

**Celebrant: The Rev'd. Stuart Hallam**  
**Preacher: The Rev'd. Vivian Seegers**

**DATES TO NOTE**

Today	Men's Breakfast, 8:00 am, Fireside Room
Today	"The Villager" Reading, 11:45 am, Totem Room
Today	Abendmusik Advent Vespers, 7:30 pm, Church
Mon. Dec. 9	Monday Mantras, 10:00 am, Garden Room
Mon. Dec. 9	Advent Study Group, 7:30 pm, Garden Room
Tues. Dec. 10	Altar Guild Meeting, 2:00 pm, Fireside Room
Wed. Dec. 11	Seniors' Eucharist and Luncheon, 11 am, Church
Sun. Dec. 15	Christmas Carol Sing Along, 7:30 pm, Church
Sun. Dec. 22	Dickens' <i>A Christmas Carol</i> reading, 7 pm, Church, <b>sold out!</b>
Mon. Dec. 23	Advent Study Group, 7:30 pm, Garden Room
Tues. Dec. 24	Family Nativity Service, 5:00 pm, Church
Tues. Dec. 24	Lessons & Carols Service, 7:30 pm, Church
Tues. Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist Service, 10:00 pm, Church
Wed. Dec. 25	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist Service, 9:00 am, Church



**2020 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED!**

This year's annual Stewardship Campaign, Sharing Our Gifts, Sustaining Our Community, has officially begun. This campaign focuses on supporting our existing ministries, and is separate from our Capital Campaign, Under Our Roof and Beyond Our Walls, which seeks to raise funds to restore our buildings and develop new initiatives over a three-year span. Information packages have been sent out for those who haven't picked them up in person. Information about the campaign will also be shared at each Sunday service, or you can get in touch with Brian Mix. Please return your 2020 pledge form to Beth in the office no later than today.

**ADVENT STUDY COURSE**

This year's Advent Study Course began on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and repeats every Monday at 7:30 pm in the Garden Room until December 23, led by Stuart. The course will be focussing on the Beatitudes. Please let Stuart or Carol Simpson know if you intend to come, but drop-ins are also welcome.



**Christmas Hampers**



**CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE**

The Outreach Committee is again launching our St Philip's Christmas Hamper Drive from Nov. 17- Dec. 15 in support of 20 families in 2 of Vancouver's Eastside Elementary Schools. As in previous years, starting the first Sunday of the Hamper Drive, parishioners will be able to choose a family to sponsor. This sponsorship entails purchasing and gift wrapping modestly priced Christmas gifts for individual members of that family. The Sundays from Nov 17 to Dec 15 will each have a specific meal/food focus: **Treats: Dec. 8;** Whatever's Missing: Dec. 15. Packing Sunday will also be Dec. 15.

Collection Baskets will be placed at the back of the church beside the old Baptismal Font where non-perishable food donations can be left any day of the week starting Nov. 17. Thanks for your wonderful generosity so far towards the Hamper Drive. After sorting through the present donations, **there is an identified shortage of canned meats/fish, pastas, rice, canned veggies, canned fruits.** Please consider adding these items over the next 2 Sundays.

## **WESTSIDE ANGLICANS NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY**

### Neighbourhood Ministry Training

On Saturday, January 11th from 10am to 12.30pm there will be a training session for the Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood Ministry. It will be held at St Helen's church on West 8th Avenue at Trimble. This session is required for all new street outreach volunteers but may also be of interest to people who want to volunteer on an indoor team or just learn more about what this Ministry does.



### Executive Summary

The following is a summary of the activities of the Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood Ministry from the beginning of November (November 16 - November 30 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 and Kits Showers served a total of 10 clients, and the medical side served 5. The three Street Teams that went out on Saturdays made 47 connections in the Neighbourhood.

The Neighbourhood Ministry is celebrating Christmas with our homeless and vulnerable neighbours with special Christmas packets that volunteers will distribute on the four Saturdays leading up to Christmas. Through the generous contributions you have made to the program this year, we will purchase long underwear, winter gloves, McDonald's gift cards, and men's and ladies' underwear to supplement the lovely packets that we distribute year-round. Thank you for your generosity. Your support makes a huge difference in the lives of our most vulnerable citizens. If you want to join a street team during one of their rounds this season, to see first hand this Ministry in action, please contact our Office Administrator, Beth, at 604-312-1241, and she will link you up with a team.

Thank you to the parishioners from St. Anselm's, St. Philip's, St. Helen's and St. John's Shaughnessy, who have donated items and clothing so that we can be so amply supplied on Saturdays.

### **Neighbourhood Ministry Christmas Luncheon & Carolling at Dunbar**

Date: Saturday December 21, 2019

Location: Dunbar Supportive Housing, 3595 West 17th Street, Vancouver

Setup Time: 11:30am onwards

Serving Time: 12:30pm-2pm

**Food items needed:** Turkey vouchers or turkey, Ham, Eggs, Casseroles, Mince Pies, Fruit, Cranberry Sauce, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Mandarin Oranges, Eggnog, Milk, Juices, Cookies  
Please consider volunteering, or donating a food item, for the annual Neighbourhood Ministry Christmas Luncheon at Dunbar Supportive Housing on Saturday, December 21. Please contact Joan Stewart at [jstewart@westerndriver.com](mailto:jstewart@westerndriver.com).



## 2020 CHURCH CALENDARS

The 2020 Anglican Church Calendars have arrived. They are \$6.00 each and Janet Brown will be selling them after the 10 am service. They can also be bought through the office between 9 am and noon Monday through Friday.

## SENIOR'S EUCHARIST AND LUNCHEON

All Seniors are welcome to the Annual Senior's Eucharist on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 am, followed by a luncheon in the Fireside Room.



## THE VILLAGER READING

Gerry Brown will give readings from his latest book *The Villager* on Sunday, December 8 in the Garden Room after the 10:00 o'clock service. All are welcome.

## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### Abendmusik Advent Vespers

7:30 pm on Sunday, December 8. Under the direction of Michael Murray. Admission is by donation, with offerings going to the Menno Simons Centre.



### Christmas Carol Sing-Along

"O come all ye faithful" ...to this fantastic Christmas Carol Sing-along that will really get you in the mood for Christmas. Ho, ho, hosted by St Philip's, sing your Christmas stockings off as we join together to belt out your favourite Carols on Sunday, December 15 at 7:30 pm! Candlelit fun for all, plus cocoa and mincemeat pies afterwards! Bring along all your friends and make Christmas a real cracker!

### A Christmas Carol Dramatic Reading

St Philip's and friends from CBC 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 featuring special guests from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation such as Ian Hanomansing, Sheryl MacKay and others on Sunday, December 22 at 7 pm. Tickets are \$25. **We are completely sold out of tickets for this event.** Thank you for your generous support.



## SILENT AUCTION THANK YOU

Thank you to the many parishioners and friends who donated and collected items for the Silent Auction.

We would also like to thank the following businesses for their very generous donations to the Silent Auction and the Fair. Please let them know how much we appreciate their support:

Bill Chow Jewelers Ltd, Kerrisdale; Gardenia Florist, Dunbar; Dunbar Cinema, Dunbar; Alta Vista Animal Hospital, Dunbar; Bosleys, Broadway; Bufala Restaurant, Kerrisdale; Caffé Artigiano, Kerrisdale; Stems Flowers at Stong's; Cheshire Cheese Inn, Dunbar; Christina's Flowers, Dunbar; Curves; Dairy Queen, Dunbar; Dunbar Community Centre; Dunbar Greetings and Tea (BJ and Sal); Enmark Jewelers, Dunbar; Finns, Broadway; Gem Chocolates, Kerrisdale; Hager Books, Kerrisdale; Home Hardware, Dunbar; Honolulu Coffee, Kerrisdale; K & K Pet Foods, Dunbar; Massage Therapy, Dunbar; Moon Sushi, Dunbar; Moore's Bakery and Deli, Kerrisdale; U-Haul Neighborhood Dealer, Dunbar; Southlands Nursery; Stong's; Sweet e's Pastries and Treats; Sweet

Somethings, Dunbar; The Perfect Gift, Kerrisdale; Trek PC Computers, Dunbar; West Side Market, 16 Ave; Westside Paint and Decorating, Dunbar; Whole Foods.

### CHURCH HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Church Office will be closed from December 25 through January 5. The Church office will reopen Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. The Church will close at the conclusion of the Christmas Day service and will reopen only for Sunday services on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> until January 5.

**This means there will not be a Wednesday service on January 1, 2020.**



### RAFFLE WINNERS

Amanda Holley won the grand prize of three tickets to *The Sound of Music*. Linda Wood was thrilled to win two high teas at Sweet Somethings. Suzi Noetzel won a small flower arrangement from Stems at Stong's. Thanks to our donors and all you gamblers, the Christmas Raffle earned \$1,106.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR GRATITUDE

Our Christmas fair has been and gone, the boxes packed away.  
We made it through another year and I just want to say  
So many thank-yous, volunteers, for all the work you've done.  
Through all the lifting, shifting stuff, we hope that you had fun.  
You canned and baked, made fudge or cake; you knit or sewed all year,  
You set things out on each display, creating festive cheer.  
You counted cash or picked up trash... and how could we exclude  
The youth who helped in lots of ways and gladly worked for food!  
You put out signs upon your lawn, pinned posters here and there  
To spread the word and bring folks in to celebrate our fair.  
You manned the doors and swept the floors; you served hot tea and treats.  
And Pat, who did a million things, was never off her feet!  
The Auction and the Attic teams, and folks who worked each stall,  
We'd never have a Christmas fair that rocks without you ALL!  
So thanks to every volunteer for all the work you've done.  
And... stealing words from Tiny Tim... "God bless you, every one!"  
*By Marian Boyle*



### AND A GOODBYE FROM DEBBIE MATHESON

A few last words that must be said before the season ends:  
The fair's a source of yearly funds on which St. P depends,  
And fills a need in Dunbar's heart for fellowship and cheer  
That brings folks back to shop the Fair the same time every year.

We really love the work and fun, but now I need to ask  
That someone new will see their way to taking on the task.  
I took the lead nine years ago – I really had no clue  
About the Fair but, thank the Lord, I learned so much from YOU.  
And now it's time for me to go, to hand-off the baton  
To someone else who'd like to see the Christmas Fair well run.

We'll share our wisdom, never fear... the 'where', the 'how', the 'when'.  
Consider working with a team, or with your bestest friend.  
Please think and pray, and let us know if you might fit the bill.  
Our Christmas fair **MUST** carry on and, with your hearts, it will!

