

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

DATES TO NOTE

Today	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 for Boxing Day
Sun. Jan. 6	Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am, Fireside Room
Mon. Jan. 7	Jones Girls, 12:00 pm, Fireside Room
Sat. Jan. 12	Kairos Blanket Exercise, 10:00 am, Fireside Room

Please remember to complete your donations for 2018 before the year end, and to turn in your pledge card in for 2019. Thank you!

HAMPER DRIVE APPRECIATION

Enormous and grateful thanks to all parishioners for making this Hamper Drive another huge success. Special thanks are owed to Save-on-Foods at 41st and Dunbar for their amazing generosity in giving us a 15% discount below cost on the meats and fresh fruits added to each hamper. Please tell them you are St Philip's parishioners and thank them when you visit.

PRAYER LIST

The Rector and Pastoral Committee have agreed upon a new way for us to prayer for the sick and those in need. Rather than have a long list of names read out during intercessions, the names of those on the 'sick list' will be printed on the bulletin and during intercessions a period of silence will be given so that the whole congregation can prayer for those in need in silence or out loud.

The List will still be prayed for during the week at Morning Prayer and at the Midweek Eucharist, which focuses on prayers for healing and wholeness.

Special prayers for healing and wholeness can still be sought during the distribution of Holy Communion as normal at the 10am Holy Eucharist. However, they prayer team will now be located in the North Transept next to the Prayer Station by the Memorial Garden door.

KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE

We are very please 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/>

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.

CHARLES DICKENS' A CHRISTMAS CAROL

TONIGHT: 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, Stuart Hallam, Laura Millman and Matilda Hallam.

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

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.**

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.

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

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.

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).

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND EVENTS

Today 7:00 pm **A dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* with musicians and featuring Sheryl MacKay, 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