

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

DATES TO NOTE

Today	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
Wed. Dec. 26	Holy Eucharist Service, 10:00 am cancelled

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG TONIGHT!

Please join us at 7 pm tonight to sing well-known Christmas carols. Guest choirs are Convivia and Songcology.

CHRISTMAS PARISH POST IS PUBLISHED!

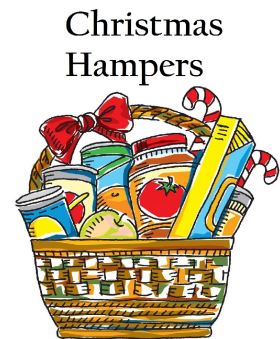
The latest edition of the Parish Post was published on Friday and is available in digital form on the website at: www.stphilipsdunbar.com/news. Limited physical copies are available in the Narthex. Inside this edition: Marilyn's farewell, Remembrance Day, the Christmas Fair, and more!

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

Food for Families:

Sunday December 16 Peanut butter, jam, lentils, barley or rice. Otherwise we are in really good shape.
Packing Day, after the 10a.m. service with "all hands on deck "!

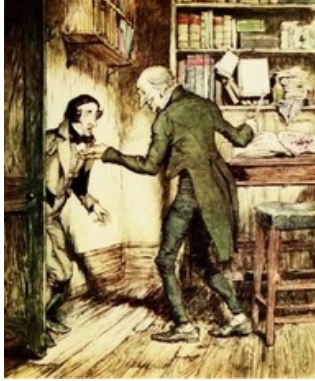
Monday December 17 Purchase of Turkeys and Hams. Delivery Day. Drivers requested to be at the Church by 9 am.



Thank you to everyone for their generous donation

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.**



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 McKay, 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.

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.



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

ANNUAL VESTRY REPORTS

The deadline for annual reports is Thursday, January 17th. Please submit your committee reports to the office no later than noon, so that Beth may begin compiling the report. This deadline is firm. Thank you.



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 social service teams visiting St. Augustine's, Kits Showers and M. Mitchell Place served a total of 9 clients, while the medical side saw many clients for various ailments and the flu shot. The Street Teams made 22 connections in the Neighbourhood. The main area of service from the MCU sites continues to be assistance with Housing forms.

One street team came across an improvised camp under a bridge, where two people had built makeshift tents out of umbrellas and tarps. They were given sleeping bags and pads, to help cushion them from the cold, hard ground. As the weather has turned cold and wet, trying to keep warm and dry is the challenge. Emergency shelters are now open, but space is limited.

Thank you to the parishioners from St. Anselm's and St. Philip's 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

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.

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).

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 from 6:30-8:00 pm, Discover why ICS Catholic elementary school is for you. Meet the families, tour the school and hear from students. ICS is located at 3745 West 28th Avenue, Vancouver. www.icschoolvancouver.com

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS

Today

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**

