

Celebrant: The Rev'd. Dr. Marilyn Hames
Preacher: The Rev'd Dr. Marilyn Hames

CELEBRATING MARILYN

There will be a special coffee hour following Marilyn's last official service today, so please come to join in the thanks to Marilyn for all she has done at St. Philip's and to wish Marilyn and Andrew all the best.

DATES TO NOTE

- 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
- Sun. Dec. 16 Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long, 7:00 pm, Church
- Mon. Dec. 17 Hampers Delivery, 9:30 am, Gym
- Sun. Dec. 23 A reading of Charles Dickens' **A Christmas Carol**, 7:00 pm, Church
- Mon. Dec. 24 Family Nativity Service, 5:00 pm, Church
- Mon. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols, 7:30 pm, Church
- Mon. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist, 10:00 pm, Church
- Tues. Dec. 25 Christmas Day Service, 9:00 am, Church
- Wed. Dec. 26 Boxing Day, Church office closed

UPCOMING FUNERALS

The funeral for Joanna Shephard will be held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, December 5th, 2018.
The funeral for Pat Nanson will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, December 8th, 2018.

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 25 Food for Lunch
- Sunday December 2 Food for Breakfast
- Sunday December 9 Treats
- Sunday December 16 it's whatever is 'missing' and our raucous Packing Day, after the 10a.m. service with "all hands on deck"!
- Monday December 17 Purchase of Turkeys and Hams. Delivery Day - drivers needed. Details later.

Christmas Hampers



Please do not include:

Perishable items, such as fresh meat, fruit, vegetables, dairy products or alcohol. If you miss a Sunday between now and Dec.16, you can always leave your non-perishable food donations mid-week in the Hamper Drive baskets at the back of the church, to the left of the 'old' baptismal font.

Also today, we invite parishioners to 'adopt' one of our Hamper Families for whom Christmas gifts will be purchased, wrapped and brought to church on Dec.16 for Packing Day. These gifts should be of modest cost (max. ~ \$20.per gift). Please look for the Christmas tree in the gym decorated with family tags, then choose one before picking up the corresponding envelope from Helen Weatherall and Penni Stock.

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>

REFUGEE NEWS

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.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING ON DECEMBER 2

After service on Sunday December 2nd there will be supplies provided for those who want to make an advent wreath. If you have a base from a previous year and are able to bring it please do so. If you are able to help with setting up the tables and supplies please email Rhona Thornton at rhonat@telus.net

RECORDING SERMONS & SETTING MIC LEVELS

We're building a team to record sermons and set mic levels during the 10 AM Sunday Services. Those interested can put their names down on the sign up sheet in the gym or send Craig an email at grog.wilson@gmail.com. Craig will run a tutorial after one or more of the 10 AM services and then create a roster for the year. If you would like to see how this works right away, you are welcome to join Craig at the soundboard during a service.

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.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

The Neighbourhood Ministry is looking for another member for our indoor team to help out once a month on Saturday mornings from 8:30/9 - 10am getting items ready for the out team, this may be a good opportunity for a teen to earn volunteer hours.



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.

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 had a busy night! The medical team saw 3 clients and the social services team assisted 6 people. The MCU team visited Kits Showers had a fairly quiet morning at Kits with one person commenting that it was because everyone was getting housed! There were 3 connections made on the social services side and a few on the medical side.

Neighbourhood Ministry's Team 1 made 10 connections on their route. Some usual faces, but 4 new ones as well.

The MCU team visiting M. Mitchell Place had a quiet session in comparison to the last. The medical team saw 2 clients and 3 clients assisted by the social services team.

Neighbourhood Ministry's Team 4 made 12 connections. There were 4 people that were unfamiliar to the team, though one had met the previous week's team. The cold weather gear is very appreciated.

For a full write up from the street teams and Mobile Care Unit, please subscribe to our email list by contacting Beth, our Office Administrator, at ministrymcu@gmail.com

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.

DONATIONS 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, 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

DONATIONS TO THE FAIR

Parishioners are asked to deposit items for the Christmas Fair from Sunday Nov 25 in the four marked plastic tubs at the back of the stage. Please bring in your donations by noon Friday Nov 30. **Silent Auction donations should be in by Thursday at the very latest.** Baked goods must be delivered to the kitchen on Friday, labelled "Baking".

JAM AND PRESERVES COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS FAIR

Would everyone who has made preserves for the kitchen gourmet stall, please bring their labelled jars to the Sacristy on Sunday morning, November 25th or Thursday, November 29th between 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm so that they can be priced ahead of the Fair. Contributions can still be dropped off on the morning of the Fair by 10 am, but we would prefer to get as much done as we can ahead of time. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS FAIR

3 volunteers needed in baked goods for pricing and packing on **Friday, Nov. 30th** from 6 - 10 pm.

Silent Auction needs: 2 volunteers on **Friday, November, 30th** from 3 -5 pm; 1 volunteer at 9 am on **Saturday, Dec. 1st** to set up; and 3 volunteers at the end of the fair (two for only 30-40 minutes to contact winning bidders).

Handcrafted gifts need 1 volunteer to help set up on **Friday, November 30th** from 10 am to 1 pm.

Attic Treasures: two volunteers to "float" in the Totem Room on Saturday, December 1st from 11 am to 1 pm.

Our greatest need for volunteers is at the end of the fair, we need **3 - 6 volunteers** 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.

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
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.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.



Christmas Fair Saturday Dec. 1 11:00 - 2:00 PM

Raffle: Four Tickets to The Arts Club's Miss Bennet: Xmas at Pemberley Thurs. Dec. 13; Christmas Treats; Xmas Centrepiece from Stems @ Stongs

One week remains to 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 in 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... | Laurie Cassie & Lana Dolman |
| · Small Gifts & Jewellery | Janet Brown & Cynthia Bouchard |
| · Christmas Table: festive ware | Kira Domaschuk & Diane Driscoll |
| · Tea Room | Mary Pollock & Ursula Bell |
| · Bottle Tombola: sauce, juice, wine, shampoo, pop... | Kids & Youth |

Hot Dog BBQ

Terryn Naumann & Youth

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 5.
 - o Lawn signs & fair posters: let's blanket Dunbar St. and neighbourhoods
 - o Decorate: Wed. Nov. 28, 9:00-Noon Four helpers needed
 - o Set-up Tables Wed. Nov 28, 6:30-7:30 Muscle Movers Needed!
 - 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!
- Debbie Matheson debbiematheson53@gmail.com 604-202-6196
Marian Boyle marianboyle@shaw.ca 604-263-0751

~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!