

Notices for Sunday, September 6, 2020

Lovely people of St Philip's, greetings!

After nearly five and a half months in lock down, we reopened our beautiful church for our first in-person service last Sunday afternoon. It was a new normal in many different ways! Of course, there was the new normal of COVID 19 protocols: having to have a ticket to attend (so that we can easily track and trace in case there is an outbreak of the Coronavirus), physical distancing, and hand sanitising in the narthex, all as one might expect. There were also the new pews, beautifully remodelled by local craftsman Mark Turner. They allow us to easily reconfigure the nave, not only to distance people keeping them safe in the church, but also to do church 'in the round', which perfectly suited the beautiful contemplative service of Celtic Evening Prayers.

In some ways this was the most important new normal for me. Since I arrived we have realised that in order to grow our community we would need to offer a wider variety of church services which could attract the very large number of people in our community who would call themselves 'spiritual, but not religious'. Many Anglican churches around the world are doing the same, becoming what Rowan Williams labelled 'Mixed Economy' or 'Mixed Ecology' churches - churches that offer a wide variety of service styles to meet the differing needs of the 'Post Church' generation.

Our new and gorgeous pews allow us the flexibility to be able to do this and Sunday's service of Celtic Evening Prayers, using liturgy and music from the wonderful (and wonderfully popular) Iona Community was our first step to becoming a 'mixed ecology' church. Of course, once we get through this pandemic, we will also be able to offer in-person our much beloved and equally gorgeous traditional Sung Holy Eucharist! That traditional service continues online in the meantime.

To be honest, I felt extremely emotional as I welcomed so many of our congregation back through the doors again. We have all been on quite a journey and it is not over yet. Coronavirus numbers are on the increase again and we must continue to be vigilant against this invisible, deadly virus.

But what was clear from Sunday's experience and by what many people have shared with me throughout the lockdown is that our church means so much to so many people. Furthermore, because we have been courageous enough to make changes in the last six months, thanks to the success of the Capital Campaign, St Philip's now has the potential to have a very bright and successful future. I hope to see some of you again this Sunday. Don't forget to book your ticket!! In the meantime, stay safe and have a wonderful Labour Day weekend!

Love and prayers,
Stuart

DATES TO NOTE

September 13 - **Family Service** at 10:00 AM Website Worship

September 20 - **Archbishop Melissa Skelton** visits St Philip's 10:00 AM Website Worship



CELTIC EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

On Sunday, Aug 30th, under re-opening Phase Three, St Philip's opened for in-person worship with Celtic Evening Prayer at 4:30 PM. This is a quiet, contemplative spoken service of Evening Prayer from the Iona tradition lasting approximately 45 minutes. Michael Murray will play at this week's service. We hope you can attend.

The service is limited to 50 people and all attendees must wear a mask while in the building. If you forget yours, we will give you one. Please be ready to come in when doors open at 4:20 pm. Greeters will meet you, sign you in and guide you to your seat. Please follow their directions. Alert the greeter if you need to enter via the ramp, or need help. One washroom is available. To allow for contact tracing, you are required to register in advance to attend this service with free ticketing through Eventbrite. This allows us to keep track of the numbers, know who will be attending, and contact you if needed. To arrange a ticket for each person in your group, follow the link below and **select the dates you wish to attend**: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/st-philips-anglican-church-30814447722>. If you are unable to access Eventbrite, register with Beth (604-224-3238) before Friday noon.

WEBSITE WORSHIP on 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>



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>

COFFEE HOUR Sundays at 11:00 AM on Zoom

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.





NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY IS BACK!

We are pleased to announce that the Neighbourhood Ministry has resumed! On August 29, we sent out our first team since Covid closures. What we are able to give and how we are able to deliver it has changed a bit, but it's good to be up and running again. When we shut down operations in March, we donated all the food and most of the clothing items we had to various shelters. We are now restocking! We currently need cans of meat or fish; soft cereal bars (think Nutrigrain: avoid nuts & seeds); protein bars; juice boxes; fruit or pudding cups; nutrition drinks (Ensure, Boost) and clean socks.

We are donating clothing items to one of the shelters on Hornby Street so we are also collecting basic clothing, mostly for men - shirts, pants, sweatshirts, rain jackets & pants, boots, and runners. Things like suit coats, skirts, dresses, & heels are nice, but not practical for those living on the street.

There are drop off bins on St. Philip's porch where you can leave your donations. If you would like to contribute but aren't able to make it to St. Philip's, we have volunteers who can stop by to pick up. Contact Rhona Thornton at rhonat@telus.net or leave a message in box 304 at St. Philip's. Thank you for your ongoing support of this important work!

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR NEW MARPOLE FOOD BANK

Kerrisdale Oakridge Marpole Community Policing Centre seeks volunteers for their new **Marpole Food Bank** at 6070 East Boulevard (at West 45th Ave) <http://www.komcpc.ca>

Wednesdays 10am – 12pm: Separating the food

Wednesdays 7pm – 9pm: Bagging the food

Thursdays 10am – 12pm: Distributing the bags from behind your own work table where you leave the bag for collection, preserving distancing.

Distribution will be done with a limited number of people entering the building at a time.

Volunteers will be provided with PPE (hand sanitizer, gloves & mask).

All participants who are collecting bags will use hand sanitizer before entering the building.

Most participants also wear masks.

Volunteer Sign-up:

1. Click this link to SignUp.com: <https://signup.com/login/entry/467011763491322095>

2. Enter your email address. (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com)

3. Choose your spots - SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Kate Molloy who can sign you up manually and can answer any questions you have. Contact Kate Molloy at 604 717 3434 or komcpc@shaw.ca to receive waiver forms for youths & adults, along with the KOMCPC COVID-19 Safety Plan. All volunteers must sign & return the forms before taking part.





ST. PHILIP'S RINGERS

The St Philip's Ringers will call every parishioner over the next week or so to chat, ask if your needs have changed and if you now need a hand, and let you know that we are thinking about you all. Months of isolation, separation from loved ones, loneliness, uncertainty, and stresses at home can be heavy to bear when our usual joys and activities have been curtailed. Stuart asks you to call him at mobile 604-338-5636 if you or anyone you know needs a chat and support.

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

Let's share life's blessings with our parishioners as we recite the final prayer together.



GRATITUDE CONFETTI

Let's toss gratitude confetti on teachers preparing to reopen schools and on our Michael and wonderful choir for keeping our spirit up throughout lockdown.

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



Phase 1



Phase 2



Phase 3



Phase 4

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