emily Scott, founding pastor (2008-2017) of St. Lydia's Dinner Church in the Gowanus neighbourhood of Brooklyn, NYC, this Learning Party will give you (and your co-conspirators) an opportunity to develop theological, imaginative, and practical foundations for developing, sustaining, and multiplying new ministries in your community.

Joined by local church planters from St. Brigids, Salal + Cedar, St. Hildegard's Sanctuary and The Abbey, we'll ground everything we learn in the lived experience and context of ministry right here in British Columbia. The fee is \$35 per person. Please register on the diocesan web site.