

Celebrant: The Rev'd. Stuart Hallam
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DATES TO NOTE

Mon. Oct. 8	Thanksgiving Monday, office closed
Sat. Oct. 13	St. Philip's Youth Group event
Sun. Oct. 14	Family Service, 10:00 am, Church
Sun. Oct. 14	Family Service luncheon, 12:00 pm, Gym
Sun. Oct. 14	Neighbourhood Ministry Benefit Concert, 5:00 pm, Church
Tues. Oct. 16	Church Committee, 7:30 pm, Totem Room
Sat. Oct. 20	All Parish Open Gym (APOG), 6:00 pm, Fireside Room/Gym
Mon. Oct. 22	Outreach Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm, Upstairs Meeting Room
Sun. Oct. 28	Halloween Lunch for Church School, noon, Fireside Room
Sat. Nov. 3 - Nov. 4	St. Philip's Youth Group Retreat
Sun. Nov. 4	Family Service, 10:00 am, Church
Sun. Nov. 4	Family Service luncheon, 12:00 pm, Gym
Sun. Nov 4	Mozart Requiem Concert, 4 pm, Church

FAMILY SERVICE LUNCHEON

Everyone is invited after Church next Sunday for a catered sit-down lunch provided by the Fellowship Committee. There will be a lunch after every Family service. Next month's Family Service will be October 4 and will be a potluck. December 2nd will be catered.

COMMUNICATIONS

You may now use www.stphilipsdunbar.com to register for email updates of our weekly Bulletins, quarterly Parish Post and occasional notices. Just follow the "Email Updates" link at the top of our website page (or in the menu on mobile devices) and enter your Name, and Email. You will then receive an email when these are published.

CONTRIBUTION REPORTS AVAILABLE

The year-to-date contribution statements are available for pickup from our Envelope Secretary, Paul Harrison, after Church on Sunday. These are not tax receipts, but a tool to let you check that the Church's records are accurate.

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.

FAMILY SERVICE ORCHESTRA

Calling all musicians! St Philip's is looking to form an orchestra. We hope to rehearse once a month prior to the Family Service. Contact Michael if you play an instrument. We need violinists, flutes, bass instruments, guitars, cellos and percussionists.

<https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/news/st-philips-september-post> CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS WANTED

The Church School is actively recruiting new teachers. If you feel called to this ministry, registration for training is now open at <https://godlyplaybcevents.weebly.com>. The next training sessions are November 3 & 24 and January 12 and will be held at Pacific Spirit United Church (formerly Ryerson United). The cost is \$125 per day, with a discount if you attend all three. The course is fun and a great foundation! Please speak with Erin McDougall if you are interested.

REFUGEE NEWS

Lama and family have been given a desk top PC by Mosaic, with keyboard, monitor, mouse and connection cords. We are looking for one or more volunteers to hook it up and make sure the family can use it, and in general to be the IT support person(s) for the family. They are used to using smartphones, and really looking forward to having a computer. Please speak to Mary Lymburner or Debbie Matheson if you can help.

Lama and her children arrived on September 13. They are getting settled into their new home. The children are now in school, and the boys especially seem very happy to be there. The boys are also starting soccer. It is not easy for them to be away from their friends and family in Lebanon, and to be unable to communicate with those around them. The children in particular should learn English quickly. Fortunately they have relatives in North Vancouver to visit. The application for Lama's parents, Nasriddin and Fatmeh, and her younger brother, Ward, has been in process at the Canadian Visa Office in Beirut for about a year now. Just this week they have been given appointments for their interviews at the Visa Office. These will take place on October 3. So this is the beginning of activity on this file. Their arrival is likely still some months away. St. John's Shaughnessy agreed to sponsor Lama's sister, Hadeel, with her husband, Bassel, and three young children. St. Philip's has agreed to be co-sponsor for them, contributing some hands on work when they arrive, but not any money. Their application was received at IRCC at the end of August. This is a more educated branch of the family, with quite young children, so should settle in more easily. It will likely be almost 2 years before they arrive. Though we have received many generous donations, there have been some additional expenses for our Refugee Family, therefore donations will be gratefully received. Cheques can be made to St. Philip's with Refugee Fund on the envelope as well as on the memo line. For more information, please contact Mary Lymburner at kmarylymburner@telus.net or 778-898-5117.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

A reminder that Food Bank Sunday is today, 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.

HOMELESSNESS ACTION WEEK BENEFIT CONCERT

In commemoration of Homelessness Action Week in Vancouver, the Neighbourhood Ministry will host a concert at St. Philip's Dunbar (3737 W. 27th Ave) on Sunday, October 14 at 5:00-6:30 pm with reception to follow. The concert will feature Rebecca Jenkins and Joel Bakan, a well-known duo on the Vancouver Jazz scene, and will also hear from Deacon Pitman's Pro Bono Publicum and friends. All proceeds go to the Neighbourhood Ministry. **Volunteers needed to: Donate appetizers for the reception.** If you can help in any way please email Rhona Thornton at rhonat@telus.net or contact Beth in the office.



NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

Thank-you very much for all of you who brought contributions to our ministry. Currently we are looking for **canned meat and fish, rain pants, men's waterproof shoes and boots, sleeping bags, thermal sleeping pads and men's underwear.** Please place the items in the basket labeled "Neighbourhood Ministry".

The following is a summary of the activities of the Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood Ministry over the last two weeks, including highlights from our Saturday Street Outreach teams and our Mobile Care Unit (MCU).

The second half of September was lively and exciting. The Saturday Outreach Teams made 31 connections with homeless and vulnerable neighbours. The food packets were well received, and many are seeking rain gear, now that Fall has arrived. The MCU visit to St. Augustine's was bustling as ever and welcomed a new volunteer to the site: Angela. Welcome Angela! 5 clients were served on the medical side and 5 clients served by the Social Services Team.

The MCU team at Kits Showers assisted several people on the medical and social services side. One client began the arduous process of completing an Income Assistance form, which can take several sessions to complete. It was a joyous morning compounded by the happiness of two former homeless clients the MCU had assisted in acquiring homes. These successes also give hope to those individuals who continue to be on waiting lists.