

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

DATES TO NOTE

Mon. Feb. 17	Family Day, office closed
Tues. Feb. 18	Parish Council, 7:30 pm, Garden Room
Sun. Feb. 23	Annual Vestry Meeting, 11:30 am, Fireside Room
Mon. Feb. 24	Monday Mantras, 10:00 am, Garden Room
Wed. Feb. 26	Ash Wednesday Service with imposition of Ashes, 7:00 pm, Church
Sun. Mar. 1	Family Service, 10:00 am, Church
Sun. Mar. 1	Parish lunch, 11:45 am, Gym
Mon. Mar. 2	Lenten Study Series, 7:00 pm, Upstairs Meeting Room
Mon. Mar. 9	Lenten Study Series, 7:00 pm, Church
Tues. Mar. 10*	Parish Council, 7:30 pm, Garden Room , date changed to accommodate Spring Break
Sat. Mar. 14	Kairos Blanket Exercise, 10:00 am, Fireside Room
Mon. Mar.16	Lenten Study Series, 7:00 pm, Church

ANNUAL REPORTS

The Annual Reports have been printed and physical copies are available to collect in the Narthex. Please bring your copy to the Annual Vestry Meeting, which will follow the 10 am service on Sunday, February 23, 2020.



**ANNUAL
REPORT**



EUCCHARISTIC PRACTICE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

The Diocese of New Westminster has issued directives for safe Eucharistic practice during the coronavirus outbreak. From today going forward, as well as observing proper cleaning practices, we are being directed NOT to intinct at Communion due to the increase possibility of fingers contaminating the Communion wine, and to exchange the Peace without physical contact. For more information, follow the link below:

www.vancouver.anglican.ca/news/important-information-about-the-coronavirus-and-the-eucharist

LENTEN STUDY SERIES

This year's study series is based on the book "How to be a Bad Christian... And a Better Human Being" by Dave Tomlinson. The Lenten Study Series will be held on Monday evenings from March 2 - April 5. The first session will be held on Monday, March 2nd in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Subsequent sessions will be held in the prayer square in the Sanctuary (in front of Noah's Ark).



2019 TAX RECEIPTS

The tax receipts for contributions received in 2019 are available to collect as of this Sunday. They are located in alphabetical order of last name in two boxes on the table under the mailboxes near the stage. They will also be available for collection from Paul Harrison after the 10 am service.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

The Neighbourhood Ministry has started collecting again! We are looking for donations of the following items:

- Canned meat and fish - this is our greatest need!
- Soft protein bars (no seeds, nuts or granola) eg Pure protein bars; Costco and Save on Foods sell them.
- Soft cereal bars - like Nutrigrain bars (no nuts, seeds, granola)
- Compostable spoons
- Sleeping bags and mats
- Tarps
- New underwear for men, size M & L



The following is a summary of the activities of the Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood Ministry from the end of January (January 16 – January 31, 2020 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 6 clients, and the medical side served 2 clients. The Street Teams made 20 connections in the Neighbourhood. It is nice to learn that there are folks recognizing us and starting to anticipate our Out Teams arrival along Granville, much like the fence location.

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. To learn more about the Neighbourhood Ministry, visit: www.neighbourhoodministry.com

Volunteers needed for Metro Vancouver Homeless Count - March 3rd and 4th

The annual Metro Vancouver Homeless Count is happening on the night of March 3rd and day of March 4th. Each year, the Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood Ministry has provided volunteers for this important event, and we hope you will consider volunteering. No previous experience required. Visit this website for more information and to sign up.

<https://vancouver.ca/people-programs/homeless-count.aspx>



HEAD GARDENER

The South Garden and lawns present our face to the community. Ann Kent has retired from this role to move with her husband Don to the Island. We seek a head gardener who would love to oversee the garden's care: monitor the watering system with Coastal Irrigation, set up the mowing and major upkeep by NLC, manage the annual budget, and rally a team of volunteer gardeners. This role does not have to be physically taxing but rather one of planning and coordination. Contact the wardens if you want to take this on. We really need you! debbiematheson53@gmail.com; dasbragg@gmail.com

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH COUNCIL

To support the work of the Nominations Committee who have been securing nominees to be proposed at Vestry for all vacant positions, you may nominate a candidate for Parish Council or as a Delegate to Synod. Nomination forms are available in the Narthex. Please put completed forms in an envelope and return to either the "W" mailbox outside the Garden Room or the office. The deadline is Sunday, February 23rd at 11 AM. Craig Wilson, Nominations Chair





SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

At January's Parish Council meeting, it was decided to have one rummage sale this year on May 30th. We seek a couple of coordinators to pull it together, and then of course a team of helpers. Debbie Matheson can take a leadership role as a coordinator. Who else will step up with me? Let's make it happen. Come and find me at coffee hour on Sundays. debbiematheson53@gmail.com

LENT MADNESS AND SUPREME SAINTLY SELECTOR COMPETITION IS BACK!

Just when you thought Lent couldn't possibly become even more penitential, have we got an online hair shirt for you! Want to be inspired by some saintly souls this Lent and have fun along the way? Join with thousands of Christians across denominations who have discovered the joyful online learning community that is Lent Madness. Participants are inspired by the ways in which God has worked through the lives of saintly souls across generations and cultures.

Throughout Lent, thirty-two saints will do battle to win the coveted Golden Halo. On the weekdays of Lent, information is posted at www.lentmadness.org about two different saints. Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as participants read about and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. The winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo.

Parish Manager Beth has created a friendly competition for those interested in vying for "Supreme Saintly Selector" and winning the kitschy trophy on display in her office. Simply email Beth each weekday with the name of the saint you voted for. Whoever is the most accurate selector of the winning saints will win the trophy. Beth Vondette manager@stpdonbar.com



A MESSAGE FROM THE WARDENS

We need to talk... about parish finances. Or more specifically, about how we allocate our resources in our yearly operating budget. Our upcoming Annual Vestry meeting on February 23 is the perfect opportunity to have this important "family talk".

Nearly 80% of St. Philip's annual operating budget comes directly from parishioner donations. These generous gifts are used to support everything we do here, from ministries and programs, to salaries and keeping the heat and lights on.

Many of our financial obligations are fixed costs which increase from year to year with the general cost of living. For example, in a typical year, staff salaries, administrative costs, and property maintenance take up around 55% of our budget, while the Diocesan Assessment (our contribution to the wider Diocese) takes up another 15% – leaving only 30% of our budget to support ministries and programs such as Sunday services, Christian formation, and community outreach.

Of that 30%, more than one third is typically made up of "designated" gifts – that is, donations designated for a particular use by the donor, such as Outreach, Music, and the Memorial Garden. Designating your gift is a way for your personal priorities to be reflected in how your gift gets used.

While it is natural to want to donate to a specific cause that is close to your heart, designating your gift is not always the best approach. Designated gifts can only be used for the purpose specified by the donor, and as such are unavailable for other needs. This causes significant budgeting issues. St. Paul likened the church to the human body, saying that all parts are necessary for the whole body to function. Designated gifts can end up being generous to the “hands” of our parish activities while inadvertently overlooking the important job of the feet.

Since 2015, our annual income from identified givers has fallen by \$100,000. Because of this, St. Philip’s has run deficit budgets several years in a row. We have frequently been in the position of having excess money in various Designated Funds, thanks to generous and well-meaning donors, while not having enough money in our General Fund to cover our basic financial obligations. This model is financially unsustainable. It also restricts our ability to respond to pressing financial needs and impacts our ability to reflect overall parish priorities in how we steward our resources.

The Wardens would like to have a St. Philip’s family discussion about a new model – one that allows for a flexible and strategic allocation of all our resources to support all of our ministries. This model, proposed to begin in 2021, would support various ministries with a percentage of the overall budget, instead of the amounts received as designated gifts in any given year. The annual budget would continue to be put to Vestry for approval each year, ensuring that everyone’s voice is heard and our parish priorities are appropriately reflected in our budget allocations.

We understand some donors might still wish to give to a fund that is close to their hearts, while also giving to the General Fund. This will still be possible. However, in the new model, various ministries will be supported by a percentage of everyone’s gifts, rather than just by designated gifts. We think this is a better way to make sure that all of St. Philip’s ministries are supported by everyone in our parish family. Please add your voice to this important family conversation at Vestry on February 23. If you have questions, suggestions, or concerns prior to Vestry, please feel free to speak to any of the Wardens: Diana Bragg, Debbie Matheson, Craig Wilson and Brian Mix.

Yours,
The Wardens

