

**Celebrant: The Rev'd. Stuart Hallam**  
**Preacher: The Rev'd Stuart Hallam**

**DATES TO NOTE**

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| Today               | Family Service, 10:00 am, Church                      |
| Today               | Family Service luncheon, noon, Gym *Potluck*          |
| Today               | Mozart Requiem Concert, 4 pm, Church                  |
| Mon. Nov. 5         | Jones Girls, noon, Fireside Room                      |
| Wed. Nov. 7         | Parish Post Deadline, noon                            |
| Sat. Nov. 10        | Server Training, 2:00 pm, Church                      |
| <b>Sun. Nov. 11</b> | <b>Remembrance Day Service, 10:30 am, Church</b>      |
| Mon. Nov. 12        | Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday, office closed      |
| Thurs. Nov. 15      | Yunnan - Adventures in China, 7:00 pm, Fireside Room  |
| Sat. Nov. 17        | All Parish Open Gym and Games, 6:00 pm, Fireside Room |
| <b>Sat. Dec. 1</b>  | <b>Christmas Fair, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm</b>            |

**FAMILY SERVICE POTLUCK LUNCH**

There will be a pot luck lunch today after the 10 am Family Service. All are welcome! Please drop off your well identified dishes in the kitchen before 10 am on Sunday and please remember to take your dishes (and leftovers, if any) home with you after the lunch. All hands will be needed to take down the tables and chairs afterwards.

**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 sent to the Food Bank. Many thanks for your contributions.

**2019 CHURCH CALENDARS AVAILABLE**

The new 2019 Church Calendars are for sale for \$6.00 each and can be purchased from the Church Office or after Church on Sunday.



**CHRISTMAS CAKE BAKERS NEEDED!**

It may seem early, but the Christmas Fair is not far off. If you can follow a recipe and would like to find out the secrets of the famous St. Philip's Christmas Cake - please talk to Catriona Wilson or Joanne Vondette who would love to have you join our team of bakers. Most ingredients and pans provided! If you have an 8x8 square fruitcake pan languishing in your basements, please bring them to Church.

**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.



**FAREWELL CARD FOR MARILYN**

There will be a card for people to sign available every Sunday up to the November 25. If people aren't able to be there on the Sundays they can email Amanda Holley at [thistlesnaps@gmail.com](mailto:thistlesnaps@gmail.com) or come to the office during the week.

**PARISH POST DEADLINE QUICKLY APPROACHING!**

The deadline for submissions for the next Parish Post is Wednesday, November 7<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.

**It's that time again! We are requesting your help to provide Christmas hampers for families in two eastside schools.**

Food for Families: We gather food for the hampers as a community. You can help by bringing even one or two items of food to church each Sunday. If you are able, please contribute to the general collection as described below. Items are collected then distributed amongst the families as part of each hamper. We have organized Sundays as follows:

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| Sunday November 18 | Food for Dinner  |
| Sunday November 25 | Food for Lunch   |
| Sunday December 2  | Food for Breakfast   |
| Sunday December 9  | Treats   |
| Sunday December 16 | Any items still needed - organizing and packing of hampers   |
| Monday December 17 | Purchase of Turkeys and Hams. Delivery of Hampers to Schools |



**Please do not include:**

Perishable items, such as fresh meat, fruit, vegetables, dairy products or alcohol.

Gifts for families: In addition to bringing food items which will be pooled and distributed among the hampers, individuals or families of the parish will be invited to select one of the hamper families and purchase gifts for the members of that family. Watch for details.

**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 24 and January 12 and will be held at Pacific Spirit United Church (formerly Ryerson United). The course is fun and a great foundation! The cost will be covered by the church school. Please speak with Erin McDougall if you are interested.

**ADVENT WREATH MAKING ON DECEMBER 2**

As you know, traditionally on the first Sunday of advent at St Philip's we supply the materials for people to make advent wreaths. For many years Nancy Kwasnicki has supplied all of the greenery. However, she will no longer be able to do so, therefore we need volunteers to bring in greenery- holly, fir, cedar etc.- on Dec 2nd. Please let Rhona Thornton ([rhonat@telus.net](mailto:rhonat@telus.net)) if you will be able to contribute.

**REFUGEE NEWS**

Lama and her children arrived on September 13. All are now in school, including Lama. 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 applications for Lama's parents, Nasriddin and Fatmeh, and her younger brother, Ward, are being processed at the Canadian Visa Office in Beirut. They had some preliminary meeting on October 3. Their formal interview at the Visa Office is scheduled for November 13. Their arrival is likely still some months away. Lama will be very relieved to have them here. 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. This application has been accepted (the application, not the people) and sent on to the Canadian Visa Office in Beirut. It will likely be at least 18 months until 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](mailto:kmarylymburner@telus.net) or 778-898-5117.



### **NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY**

**We could use cans of meat, fruit, or applesauce cups, nutrition drinks (ensure), fruit juice boxes, clean underwear for men, rain pants, warm waterproof jackets, sleeping bags, sleeping mats, hats, and/or gloves.**

Consider adding in a can of meat, a package of fruit cups or a pair of gloves to your shopping cart each time you're at the store- every little bit helps.

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

The MCU team visiting St. Augustine's welcomed a new volunteer, Tim, and the two new social work students, Victoria and Monica. The medical team saw a steady stream of clients. The biggest need on the social services side was for housing. Also assisted a client to apply for income assistance. It is a daunting, complicated, online-only process which does not seem geared to those it serves.

The MCU team visited Kits Showers and noticed a slower than usual start to the morning. The medical team had five clients. The social services team saw three return clients. Another client popped in to inform the team of his newly-housed status. It is heartwarming to witness happiness on the face of someone recently housed!

Neighbourhood Ministry's Team 4 made 15 connections on their route. Everyone at the 4<sup>th</sup> and Highbury gathering spot are now all housed! Generally, all people met were in good spirits, though one person was not having a good day. A team member thought she recognized someone from an outing years ago, but that individual elected to not speak with the team.

The MCU team visiting M. Mitchell Place had a vastly different experience from their first visit. The word is now out, and clients came in droves! The team stayed an extra hour to meet the demand. The medical team saw 6 clients and the social services team assisted 8 clients. It is clear that the staff members at the residence are supportive of our services and have been encouraging residents to visit the team, they even put a flyer under every resident's door announcing the team's services.

Neighbourhood Ministry's Team 2 were informed that the day before was "Welfare Friday" so were unlikely to have as many people come out by one of the few regulars they saw. The team made 9 connections, and were able to give generously to each person and deliver the remaining perishables to Dunbar House.

### **FEASABILITY STUDY**

As you may know, St. Philip's commissioned a firm to chart our building maintenance requirements for the coming years, the replacement of our roofing material being one of the most immediate needs. All the details of this study can be found here: [www.stphilipsdunbar.com/news/2017-building-assessment-and-capital-plan](http://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/news/2017-building-assessment-and-capital-plan)

In addition, Stuart has encouraged us to participate in a vision for St. Philip's as described in Stuart's sermon on September 9<sup>th</sup>: <https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/blog/the-story-so-far-and-a-vision-for-st-philips>  
The core message is the desire to grow St. Philip's into an Anglican Centre for Spirituality and Social Justice by building on the history of successful social and outreach programs that have been a part of this community for many years.

Maintenance and growth require investment, and to explore our needs going forward, the Trustees have

retained the firm of Waller & Associates to conduct a Feasibility Study for St. Philip's. The key aspects of this study will involve Waller & Associates interviewing a cross-section of parishioners to discuss and collect insights into the vision of St. Philip's going forward, to touch on the financial requirements of that vision, and to determine if we are ready to embark on a Fundraising Campaign in 2019. In addition to one-on-one interviews with a sub-set of parishioners, there will be an online survey available to parishioners to provide their input. The information discovered during this process will be gathered into a report that will form the basis of a Fundraising Campaign.

In discussing this option with those who have experienced fundraising studies and campaigns in other parishes, it was clear that such a study leads to a sharper understanding of the financial strength of the community, greater clarity of what parishioners want, and an increase in parishioner engagement.

This process is being guided by a feasibility task group to guide the process and is comprised of Stuart Hallam, Brian Mix, Moira Bryans, Penni Stock, Sarah Burns, Sarah Howard, and Craig Wilson. Waller & Associates is a specialized firm that works exclusively with Christian and non-profit organizations. More information is available on their website [waller.ca].

The task group and Waller look forward to sharing the next steps as we embark on this important study over the next few months. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Craig Wilson, on behalf of the task group.

### **CARETAKER ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Wardens are very pleased to announce that Sarah Garland has been selected as St. Philip's Caretaker. The delay in our announcement is due to the wait for Sarah's work visa, applied for on August 24th. For now, we have a chance to let you know a little about Sarah who, in addition to being our Caretaker, is keen to join the St. Philip's worship and music communities.

Sarah is from Australia and has recently been working, and then volunteering when her work-visa expired, at St. Benedict's Monastery and Retreat Centre in Winnipeg. Her work there included housekeeping, moving chairs and tables, cleaning windows, gardening, car washing, and snow shoveling, aligning nicely with our Caretaker profile. Sarah has also been repairing and polishing furniture and painting the outside doors while at St. Benedict's.

Sarah has a broad set of skills and training, including a BA completed in 2001 with a double major in Psychology and Theology; Woodworking, polishing and upholstery skills acquired through the family business; and courses in Fine Woodworking. Sarah also has training and experience with pastoral care and working with adults with disabilities. And she plays the Ukulele! We look forward to welcoming Sarah when her work visa comes through.

### **PASTORAL LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP SKELTON REGARDING THE PITTSBURGH SYNAGOGUE SHOOTING**

*Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.  
Psalm 130*

Dear People of the Diocese of New Westminster,

Once again it's happened—the shooting and killing of eleven innocent people in the US and the wounding of six others. This time the violent act appears to be motivated by anti-Semitism in that the killings occurred in a synagogue during Saturday prayers.

The CBC interviewed two elderly Holocaust survivors living in Pittsburgh about the event and this is what they said: "I don't know what I feel today. I honestly don't know. It's a very sad day. We always said 'never again' but it did happen again. Eleven people lost their lives just because they were Jewish."

When people are attacked as they were in Pittsburgh, all of us are attacked. This time the attack was on our Jewish brothers and sisters. In Montreal the attack was on our Muslim relations. In South Carolina, the attack was on our Christian brothers and sisters.

Please join me in prayer for all our relations, especially at this time for those who died (Joyce, Richard, Rose, Jerry, Cecil, David, Bernice, Sylvan, Daniel, Melvin, Irvin), those who were injured, and their families. Please pray for the first responders, the police, the medical personnel, and all those affected by the killings. Pray for our leaders and for politicians in the US and in Canada that they will lead with wisdom and integrity in the context of gun violence. And pray for the perpetrator and for his family who will have been forever changed by their association with this act.

*In Christ,  
+ Melissa*



**Christmas Fair**  
**Saturday, December 1**  
**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Raffle:** Four Tickets to The Arts Club's Miss Bennet: Xmas at Pemberley Thurs. Dec. 13, 7:30 pm; Basket of Christmas Treats; Christmas Centerpiece

**Four weeks to Convene, Create, Collect and Donate**

**Conveners**

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| · Attic Treasures: silver, fine china, linens, crystal  | Ann Kent                          |
| · Silent Auction: gifts, tickets, services, dining, art | Glenna Geddes                     |
| · Raffle: \$20 per booklet. Buy Sundays or from office  | Bruce Gregg                       |
| · Handcrafts for everyone                               |                                   |
| · Kitchen Gourmet                                       | Sheila Butt & Dora Martin         |
| · Christmas Cakes                                       | Catriona Wilson & Joanne Vondette |
| · Bake Shop: loaves, cakes, shortbread, gingerbread...  | Laurie Cassie & Lana Dolman       |
| · Small Gifts & Jewelry                                 |                                   |
| · Christmas Table: festive ware (no boughs, please)     | Kira Domaschuk                    |
| · Tea Room  | Mary Pollock & Ursula Bell        |
| · Bottle Tombola: sauce, juice, wine, shampoo, pop...   | Kids & Youth                      |
| · Hot Dog BBQ   |                                   |

**Elves are needed for MANY roles before & during the Fair: please help!**

- o Silent Auction                      Solicit donations from businesses & parishioners.  
**Get Silent Auction letters and Fair Posters for businesses from mailbox S.**
- o Lawn signs & fair posters: let's blanket Dunbar St. and neighbourhoods
- o Decorate:                              Wed. Nov. 28, 9:00 - 12:00                      We need helpers!
- o Set-up Tables                          Wed. Nov 28    Custodian? & Helpers
- o Skirt & Set-Up                              Thurs & Friday                                      Conveners et al
- o Bankers                                      Accounting & security                              Counting Team
- o Sellers                                      Sat. Dec. 1,                      10:00 - 2:30                                      Sign Up, please
- o Greeters/Security                      "                      10:00 - 2:00                                      Barry Smith et al
- o Take down, clean up                      "                      2:00 - 3:00                                      All hands on deck!
- o Attic Treasures Pack-Up: we need a team to help Ann Kent. Volunteer!

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