

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

DATES TO NOTE

Today	Christmas Carol Sing Along, 7:30 pm, Church
Sun. Dec. 22	Dickens' <i>A Christmas Carol</i> reading, 7 pm, Church, sold out!
Mon. Dec. 23	Advent Study Group, 7:30 pm, Totem 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
Dec. 26 - Jan. 3	Church office closed. Office reopens Jan. 6, 2020
Mon. Jan. 6	Jones' Girls, noon, Fireside Room
Sun. Jan. 12	Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am, Fireside Room
Sun. Jan 12	St. Philip's Youth Group: Cross-Country Skiing at Hollyburn, weather permitting
Mon. Jan. 13	Outreach Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm, Upstairs Meeting Room
Sat. Jan. 18	Kairos Blanket Exercise, 10 am, Garden Room
Mon. Jan. 20	Annual Report deadline

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE

Christmas Hampers



Today is the final day to bring in items for the hampers. The only suggested additions needed are **canned fruit, canned vegetables and peanut butter**. If you have signed up to provide gifts for one of the Christmas hamper families, the deadline for bringing in gifts for the family members is noon on Sunday, December 15. Please put wrapped gifts in a box labelled with the number or letter of the family. Please label each gift with the details of the recipient and the number or letter of the family, such as Boy, age 8, family 6 or Mom, family B, in case a present falls out of its box. Hamper packing will take place after the 10 am service this Sunday. All hands are welcome. Delivery of the Hampers is Monday morning.

Thank you to the volunteer drivers: Suzi Noetzel, Debbie Matheson, John Schretlen, Glenn Sutherland, Michael & Joanne Vondette. Drivers please arrive at St. Philip's for 9 am in the lane.

CHRISTMAS CAKES

For sale today after the 10 am service, or through the Church office until they are sold out. Cost: \$17.



IN THE LONGEST NIGHT, LONGING FOR THE LIGHT



7 pm Wednesday, December 18 at St. Philip's Anglican Church

All are welcome to this gathering intended 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. Parking available at school directly across the street from the church.

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. If you are interested in participating in this training please sign up with Beth Vondette, our Office Administrator- ministrymcu@gmail.com at 604-312-1241



We are still in need of sleeping bags and mats, blankets, winter shoes and rain pants and jackets.

MCU Report from St. Augustine's for Thursday, December 5, 2019

The team of Tim, Heather, Vicki, Dr. Stephanie and Dr. Alex served at St. Augustine's on December 5th. It was another quiet evening at this site, perhaps due to the dark cold days of December. The social service table consulted with two clients. One came to update us on his CPP Disability application, which had a successful conclusion. The other was a new fellow, interested in private housing options in the neighbourhood. We found a very useful link on the BC Housing website that is an interactive tool to find co-op and non-profit housing all over the province:

<https://www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance/rental-housing/housing-listings>

The doctors served two clients with medical questions, and offered 7 flu shots.

At our next visit on Dec 19, it will be the Christmas Party. The meal will be closed over the holidays for two weeks, coinciding with the MCU schedule.



ADVENT STUDY COURSE

This year's Advent Study Course began on Monday, November 18th and repeats every Monday at 7:30 pm in the Totem 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.

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.

Monday Mantras will not occur on Statutory Holidays.



ANNUAL REPORTS

The deadline for Annual Reports is noon on Monday, January 20. 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.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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.



CHURCH HOLIDAY CLOSURES

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

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

CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY

All children coming to the 5 pm Christmas Eve service are encouraged to dress as characters from the story. Plenty of Marys, Josephs, sheep, angels and Magi are welcome. Tell your friends and invite them to do the same.



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

5:00 pm - Family Nativity Service

7:30 pm - Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Service

10:00 pm - Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist Service

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

9:00 am - Christmas Eucharist



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 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. 3745 West 28th Avenue, Vancouver (604) 224-5012 www.icschoolvancouver.com

care ☩ share – TOGETHER WE CAN

care ☩ share is our diocesan program to support ministries above and beyond that done by our own parish. The ministries chosen to be care ☩ share recipients each receive funding for a two- year period and then new ministries are chosen. These ministries don't receive set "funding" - instead they receive voluntary contributions made by people like you.

The 2020-21 recipient for care ☩ share is Urban Aboriginal Ministry (UAM). You are encouraged to prayerfully consider if you can pledge a gift (over and above what you give to the parish) to care ☩ share. If you normally give by PAD you can designate an additional amount for care ☩ share to be added to your monthly donation. Or you can add the amount to your envelope giving and the parish will pass the amount along to the diocese for distribution to UAM. You may give a one-time gift by credit card through the diocesan website (www.vancouver.anglican.ca/news/care-share-advent-campaign-for-2019).

2020-2021 pledge cards will be available in your parish as soon as possible, hopefully before Christmas Eve but if not then, certainly by year's end.

You can also find a link to the care ☩ share video on the website.

Please give prayerful consideration to a pledge to care ☩ share.