

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

DATES TO NOTE

Mon. Mar. 19	Altar Guild Meeting, 2:00 pm, Fireside Room
Tues. Mar. 20	Church Committee, 7:30 pm, Fireside Room
Wed. Mar. 21	Lenten Speaker Series, 7:00 pm, Fireside Room, Rev'd Munn speaker
Sun. Mar. 25	Palm Sunday Services, 8:00 am, 10:00 am service
Mon. Mar. 26	Holy Monday Service, 10:00 am Service
Tues. Mar. 27	Holy Tuesday Service, 7:00 pm Service
Wed. Mar. 28	Holy Wednesday Service, 10:00 am Service
Thurs. Mar. 29	Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00 pm, Fireside Room
Friday. Mar. 30	Good Friday Services: Intergenerational Stations of the Cross service: 10:00 am; Liturgy of the Cross, noon
Sat. Mar. 31	Easter Vigil Service, 7:00 pm
Sun. Apr. 1	Easter Sunday Services, Eucharist: 8:00 am; 10:00 am, bring your bells for ringing

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.

SOUP MAKERS NEEDED FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

We need about 10 soups for our Maundy Thursday simple supper and service. If you can help with this, please speak to the Parish Manager, Beth Vondette.



LENTE 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. The date of the last presentation of the series is on Wednesday, March 21st. March 21st: Lenten series #6: The **Rev'd Canon Dr. Harold Munn** speaks on current interpretations of the cross and resurrection.



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 with Eucharist, 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room, followed by hand 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 pm
Sun. April 1	Easter Day: Eucharist: 8:00 am; 10:00 am, bring your bells for ringing the Alleluias!

EASTER SPEAKER SERIES “EXPERIENCING THE RESURRECTION”



The Easter speaker series will run every Wednesday from April 11th to May 9th at 7 pm in the Fireside Room.

April 11 Michael: "Resurrection Music from 1199 to today"

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

Paul said, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.... If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied (1 Cor. 15.17,19). But what did the earliest followers of Jesus mean when they confessed Jesus was raised from the dead? What do we in the 21st century mean when we profess the resurrection of Jesus? Is it a metaphor,

a symbol, an allegory, a scientific fact, a historical event, all of these things, or none of them? This talk invites us to explore what early Christians believed and ways they might teach us how to believe today. In the end, we will see that our lives indeed do depend on the resurrection, but not in the way many of us may at first think.

Harry O. Maier (vst.edu/people/dr-harry-o-maier) is Professor of New Testament and Early Christian Studies at Vancouver School of Theology, where he has taught since 1990. He is also a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and a Fellow at the Max Weber Center for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies at the University of Erfurt.

April 25: Michael: "Bach and Handel - a Resurrection Comparison".

May 2: The Rev. Alasdair Smith: "Resurrection in Politics and Public life".

MARY MAGDALENE - A HISTORICAL AND ARTISTIC JOURNEY

On May 9th at 7 pm, The Rev'd Dr. Marilyn Hames will give a presentation on "Mary Magdalene —a historical and artistic journey". Mary Magdalene has had quite the journey that took her from being regarded by the Church as the First Apostle, to a common whore, to the reformed sinner par extraordinaire, to everywoman/everyman, and recently being recognized and restored to the title 'Apostle to the Apostles'.

REFUGEE NEWS

The application for our sponsorship of Lama and her four children is still in process at the Canadian Visa Office in Beirut. In early February the Visa Office requested that Lama provide a death certificate for her late husband. This seems to be impossible. Recently, with a lot of input from Lama and her family, and much very helpful advice from the Diocesan Refugee Unit, an explanation with some documentation was submitted to the Visa Office. We are hoping for a favorable response from them soon.

We estimate that we will need \$40,000 for the basic support of Lama and her children for one year. So far we have \$32, 660.

The applications for the sponsorship of Lama's parents and brother are also in process at the Canadian Visa Office in Beirut. These were submitted about 7 months later than Lama's application. Not surprisingly, they have not been contacted for interviews yet. We have received \$10,000 from the Lear family for support of the parents. \$5000 for the parents and brother were pledged by St. Faith's parish. This is a good start for this part of the sponsorship, so donations coming in, unless otherwise specified, will be allocated to the \$40,000 for Lama and children.

If you wish to donate to the Refugee Fund, please make cheques payable to St. Philip's with "Refugee Fund" on the envelope as well as on the memo line.

For more information, please contact Mary Lymburner, 778-898-5117, or kmarylymburner@telus.net

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.

PHOTO DIRECTORY

In celebration of the arrival of our soon-to-arrive Rector in May, we will be putting together a new photo directory! This is a great resource for Stuart to get to know our faces and names. Even for the Church office, it is important to have a tool to refer to that would place a name to a face. A project like this doesn't happen every year, and our last one was 15 years ago!!

Here is your chance to get that professional portrait and all will take place right here at our Church. Every family will get a copy of this photo directory free for just having their portrait taken (and at no cost to St. Philip's either!) There is no obligation to purchase portraits. There is only one appointment required for both photography and viewing. The appointments are 30 minutes. Please sign up on the sheets in the gym. We need you! We need everyone! Please help us make this Church Photo Directory as complete as possible! The photo directory committee thanks you in advance for your participation and support in this very significant project. Volunteers will be contacting everyone on the existing Parish Roll in the next few days to schedule an appointment or to confirm a scheduled appointment.

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.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The weekly outings, such as the one described below, remain an important part of the neighbourhood ministry. Unfortunately, a few of our most dedicated Outdoor Team members have had to step down recently for health reasons. We would welcome new volunteers. This involves a commitment of about 2 1/2 hours on a Saturday morning once a month. For more information, please contact Mary Lymburner, 778-898-5117 or kmarylymburner@telus.net or Beth Vondette in the office.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY WISH LIST

The street ministry is in need of the following: Boost-type nutrition drinks, tinned meat/fish, individual desserts, dessert/fruit packs, fruit juices, and socks. Donations may be left in the narthex in the marked basket. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY REPORT

I started the morning by going to St. John's Shaughnessy where Ken and Alberta met me. I was very generously supplied with packets, bananas, lots of hard boiled eggs, lots of sandwiches and various clothing items. I then came back west and picked up Caroline outside St. Helen's and Rhona at 4th and Highbury. At 4th and Highbury we met a large group. J, T, B, D and A all have housing. M is housed in a BC Housing building in the DTES. He would like to move as he finds the other residents there quite rough. He says he cannot apply to move to another BC Housing facility until he has been there one year, which will be up soon. I advised him to talk to a worker at his current building or come to Kits showers. D is still waiting for housing, and I understand has applications in. He wants a place close to transportation to his work. We met C who was new to us. He was housed for 9 years, but recently moved out due to inability to comply with smoking restrictions. He is 59 years old. He was homeless for a long time in the past, and knew T, A and others from his time on the street. We encouraged him to go to Kits showers to look into housing options. Everyone was happy to take some food.

Continuing along 4th to Vine we saw only T panhandling on the NE corner. He took some food. He lives in an apartment nearby. It is unusual not to find P selling megaphones on that corner and usually one or two other people as well.

Further along 4th at Maple we found R (R) and C sitting on a bench enjoying the sun. They had been doing some artwork, both painting and woodcarving. They had been at the ER earlier in the day as C had had fairly severe bleeding from his gums. They took some food. They have applications in place for housing and are optimistic that they will find housing soon.

Continuing on to Granville we found S and G. G was in quite good spirits. S seemed worried about not having

been called in for modular housing yet. We encouraged them that there are several buildings which will be ready soon.

In a laneway beside the McDonald's on Broadway we found two men new to us. S is a young First Nations man who says he usually stays further east. He is homeless. He seemed to know about the Carnegie Outreach and was thinking of approaching their office on Main Street. He was happy to take some food. K looked older, likely in his 40s or early 50s. He said he was in a BC Housing building by recently was evicted as the building was torn down and the site is to be redeveloped. He is familiar with the Carnegie Outreach office downtown and we also told him about Kits showers. He was very hungry and happy for some food and extra sandwiches. On Broadway at his usual spot in front of London Drugs we found S. He had an interview for housing just a couple of days ago and is waiting to hear back. He took a packet but did not want much else.

At Broadway and McDonald in front of the Safeway we met S. He was in good spirits. He has applied for housing, and would like to be accepted to the modular housing in Marpole. He is worried that at 41 he might be too young. He took some food.

We went down Dunbar to the Shoppers at 27th and found J. He was very welcoming. It is his birthday and one of the workers in the store had given him a birthday card. He was happy to take some food. He lives in the 7th and Fir building.

Then we dropped off leftover sandwiches, eggs and bananas at 17th and Dunbar.

We had some bottled water with us, and were surprised how happy the guys were to receive this. We should make a point of taking it along in the future.

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