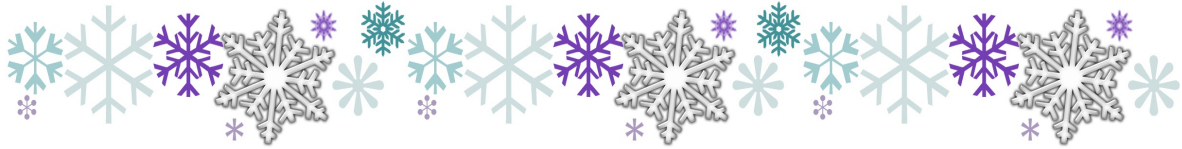


DATES TO NOTE

Today	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



Thank you to all the volunteers who made the Christmas Fair such a success! We realized \$2650.00 from the 82 items that were donated to the Silent Auction. With some income still to come from Attic Treasures and the Silent Auction, Christine Cen reports that the 2018 Christmas Fair has so far made a profit of \$14,206.47.

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2018

Thanks to many generous volunteers, donors and shoppers, this year's Christmas Fair has earned over \$14,000 to be used in wonderful ways! We know that some of you start months ahead to reach this result and dedicate your talents every year. Thanks to Bakers and the Tea Room team. (Collect your plastic containers, please.) Christmas Cakes (\$15) are available after each service, until they are gone. Hurry! Their delicious ingredients come from Weigh-to-Go bulk foods at 3534 W. 41 St. This year's Raffle winners are Meg Coulombe, who won four tickets to the Arts Club's Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley; Nancy and Jim Oberdorf, tucking into a basket of Christmas Treats; and Diana Bragg, who receives a fresh flower centre piece thanks to Stems at Stongs.

On Sunday, Jan. 6 we take down the gym decorations: contact Debbie to offer help. The Silent Auction benefits from the continued support of many local businesses, and they count on us to shop locally. Please tell them you are St Philip's parishioners and thank them when you visit.

Bosley's	Stems at Stong's
JD's Barbershop	Stong's
Celtic Treasure Chest	Dunbar Eyecare
Marianne's Hairstyling for Men and Women	The Perfect Gift
Christine's Flower Shop	FYI Dunbar Street
Collin's Jewellers, Kerrisdale	Vancouver Symphony Orchestra
Moore's Bakery	Gardenia Flowers
Crepe and Café, W41st Ave	West Side Market
Southlands Nursery	Gem Chocolates, Kerrisdale
Diane Milsom, massage	West Side Window Coverings and Design
Starbucks, Dunbar	Home Hardware, Dunbar
Dragon and Phoenix Designer Consignments	

Debbie Matheson (debbiematheson53@gmail.com)

KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE

We are very pleased to announce that Melaney Gleeson Lyall, a member of the Musqueam First Nations, has agreed to come to St Philip's to facilitate the Kairos Blanket Exercise for us on Saturday 12th January between 10am and 1pm.

Developed in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Report – the finding of which the Anglican Church of Canada is committed to implementing — the KAIROS Blanket Exercise covers more than 500 years of history in a 90-minute experiential workshop that aims to foster understanding about our shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

Numbers for this exciting and challenging workshop are limited to 30. The age range for the KAIROS Blanket Exercise is grade 4 up to adults. Please sign up on the list in the gym. For further information please ask Stuart or check out the Kairos website... <https://www.kairosblanketexercise.org/about/>

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

Christmas Hampers

Food for Families: We gather food for 24 hampers as a community. You can help by bringing any number of food items to church each Sunday. Items are collected then distributed amongst the families as part of each hamper. Items still needed: rice, lentils, canned vegetables and canned fruit. We have organized Sundays as follows:



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.

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.

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.**

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.

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.



CHARLES DICKENS' A CHRISTMAS CAROL

St Philip's and friends from CBC Radio are proud to invite you to a classic Christmas experience: a dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol".

Come along to enjoy this dramatic reading accompanied by Christmas music, Candle light, and Carols.

Featuring CBC's Sheryl MacKay, Grant Lawrence, Michelle Eliot, and St. Philip's Michael Murray.

Tickets are \$25. Proceeds will be donated to KidSafe. **Tickets are available in the office or from Michael Murray.**

SURVEY FOR PARISHIONERS

You are invited to fill out a short survey either online or via a paper copy. As you may know, St. Philip's has identified important building maintenance requirements for the coming years, replacement of our roofing material being one of the most immediate needs. We are also being encouraged to participate in a new vision for growth.

However, maintenance and growth require investment. To explore our needs going forward, the Trustees have retained the firm of Waller & Associates to conduct a Feasibility Study.

As a component of the study, a brief survey is available to allow parishioners and friends of St. Philip's to provide their input. You are invited to go to our website to read the Project Overview, which outlines our proposed plans, and then complete the survey.

For those who do not have online access to the survey, we are pleased to provide a print version of the survey, which is available in the parish office. The information discovered during this process will be gathered into a report to form the basis of a Fundraising Campaign.



5 PM CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

This service is led by the children. It's a beautiful re-telling of the Christmas story. All children are welcome to participate. Typically ages 2/3-13/14 are involved. We re-tell the story in 5 parts, each part a gospel reading. We have all the costumes and there are roles for all ages in this service. The youngest typically carry a figuring up the aisle, the middle age group are typically in costume (we have costumes) and the older students are readers. That's not cast in stone, but that's typical.

We do a few rehearsals so everybody feels ready. Rehearsals for the 5 pm Children's Christmas Eve Service are:

Thurs. Dec. 20: 4:30 - 5:20 (readers stay an extra 20-30 min)

Fri. Dec. 21: 4:30 - 5:20 (readers stay an extra 20-30 min)

Sat. Dec. 22: 9:30 - 10:20 (readers stay an extra 20-30 min)

Rehearsals are about 45 min-1 hr. The older kids who are reading stay a little later for extra practice.

We do ask that you plan to attend all rehearsals. The youngest group have trouble remembering where to stand/when to walk when those in front or behind them keeps changing. Thank you for understanding that part.

It is a very memorable, beautiful service and a lovely way to spend Christmas Eve together.

If your children are interested in participating in the 5 pm service, please contact Laurie Cassie:

lauriecassie@gmail.com

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

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).

Over the course of the last two weeks, the MCU teams visiting St. Augustine's, Kits Showers and M.

Mitchell Place served a total of 25 clients and the Street Teams made 25 connections in the

Neighbourhood. The main area of service from the MCU sites continues to be assistance with Housing forms.

One particularly impactful story from the street involved a man whose clothes were in tatters and who only had a couple of plastic bags to his name. We were able to give him two sweaters, a large water-resistant jacket, (which the team captain encouraged to be put on immediately), mitts, toque and lots of food, packages, sandwiches, eggs, bananas. One client commented on not being able to find cardboard to provide some insulation while sleeping on the ground, and our team was able to give him an ensolite (a foam pad). One friend is seeking new men's underwear. The food packages and clothing that the teams are able to hand out are greatly appreciated. One week, the teams were given toiletry kits in addition to all the other treasures, which were also appreciated.

Thank you to the parishioners from St. Helen's and St. John's Shaughnessy for their generosity of items donated.

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

ST. JUDE'S ANNUAL METRO THEATRE FUNDRAISER!

The annual St. Jude's Fundraising Event at the Metro Theatre will be on Wednesday, March 6th, 2019.

"Up and Coming" is a zany farce in which potential Prime Ministerial candidate, Philip Conway is not having a good night. While at a political conference at a Brighton hotel, he is on the verge of a full-blown sex scandal! As if a partially-clad actress in his hotel room isn't problem enough, he is plagued by inquisitive political rivals at every turn. Meanwhile, the lobby is full of press, the streets are full of protesting students, and there are rumours of an assassination plot!

The evening will begin at 7:00 pm with a Silent Auction and light refreshments, with the performance beginning at 8:00 pm.

Tickets are \$50 each, with a \$25 tax receipt per ticket available upon request. To purchase tickets, contact Beth Vondette in the office. The Metro Theatre is located at 1370 Marine Drive SW, Vancouver (the foot of the Arthur Laing Bridge).

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY CHRISTMAS EVENTS - PLEASE JOIN US!

Volunteers are warmly welcome to join us **on Saturday December 22nd** for our 10th Annual Christmas Street Outreach to our homeless neighbours, followed by a lunch and caroling at the Coast Dunbar supportive housing apartments at 17th and Dunbar. These are wonderful events that bring together our four churches (St Anselm's, St Helen's, St John's and St Philip's) and needy friends from the community. Here are the details:

Street Outreach

On Saturday, December 22nd, the Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood Ministry volunteers meet at St. Anselm's church around 9:00 a.m. We will prepare gift and lunch bags, enjoy coffee and muffins, and divide up into teams to go onto the streets and give Christmas packages to our homeless neighbors around 10:00 am. Even if you are unable to go out on the street, please do join us at St Anselm's for this time of fellowship. If you are able to volunteer to go out on the street visits please let Rhona Thornton know at: rhonat@telus.net

Dunbar Pre-Christmas Luncheon & Caroling at Dunbar

On Saturday December 22nd, 12:30-2:30pm, Coast Dunbar Apartments (3595 West 17th Avenue). Take a pause from the hustle and bustle of Christmas activities and join us at Dunbar Apartments for lunch and caroling with our friends. This is a wonderful event that the residents of Dunbar have grown to anticipate with excitement.

Set up time begins at 11:30 am. If you can provide refreshments for the event, please choose from the following list: Eggnog; Fruit drinks; Eggs; Milk; Bacon; Onions; Potatoes; Elbow Macaroni; Ham; Cranberry sauce; Cheese; Bananas; Pancake Mix; Pancake Syrup; Salad; Vegetable Platter; Potatoes; Casseroles; Fruit/Mandarin Oranges; Juices; Mince Pies; Desserts/Christmas Cookies.

Please let Joan Stewart know if you can assist with setup, serving, cleanup, provide some treats or are able to join in singing Christmas carols. Please contact Joan Stewart: jstewart@westerndriver.com

IN THE LONGEST NIGHT, LONGING FOR THE LIGHT - A service of the Archdeaconry of Vancouver

On Wednesday, December 19 at 7:00 pm, St. Faith's Anglican Church (located at 7284 Cypress St. at W. 57th Ave.), the Archdeaconry of Vancouver is offering a Blue Christmas Service. This gathering, hosted by St. Hildegard's Sanctuary, is for any who find the holiday season challenging: for those who carry pain and loss juxtaposed with celebration; for those who are unsettled by bright lights, loud music, and over-activity; for those who are exhausted by the festive and often hectic atmosphere; for those who find that busyness has overshadowed the meaning of the season or overwhelmed any simple joy it might bring. This is time and space for quiet and rest; for acknowledging loss; for sitting with sorrow; for attending to silence; for naming our longings; and for hoping in the peace, love, and true joy of the season.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS

Today 4:00 pm **Advent Carol Service**

Sunday, December 16 **Holy Eucharist 8 am & 10 am**

 3:00 pm **musica intima vocal ensemble presents: A Christmas Story**

 7:00 pm **Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long**



Sunday, December 23 **Holy Eucharist 8 am & 10 am**

 7:00 pm **A dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* with musicians and featuring Sheryl McKay, Grant Lawrence, Michelle Eliot and Michael Murray. Tickets are \$25, with proceeds going to KidSafe**

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Monday, December 24 **Christmas Eve**

 5:00pm **Family Nativity Service**

 7:30pm **Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Service**

 10:00pm **Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist Service**

Tuesday, December 25 **Christmas Day**

 9:00am **Christmas Eucharist**

