

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

DATES TO NOTE

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
Sat. Dec. 1	Christmas Fair, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Sun. Dec. 2	Advent 1: Family Service, 10:00 am, Church
Sun. Dec. 2	Advent Wreath Making, 11:30 am, Gym
Sun. Dec. 2	Abendmusik Advent Vespers, 7:30 pm, Church
Mon. Dec. 3	Jones Girls, noon, Fireside Room
Sat. Dec. 8	St. Philip's Youth Group Progressive Dinner, 6:00 pm, Various Locations
Sun. Dec. 9	Advent Carol Service, 4 pm, Church

OUTREACH FAMILY CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

The season of Advent is fast approaching and, once again, St. Philip's Outreach is sponsoring our family Advent and Epiphany Fundraiser. This year, we are raising funds to purchase pigs to help farmers raise protein for themselves and their villages. \$30 will purchase a pair of pigs. The funds we raise will be matched by the federal government. We welcome all donations in any amount until the end of Epiphany (January 6). Thank you for continuing to support the family Advent fundraiser. Any questions, please speak to Penni Stock, Outreach co-chair. **Please write "Advent and Epiphany Fundraiser" on the memo line of the cheques and on your envelopes. Thank you.**

CHRISTMAS CAKE ORDERS NOW BEING TAKEN!

Interested in ordering St. Philip's famous Christmas Cake? Orders are now being taken by Catriona Wilson and Joanne Vondette. To order, please leave a note in either the "V" or "W" mailboxes. Cakes will be available for collection on the day of the Fair, December 1st, 2018 from 11 am to 2 pm at \$15 per quarter cake. Read about the history of our famous Christmas Cake and how it has become a marquee of the annual Christmas Fair: <https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/news/a-history-of-our-christmas-cake>

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.

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 or come to the office during the week. Amanda is looking for 4-6 photos of Marilyn for the card. She will need them by Sunday November 18 in order to put card together.

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>

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) if you will be able to contribute.

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:

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.

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 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 4th 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.

FEASIBILITY 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.stphilipdunbar.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 9th: <https://www.stphilipdunbar.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.

CALLING FOR ATTIC TREASURES DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Do you have antique, vintage, or modern pieces of china, glass, or silver in good condition seeking a new home? Bestsellers at Attic Treasures over the past few years have been bone china cups and saucers and lunch and dinner sets, glass and crystal bowls, and silver-plated serving pieces. Distinctive pottery pieces and classic

table linens were very popular last year as were solid brass decor items. Vintage costume jewellery items are also much appreciated.

Our small team of volunteers is already busy washing and polishing items for the Fair. Please drop off your donations to the church kitchen, in a box or bag clearly marked Attic Treasures, between 10:00 and 3:00 on Tuesday, November 27, or Wednesday, November 28. Or, bring items with you to church on Sunday, November 25, and leave them in the kitchen. One of our team will collect the items to prepare and store ready for the Fair.

VOLUNTEERS FOR ATTIC TREASURES

Our greatest need for volunteers is on the day of the Christmas Fair. We especially need two cashiers plus two people to pack fragile purchases, available from 10:30 to 2:00 on Saturday. We will also need several people to help wrap and box items that have not been sold and to carry these back to storage in the basement, from 2:00 to 3:30 on Saturday.

If you have questions about Attic Treasures donations or volunteering, please contact Ann Kent at ann@catkingardens.ca. Thank you!

SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction is looking for help in obtaining items from our local Merchants.

There is a letter prepared from The Rector, outlining our event and requesting a donation. These should be given to the Merchants so they have our Charitable Donation number.

If you are able to hand these letters out along a street or two in a designated area, or have a favorite business of which you would like to make a special request, please see find the letters in the "S" mail slot.

Thank you so much for helping.

Glenna glenna.geddes@telus.net or 604-224-5495



Invitation to Marilyn's Farewell Party, November 24, 2018 5:00pm to 8:00pm

You are cordially invited, as current and former parishioners, to come and share a special evening celebrating Marilyn and her service with us here at

St. Philip's on the evening of Saturday, November 24th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be some songs, a poem, some photos and perhaps a chance or two to share memories and stories of Marilyn's time here with us. If you are coming, please bring a Plate for Eight of appies or hors d'oeuvres to share---dessert goodies and baking along with liquid refreshments will be supplied. If you wish to pay respect to Marilyn's love of dress-up, please come wearing a tiara, fascinator, hat or ??? This is optional.

There is a card available in the gym during the November coffee times for you to add your thoughts, thanks and prayers for Marilyn. If you, or someone you know, wishes to add a message but can't make it to church, please send your message to Amanda Holley at thistlesnaps@gmail.com and she will add it to the card.

We will also be having a special coffee hour following Marilyn's last service on Sunday, November 25th so please come and join us for both or either event as we say our goodbyes and send Marilyn and Andrew off in true St. Philip's style.

For more information please contact Penni Stock, Charlotte French or Craig Wilson



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

Three weeks to Convene, Create, Collect and Donate Conveners

- Attic Treasures: silver, fine china, linens, crystal Ann Kent, E Knox
- Silent Auction: gifts, tickets, services, dining, art Glenna Geddes
- Raffle: \$20 per booklet. Buy Sundays or from office Bruce Gregg
- Handcrafts for everyone Diana Bragg & Juliet Helliwell
- 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 Janet Brown & Cynthia Bouchard
- Christmas Table: festive ware (no boughs, please) Kira Domaschuk & Diane Driscoll
- Tea Room Mary Pollock & Ursula Bell
- Bottle Tombola: sauce, juice, wine, shampoo, pop... Kids & Youth
- Hot Dog BBQ Terryann Naumann & Youth

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

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

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~Christmas Fair 2018~ Saturday, December 1

Do you have a special talent, some spare time, or a treasure you could offer for auction?

Could you cook and serve a dinner for four; prepare a picnic; bake a fancy cake; serve a cream tea; coach a language; write a will; do a tax return; babysit; garden/prune roses (specify length of time); clean a house (specify length of time); paint a room; whatever your skills/specialties include. If you are a season ticket holder for the symphony, hockey, theatre, perhaps you could donate a pair of tickets.

We also need material items, either donated by you, or from retailers and companies. Gift certificates are particularly welcome. Please consider asking your favourite hairdresser, bakery, clothes store, etc., for a donation.

Please indicate your offer below and return this slip in the collection plate, or drop it off at the church office by Sunday November 18.

**For more information contact Glenna Geddes at
604-224-5495 or glenna.geddes@telus.net**

Silent Auction: I can offer

Donor Name: _____

Phone/e-mail _____

Item/ Service Details: (what? how many? how long? when?)

VALUE \$ _____

(This is very important to help me establish a fair starting bid)

Thank you!