

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

DATES TO NOTE

- Today Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* reading, 7 pm, Church
- 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
- 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



PARISH YEAR-END FINANCIAL UPDATE

As we near the end of the year, funds received from parishioners (identified givers) are currently behind the amount pledged by approximately \$9,400, leading to a projected deficit of \$10,000.

If we are unable to close this gap by the end of December, this amount will have to be made up by funds taken from the Income fund - something we want to avoid. Please review your giving status - any help would be appreciated.

GRATITUDE CONFETTI FOR THE HAMPER DRIVE

The Outreach Committee's annual Hamper Drive is a great success thanks to so many parishioners who donated, collected, sorted, packed and delivered boxes of food and gifts to 20 families at Florence Nightingale and Queen Alexandra Elementary Schools. Gratitude Confetti goes to all of you who responded so generously, and especially to Joanne and Michael Vondette who coordinated the hampers, oranges, turkeys and hams. Thank you for your personal and continued outreach to needy local families.



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.

CHRISTMAS CAKES

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





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.

THE CHRISTMAS FAIR 2019

Debbie Matheson announces that we have raised over \$15,900 in profit this year. The last Christmas cakes are just selling out now. Countless parishioners contributed their time and talent in preparation, and at least 55 of you were there to help on the day of the fair which was a resounding community success. Thank you, again!



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES



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 though 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.



2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2020 offering envelopes will be ready for collection after the 10 am service this Sunday from Paul Harrison for those who have indicated they would like to use offertory envelopes on their 2020 pledge forms. If you would like to use offertory envelopes, please contact Beth in the office.

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.



Family Nativity Service



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

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.

The following is a summary of the activities of the Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood Ministry from the beginning of December (December 1 – December 15 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 7 clients, and the medical side served 11, with the flu shot being the most sought service. The Street Teams made 21 connections in the Neighbourhood.

We were pleased to have John join one of our Street teams to witness the Neighbourhood Ministry in action: "It was a cold and wet day and it made one think about those who live on the street." Our normal packets are supplemented by a special item every week during the month of December. The first week had Christmas cards with a gift card inside and the second week was long underwear. These were all very favourably received.

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.



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 $\frac{\text{||}}{\text{||}}$ share – TOGETHER WE CAN

care $\frac{\text{||}}{\text{||}}$ share is our diocesan program to support ministries above and beyond that done by our own parish. The ministries chosen to be care $\frac{\text{||}}{\text{||}}$ 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 $\frac{\text{||}}{\text{||}}$ 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 $\frac{\text{||}}{\text{||}}$ share. If you normally give by PAD you can designate an additional amount for care $\frac{\text{||}}{\text{||}}$ 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 $\frac{\text{||}}{\text{||}}$ share video on the website: vancouver.anglican.ca/

Please give prayerful consideration to a pledge to care $\frac{\text{||}}{\text{||}}$ share.