

Celebrant: The Rev'd. Stuart Hallam
Preacher: The Rev'd Dr. Pitman Potter

DATES TO NOTE

Mon. Sept. 30	Monday Mantras, 10 am, Totem Room
Thurs. Oct. 3	Donna Parnell's funeral, 2:00 pm, Church
Sat. Oct. 5	Silent Church Retreat, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sun. Oct. 6	Family Service, 10:00 am, with Pet Blessing, followed by Parish lunch
Sun. Oct. 13	Thanksgiving Sunday
Mon. Oct. 14	Thanksgiving Monday: Church office closed
Tues. Oct. 15	Parish Council meeting, 7:30 pm, Totem Room
Sun. Oct. 27	Church School Halloween Lunch, 11:30 am, Totem Room
Sun. Oct. 27	Hallowe'en Concert: "The Phantom of the Opera" silent film, 7:00 pm, Church
Sun. Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Service
Sat. Nov. 30	Christmas Fair 11:00 am – 2:00pm

THANKSGIVING DECOR

Altar Guild is requesting parishioners to bring flowers, fruits and vegetable to decorate the church for our Thanksgiving service. Please drop off your donations by 9:00 am by Saturday October 12 at the tables provided at the front of the church. Following the service, these donations will be donated to Dunbar House for their Thanksgiving dinner.



FALL RUMMAGE SALE - THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS!

A huge THANK YOU (and showering of Gratitude confetti) to everyone who helped out at the Rummage Sale. Whether you advertised, donated, set-up, sorted, sold and/or cleaned-up...your assistance was much appreciated and help to make it another successful event! A **HUGE** thank you as well to Terry Naumann for organizing the event!

UPDATE ON PLEDGES TO THE OPERATING BUDGET

Many parishioners pledge to make weekly or monthly donations to the church's operating budget. It is with thanks to you that I report that most pledgers are up to date with their donations as of the end of August.

The regular income is a real help to the parish operations.

I will be contacting individually the few who appear to have fallen behind over the summer. If you do not hear from me by the end of September, you can assume that our records show you are up to date with your contribution.

To conserve paper and time, I won't ask Beth to print statements that say just that.

From your Envelope Secretary, Paul Harrison



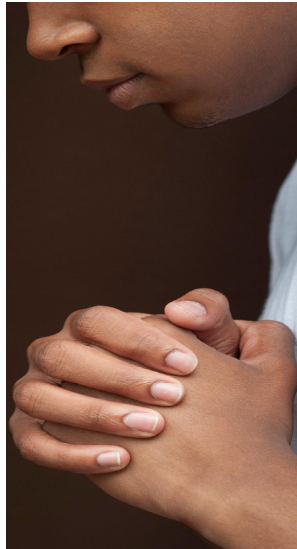
PARISH LUNCH

Sunday October 6th is our parish lunch. All are welcome to come have a meal and enjoy a chance of getting to know your fellow parishioners. We look forward to seeing you then. The requested donation is \$5 per person.

HALLOWE'EN CONCERT, FEATURING SCREENING OF 1925 "PHANTOM OF THE OPERA"

Sunday Oct. 27, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Join in the fun of enjoying the 1925 silent film "Phantom of the Opera" starring Lon Chaney accompanied by Michael Murray on the organ, in partnership with Clark's Audio Visual. Tickets are \$25 cash and \$5 for children under 10. Proceeds to the Organ Fund. Expect surprises!



"A TASTE OF SILENCE" ONE-DAY CENTERING PRAYER SILENT RETREAT

At St. Philip's on Saturday, October 5, 2019, 10 am to 3 pm.

This retreat is presented by Contemplative Outreach of Greater Vancouver. Most of the participants will be from centering prayer groups meeting in churches of various denominations around the Lower Mainland, but others are welcome. If you are seeking a silent day in prayer to deepen your contemplative prayer practice please join us in community for a Taste of Silence.

A simple lunch is provided. A donation of \$25 or any amount in accordance with your means is appreciated.

To register contact Christine Kesans, chris.kesans@gmail.com or 604-944-7447

For more information, please see the poster in the gym or contact Mary Lymburner, kmarylymburner@telus.net or 778-898-5117

WESTSIDE ANGLICANS NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

This Sunday is Homelessness Action Sunday at St. Philip's. Pitman and Vicki Potter and the St. Philip's volunteers will talk about their experience working for this Ministry. Thanks to all of you for all of the donations we received last Sunday.

Next Sunday is Neighbourhood Ministry Sunday. We are hoping to collect enough donations in September and October to see us through until after Christmas so your generosity would be much appreciated.



We are especially in need of:

- Nutrition drinks (eg Ensure or Boost).
- Soft texture Cereal (eg Nutrigrain) and Protein Bars (eg Pure Protein Bars); no little bits like granola or oats, easy to chew. Both Costco and Save On Foods sell Pure Protein Bars.
- Winter and rain jackets and rain pants
- Sleeping bags and mats
- Canned meat and fish

Other items that we are in need of are fruit or pudding cups, small can openers and biodegradable spoons; no other clothing or toiletries are needed at this time.

Mobile Care Unit

In addition to the Street Outreach team the Neighbourhood Ministry also runs a Mobile Care Unit (MCU) out of 2 locations. 1) Kitsilano Community Centre on Saturdays during the Kitsilano Showers for the Homeless Programme and 2) St Augustine's in Marpole on Thursdays during their community meal. It visits both locations twice a month.

The MCU provides basic medical care and social services to homeless and low-income populations in our neighbourhood who may face barriers to care. The team is comprised of doctors, medical students, social work students, and Neighbourhood Ministry volunteers. On the social services side there are many barriers that people need to overcome. For example, to fill in applications for housing they need ID which might involve tracking down their birth cert. Or to receive CPP they need a bank account so need to apply for both benefits and get a bank account. All of these processes can be quite tricky but our volunteers are all well trained in navigating the different systems so are able to help. The medical side is staffed by students, residents and doctors from the UBC Family Practice program, led by their Director Dr. Janet McKeown.



REFUGEE NEWS - How you can help with the next phase

Lama and her children, Sedra, Doha, Majd and Ahmad, marked the one year anniversary of their arrival in Vancouver on September 13. This means that the formal sponsorship period has ended.

They are approaching financial independence in that Lama has found work with a catering company. In recent weeks this has been almost full time work, but the hours will no doubt fluctuate. Lama is also attending evening classes in English. Having received the approval of Church

Committee we will continue some financial support for Lama and her children for the next several months at a much reduced rate.

Lama's brother Ward has been in English classes since June. He has been doing some casual painting and construction work from time to time. Lama's parents, Nasidin and Fatmeh, started English classes last week.

Immediate priorities:

1. Job for Ward: Ward is 25 years old. He has some experience as a house painter and construction helper. He is interested in pursuing a career as a painter. He has some English and learns quickly. If any of you has some house painting to be done and would be willing to take the time to supervise Ward, that would be very helpful. Or you may have contacts with a company that needs a painter or construction helper.

2 Tutoring: The adults especially would welcome extra help with English. The schedule is flexible. Teaching qualifications are not a requirement.

3. Money: Nasridin, Fatmeh and Ward arrived on May 16, 2019, so we are responsible for their support until May 16, 2020. To that end, we need ongoing financial support to see us through until May 2020. Thank you to all who have contributed so generously.

Please donate by cheque, payable to St. Philip's with Refugee Fund on the envelope and memo line,

or on our website through Canada Helps, specify your donation for the Refugee Fund.

For further information or to offer help, please contact Mary Lymburner
kmarylymburner@telus.net or 778-898-5117 or Debbie Matheson debbiematheson53@gmail.com
or 604-202-6196.

MONDAY MANTRAS

All are welcome to join the weekly meditation group on Monday mornings
at 10 am in the Totem Room, led by Paddy Leal.



CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNING

Debbie Matheson announces that this is her last year running the Christmas Fair, so we invite new leaders with new ideas. Free training and moral support come with the job. Laurie Cassie, Mae Jang and Lana Dolman have retired from the baking stall. We thank them for their years of dedication. Laura Hallam has taken on convening the baking stall, so jump in to help her please.

Ann Kent has retired from years convening Attic Treasures. Our gratitude goes with her research and creative presentation. We seek a couple of new leaders in this very popular room. From seasoned volunteers to newcomers, all are welcome!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Please make a few extra jars of preserves for the Kitchen Gourmet stall at the Christmas Fair. The more variety we have, the more we can sell. Please recycle your 125mL or 250mL mason jars by bringing them to the Church and leaving them on the table under the mailboxes. Thank you.

