

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

DATES TO NOTE

Today	Open Church, 11 am - 1 pm
Mon. May 6	Jones Girls, noon, Fireside Room
Sat. May 11	St. Philip's Youth Group: cycling around Stanley Park (weather permitting)
Sun. May 12	Mother's Day
Sun. May 12	Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am, Fireside Room
Sun. May 12	Confirmation Celebration after the service. Mother's Day
Tues. May 21	Church Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm, Upstairs Meeting Room
Mon. May 20	Victoria Day, office closed.
Tues May. 21 - Fri May 22:	Rummage Sale preparation
Sat. May 25	St. Philip's Rummage Sale, 9 am - noon.
Sat. May 25	All Parish Open Gym and Games, 6:00 pm, Fireside Room and Gym

SENIORS' EASTER SERVICE AND LUNCHEON

A very heartfelt "thank you" to Janet Brown and all the volunteers who helped make the Senior's Easter Service and Luncheon on Wednesday, May 1, such a rousing success. Over 40 people came to this special service. Overwhelming feedback relayed great joy for this opportunity to gather and share fellowship.

GARDEN FUNDRAISER

Thanks to all those who bought a Mirabilis plant or seeds. The proceeds (\$65) will go to support the gardens.

ST. PHILIP'S DAY, SUNDAY MAY 5TH

We celebrate St. Philip's Day on the Sunday closest to the Saint's day with loaves and fishes and thanks. Children are invited to bake loaves in the kitchen during the service, with many thanks to Bruce Gregg and his family for maintaining this meaningful tradition. Please bring small tins of fish for the Neighbourhood Ministry, including easy-open tins. Our thanks go to our new Stewards of St Philip's who will be honoured on this day, and to the many parishioners who give so much time and talent to St Philip's.

Sunday is also "**Open Church**" when we welcome our neighbours and share fellowship. Enjoy a hot dog lunch in the gym, followed by an illustrated historical talk in the Fireside Room, scavenger hunt, visit to the bowling alleys, and a church tour with a Casavant organ demonstration. Join in the celebration of St Philip's Day!

MUSICA INTIMA SPRING FUNDRAISER

On Friday, May 31 at 7:30 pm, musica intima will be holding a spring fundraiser, celebrating the 20th anniversary of their best-selling album, 'clear'. A \$100 tax-deductible donation grants you two invitations to this event, plus complimentary wine at the reception.



RUMMAGE SALE – SATURDAY MAY 25 – Only 3 weeks to go!

Please continue your spring cleaning and collecting clean and gently used items to donate...clothing, books, toys, jewellery, linens, dishes, pictures, ornaments, small household items, etc. Please no computers, furniture, text books, pillows, car seats or outdated sports equipment. Donations can be brought to the church from 9am Tuesday, May 21 until 4pm Thursday May 23. Lawn signs, posters and sign up sheets for helping with sorting the week prior to the sale and helping at the sale will be in the gym after the

service. No experience is needed...All help is welcome and appreciated!

ST. PHILIP'S REFUGEE FAMILY NEWS

On April 26th, Lama and her four children were moved to a larger home in their South Vancouver neighbourhood, just in time to prepare for the arrival of Lama's parents and youngest brother from Lebanon on Tuesday May 7th. Lama and the kids are very excited to see the grandparents and Ward again after months apart. What's App is no replacement for face-to-face time with your family.

The two-storey home is much larger, big enough for the family of eight. We were very lucky to get it! Thanks go to hands-on volunteers who cleaned, repaired, painted, packed, donated furnishings, unpacked, assembled Ikea furniture, and helped set up the new home. **Still needed:** an area rug 8' X 10' or larger.

More **volunteers** are needed for driving to appointments, bus training, family activities, boys' sports, and accompanying the grandparents. We especially need active male role models. Thanks go to **donors** who are making donations to the Refugee Fund. Our sponsorship of Lama and her children continues, and our support of Narsiddin, Fatmeh and Ward begins when they land on May 7th. We have a goal of raising \$25,000 to continue this ministry. We extend our sincere thanks to **The Jones Girls** who recently donated \$500. Can you help? Please donate by cheque or on our website through Canada Helps: specify your donation for the Refugee Fund.

To volunteer or learn more, contact Mary Lymburner (kmarylymburner@telus.net) and Debbie Matheson (debbiematheson53@gmail.com).

ANGLICAN JOURNAL AND TOPIC SUBSCRIPTIONS

Following the receipt of the June (Summer) issues of the Anglican Journal and Topic members of parishes will no longer be automatically subscribed to the national and diocesan publications. In order to receive print copies, folks will need to subscribe. Subscribing is very simple and there are four easy to follow options:

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RECYCLING AT ST. PHILIP'S

We are delighted to announce that St. Philip's has a recycling program! St. Philip's has labeled bins for paper, cardboard, mixed containers (must be cleaned first) and organics (food scraps, plant matter). Please help St. Philip's do its part in protecting the Earth by putting recyclables in the correct bins. There are brightly coloured illustrated posters outlining what items can go into what bins posted on the wall above the bins.



GALLERY SINGERS - ABENDLIED

The Gallery Singers present a concert of "night music" and "music of the morning with works by Josef Rheinberger, Claudio Monteverdi and Max Reger. Sunday, May 12, 2019, 3:00pm at Holy Trinity Church - 1440 West 12th Avenue (at Hemlock). Adults \$18, Students with ID \$9, Children 12 and under free. Tickets at the door or at www.galleriesingers.ca

OUTREACH CHANGES FOCUS FROM FOOD BANK TO NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

The Outreach Committee has recently decided to discontinue the collecting of foods for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank at St Philip's in favour of exclusively supporting the needs of our Neighbourhood Ministry. These changes are effective immediately. All baskets at the back of the church are now exclusively for the NM.

The main reasons for this change of focus are that the NM is a specific and unique parish ministry commitment. It is also a formal partnership with 3 other Westside Anglican parishes, while Food Bank collection boxes are available in any supermarket throughout the entire province. Also, it takes the parish many months to gather enough boxes to warrant a Food Bank pick up while this food sits undistributed to those in need. St Philip's will of course continue accepting your financial donations to the GVFB, and forward them on. The final pick up of St Philip's Food Bank non-perishable donations was Friday, April 25.

The first Sunday of each month will now be designated especially as Neighbourhood Ministry Sunday. Please refer to the very specific list below. These packets, distributed by the Outdoor Teams, are made up once per month by the St Philip's Indoor Team. Blessings and heartfelt Thanks to all.

What we put in each packet:

Tins of meat/fish

Juice boxes

Nutrition drinks (ensure, boost types)

Cereal bar (soft textures like nutrigrain, or fig bars; no nuts or granola)

Protein bars (soft textures, no nuts or granola)

Fruit cups or apple sauce cups

Socks(esp. men's sports socks)

The other things occasionally needed:

Small can openers

Men's underwear

Sleeping bags

Blankets

Rain gear

Sleeping mats

band aids



NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

Our cupboards are bare! We've done a great job of handing out all the food that's been donated, but our stocks now need to be replenished. We need: canned meats, fruit cups, cereal bars and/or protein bars (nut, granola and seed free easy to chew), nutrition drinks (like boost or ensure), and/or fruit juice boxes.

We also need another member for our indoor team. If you would be willing to make sandwiches or boil eggs once a month, please let us know!

The following is a summary of the activities of the Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood Ministry from the beginning of April (April 2 – April 18 inclusive), 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 17 clients, while the medical side saw 7 clients. The Street Teams made over a dozen connections in the Neighbourhood.

Our volunteers must sometimes channel Sherlock Holmes to ferret out which services and which form must be completed for clients. It is understandably daunting to attempt to try to sort it out for oneself, without the help of our amazing volunteers.

Thank you to the parishioners from St. Anselm's, St. Philip's and St. Helen's and St. John'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 client seeks a sewing machine

A lady who is a client with the Neighbourhood Ministry and recently obtained housing hopes to begin sewing again. If you have a small, working sewing machine, or any supplies (scissors, pins, fabric) that you want to donate, that would be wonderful. Please email Beth in the office at ministrymcu@gmail.com, or phone at 604-312-1241.

Neighbourhood Ministry Annual Meeting, Thursday, June 13, 7-8:30pm

Please join us for the Annual Meeting of the Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood Ministry, to be held on Thursday, June 13, 7-8:30pm at St. Anselm's Anglican Church, located at 5210 University Boulevard, Vancouver.

The meeting is a chance to learn more about the Neighbourhood Ministry's activities this past year, plans for the current year, and opportunities for volunteering. Fellowship with other volunteers is a highlight of the Annual Meeting. ALL ARE WELCOME. Whether you are a current volunteer or interested in learning more, please feel free to join us.

If you would like to bring a small dessert to share, that would be wonderful. Hope to see you there.