

## Notices for Sunday, August 30, 2020

Lovely People of St Philip's, greetings!

As we look forward to reopening the doors of St Philip's this Sunday for our first in-person worship service since March (details below), we must be mindful that things are definitely not back to normal! Our world continues to be rocked by the ongoing influence of the COVID-19 pandemic and how it has highlighted the social inequalities in our society.

Once again this week in the States we have been horrified by yet another police shooting of a seemingly innocent black man who was trying to break up a disturbance in his neighbourhood. He was shot seven times in the back in full view of his children. Our black brothers and sisters rightly cry out, 'when will justice be done?'

Closer to home, the Coronavirus continues to affect our daily lives. Infections are on the increase in BC as many people struggle to maintain the appropriate social distancing required to suppress the virus. With our children preparing to go back to school, many parents and teachers are understandably concerned about what will happen. Anecdotally, I am hearing from more and more people who are struggling with the effect that social isolation is having on their mental and physical health and their family relationships. Collectively, we all seem to be saying, 'when will all this end?'

Our New Testament reading offers us some guidance. St Paul was writing to the Christian Church in Rome at a time of persecution and social change. The Roman church was mainly made up of converted slaves and had a clear female leadership, with Phoebe being one of the more prominent leaders. Yet the church is struggling with division and the social impact that the liberating gospel message is bringing to the context of Roman society, as well as between Jewish and Gentile Christian converts. There is an issue of power imbalance. The Gentile converts are lauding it over the Jewish believers. Like our society today, the Roman church is divided and in conflict.

Paul's message to them rings true for us today when he says, *'Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.'* (Romans 12.9-13)

As we move into Phase II & III of opening our church and church centre, and as we engage with our world struggling with the two pandemics of racial injustice and Coronavirus, may these words be our mission statement as we look to navigate these uncharted waters.

Stay safe and peace be with you.

**Stuart**



### **WEBSITE WORSHIP:** on [stphilipsdunbar.com](https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com)

Join Stuart Hallam and others in Sunday morning website worship and follow along with the order of service delivered to you on Friday. The services are recorded and posted by Saturday evening, so you can watch and revisit them at your convenience. These engaging services have been very well received.

Visit our website: <https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/blog>

### **SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN-PERSON SERVICE**

St Philip's will be reopening this Sunday 30th August at 4:30pm for an in-person said Evening Prayer Service from the Iona Community tradition. To ensure everyone's safety, here are the protocols we are required to adhere to.



Please do not attend if:

1. You are feeling unwell.
2. You have come into contact with anyone who has tested positive to COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
3. You have travelled outside of British Columbia in the last 14 days.

- A maximum of 50 people (including staff and clergy) are allowed to be in the church at one time.
- Due to contact tracing you are required to have a ticket in advance to attend this service. We have set up a ticketing process through Eventbrite. This Sunday's tickets are available here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/afternoon-prayer-service-tickets-115229107362>. There is no cost for tickets it is just our way of keeping track the numbers and who will be attending. Please obtain the exact number of tickets for those who will be attending the service. Should you be unable to access Eventbrite we encourage you to contact Beth via the church office.
- Please arrive in good time through the main doors only. If you have mobility issues and need to use the ramp, please let the greeters know and they will assist you. Greeters will ensure you are shown safely to your seat.
- Please follow the directions of the greeters at all times. You will be shown to your seat as you enter the church. Please stay in your seat until the service is over.
- Everyone in the church will be a minimum of 2 metres apart (except those from the same households/bubbles). Please stay with your bubble at all times.
- We strongly encouraged you to wear masks in church. Please remember to bring yours with you.
- The church will be completely sanitized prior to and after the service.
- You will be asked to sanitize your hands prior to and after the service.
- After the service, you will be directed to leave the church promptly via the Chapel doors. Please wait to be directed by a sides person. (You may want to socialize in the garden afterwards, please remember to keeping 2 metres apart at all times).
- 1 washroom will be available for emergencies only, so please use your own washroom prior

to your arrival at church. If you required the washroom, please follow the sanitising protocols in the washroom.

- There will be music as part of the service but there will be no singing during the service.
- We are unable to offer Communion at this time.

Despite these limitations we look forward to seeing all those who are able to come to this service. We hope that you will enjoy being back together again in our beautiful sacred space. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Beth via the Parish office.



### **PRAYER, CARE AND SHARE:**

Weekly on Wednesdays via Zoom at 10:00 AM

To join the gathering by phone, dial 778-907-2071. The meeting ID is 2939572088.

On your computer, click the link at 10:00 AM

<https://zoom.us/j/2939572088>

### **PRAYER LIST**

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers at this time: Ken and Greg, Maura and Brian, Nancy, Tracy and family, Larry Hoad, Mike Lane, Brenda Harrison, Sarah Burns, Cynthia Howard and Richard Fenner. Let us pray for those who have died and for their friends and family bereaved by their loss.



### **MILESTONES**

Congratulations to Rachel and James on their recent marriage. Let's share life's blessings with our parishioners as we recite the final prayer together.



### **COFFEE HOUR on Zoom: Sunday August 30, 11:00 AM**

We look forward to seeing **you**. Click the blue link at 11:00 am, using your computer for best results, or join by phone:

<https://zoom.us/j/454815164>

**To join any Zoom meeting by phone, dial 778-907-2071**

Coffee Hour ID is 454815164.

### **GRATITUDE CONFETTI**

Let's toss gratitude confetti on all educators as they prepare for the new scholastic year.



### **Staying Close While We're Apart,**

Stuart Hallam (Rector), Debbie Matheson, Brian Mix, Diana Bragg, and Suzi Noetzel (Wardens)



## The Diocese of New Westminster Reopening Phases

The Anglican Church of Canada [www.vancouver.anglican.ca](http://www.vancouver.anglican.ca)



**Phase 1**



**Phase 2**



**Phase 3**



**Phase 4**

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
<b>Eucharist</b>	Online only	Online only	In-person with restrictions	In-person, no intinction
<b>Service of the Word</b>	Online Only	In-person with restrictions	In-person with restrictions	In-person with no restrictions
<b>Filming and Live Streaming Worship</b>	YES, with restrictions	YES, with restrictions	Continue for those that cannot physically attend	Continue for those that cannot physically attend
<b>Other Services</b>	Permissible with tight restrictions	Permissible with tight restrictions	YES, allowing for physical distancing under 50 people	Unrestricted
<b>Formation Fellowship, Fundraising And Pastoral Care</b>	Online or telephone only	Online or telephone only	YES, allowing for physical distancing under 50 people	Unrestricted and some online recommended
<b>Office building use</b>	Limited Access	Limited Access	YES, allowing for physical distancing under 50 people	Unrestricted
<b>Service and Outreach Initiatives</b>	With permission from the Archbishop's Office	With permission from the Archbishop's Office	YES, allowing for physical distancing under 50 people	Unrestricted
<b>User Groups and Rentals</b>	Suspended or invited to suspend	Suspended or invited to suspend	YES, allowing for physical distancing under 50 people	Unrestricted