

# NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing April 16, 2017



**Easter Sunday**

## **From the Rector**

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**

**The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

*Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark,  
Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone  
had been removed from the tomb...*

At Easter, we join Mary Magdalene in going to that tomb. We journey with her in the darkness, the darkness of Good Friday, and come with her to find the tomb empty.

She finds there, too, the risen Lord, the risen Christ, who speaks to her and tells her to go to his followers and instructs her to say to them: "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." The resurrection of Jesus, for us as Christians is central to our faith and this is what we continue to proclaim.

This weekend we will gather for the Easter Vigil on Saturday Evening (at 8:30pm) in the darkness of the night, just as Mary went out into the same darkness. In that darkness we will keep vigil with her and wait expectantly for the risen Christ. With a holy fire and a paschal candle we will bring the light of Christ, the light of Easter into the darkened church. As the light of God came into that darkened tomb long ago, so that same light of Christ will be welcomed into our church. A light which we will spread throughout the year but most particularly on Easter morning.

Our Easter celebrations will be uplifting and beautiful. They will remind us of the power of God to bring life out of death, light out of darkness, forgiveness out of sin, beauty out of ugliness, grace out of hopelessness. Easter is our reminder that God is with us and blesses us and loves us wholly and completely. The empty tomb of Easter was God's sign, through the risen Jesus Christ, God's Son, that we have new life and are called to spread that good news in all that we do and in every way that can.

And so amongst the Easter eggs, bonnets and lilies, I hope you find time to offer your thanks to God for the gift of life and the gift of new life in Christ. I hope you are able to have your soul touched by the message of resurrection at our worship on Saturday night or Sunday morning (or

both!). I hope the transforming power of God's love will change and affect you so that you are never the same, bowled over by the presence of the risen Christ in your life.

I pray every blessing to you and your family for your Easter celebrations!

*Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,  
"I have seen the Lord;"  
and told them that he had said these things to her.*

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

### **Thank you to all our amazing volunteers!**

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in all the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter! We rely on so many people to help bring a richness and vitality to our worship. Thank you to those who helped by participating in the mass or to decorate or in the garden or with the bulletins or with the music or with greeting or with hospitality or with outreach or with pastoral care or in any other way to help add to the beauty of these liturgies for all of us. Thank you!

We are always looking for more volunteers and so if you can help by reading or leading prayers or greeting in the future, we would greatly appreciate it! Please contact Janet in the Church Office or the clergy or the wardens if you are interested.

### **Church Interior Working Group**

A small group from St John's has formed a working group to look at the interior of our church to see if we might want to explore some new ideas in how it reflects our worship and our community in 2017. We have had several meetings in the past and offered a brief report at Vestry. The next meeting will be on **May 9 at 7:15pm** where we will consider a compilation of our ideas and discussion in concept drawings from the architect (and St. John's parishioner!) Arno Matis. Please join us if you would like to hear this presentation and be part of the discussion!

## **Next Church Committee Meeting Wednesday, April 19 at 7pm**

Church Committee meets next Wednesday in the Trendell Lounge . We will gather at 7:00 but the meeting will begin at 7:15pm.

## **Memorial Service for Nijole Kuzmickas**

The Memorial Service and Celebration of Life for Nijole Kuzmickas (Robin Preston's wife) will be held on Wednesday April 19 at 2:00pm. Please keep Robin in your prayers.

## **Syrian Refugee Family Sponsorship – update**

We are helping St Helen's Anglican Church with the costs of sponsoring a large family of refugees from Syria. Last year we agreed that St John's would assist in raising funds for this family and St Helen's has asked us to commit to raising the funds for the plane tickets (about \$12,000) for the seven adults. The family group consist of four men, three women, a young girl and two infants. In the Narthex there are special envelopes for you to place your donation towards the SJS Syrian Refugee Settlement Fund. Please make your cheque payable to St John's Shaughnessy, and make a note in the memo line that the funds go to the Syrian Refugee Settlement Fund. Donations are tax deductible. **As of April 11<sup>th</sup>, SJS parishioners have donated \$4260.00, meaning we have already reached 36% of our goal! Please bring in your donation soon if you haven't already done so.**

Another way to support our refugee family is to participate in the food drives organized by St Helen's. Non-perishables needed are: cans of tomatoes, cans of kidney beans, tomato paste, basmati rice, dried chickpeas, dried lentils, couscous, vermicelli pasta, white sugar, olive or corn or canola oil, coffee (dark roast), apricot jam, tahini, bulgar, Za'tar, mixed nuts and dried figs. (Please no canned goods containing meat)

St Helen's also posts updates about the family on their website:

<http://www.pointgreyanglican.com/news/refugees-the-latest>

## **Archdeaconry Chapter Meeting 7:00pm in the Trendell Lounge**

On April 26 all of the Clergy, Parish Synod Delegates and any other interested parties will meet for a pre-synod Archdeaconry Chapter Meeting. We will meet with others from our Archdeaconry to discuss items that will be presented at our Annual Synod Meeting (May 26 and 27). In particular there will be discussion regarding parish assessments and other financial matters and any other business that may be coming to Synod. Please mark your calendars.

## **Neighbourhood Ministry Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday May 24, 2017 in the Trendell Lounge 7pm-9pm  
Light refreshments provided. All welcome.

## **Easter Lilies and cats**

A reminder that Easter lilies are toxic to cats. Even small ingestions (such as 2-3 petals or leaves) – even the pollen or water from the vase – can result in severe, acute kidney failure causing death. Be careful.



## **Criminal Record Checks**

If you have recently had a criminal record check for your volunteer work here at SJS, please submit your \$25 receipt and we will reimburse you. Or you may prefer to have it added to your 2017 donations and receive a tax receipt.

## **Walking Group at SJS**

Do you think you need a little more fresh air and exercise? Join the SJS Walking Group! It is on Mondays (except holidays) starting at 12 noon. Please meet up by the east door of the church, and wear good supportive shoes. Dogs welcome. If you sign up in advance, we can let you know about cancellations and/or time changes. **We hope to walk on other days** as well. Let us know what works for you. Please **contact** the office for more information.

## **Knitting Group at SJS**

The knitting group continues to meet Monday mornings at 10am, and we're having a lot of fun together. Maybe you would like to join us? Please contact the office for more information. Everyone welcome.

## **Do you enjoy playing Scrabble?**

A small group of SJS parishioners is interested in getting together to play Scrabble. It has been suggested that meetings be in the Trendell Lounge after coffee hour on Sundays, or possibly during the week in the choir room. Please contact the office for more information, and let us know the days/times that work best for you.

## **Calling all Gardeners! Mondays at 10am**

Please join a small group of us who work on tidying up the gardens at St John's on Monday mornings. Weeding, pruning, raking and transplanting. No experience necessary!!! Many hands make light work. Please contact the office for more information.



# Holy Week



## Sunday April 9 Palm Sunday

- 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00am Palm Procession and Sung Eucharist

## Monday/Tuesday April 10/11

- 7:00pm Said Holy Eucharist with address (30 minutes)

## Wednesday April 12

- 9:30am Said Holy Eucharist with address (30 minutes)

## Thursday April 13 Maundy Thursday

- 6:00pm Homemade soup and sandwiches - all welcome  
7:30pm Last Supper Eucharist with foot washing. A meditative watch will be kept until 9:30pm.

## Friday April 14 Good Friday

- 10:00am Families Stations of the Cross (35 minutes)  
12:00noon Solemn Liturgy of the Day with Sung Passion

## Saturday April 15 Holy Saturday

- 8:30pm Great Vigil of Easter

## Sunday April 16 Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Day

- 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00am Celebration Eucharist and Easter Egg Hunt



# Maundy Thursday

April 13

6.00pm

Homemade soup and sandwiches

7:30pm

Last Supper Eucharist with foot washing

The Eucharist is followed by the ceremonial stripping of the altar and a procession through the church to the side chapel where the Blessed Sacrament will be kept overnight, reminding us of our Lord's anguish in the Garden of Gethsemane. A meditative watch will be kept until 9:30pm.

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Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am

Celebration Eucharist followed  
by an Easter Egg Hunt



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Parish Administrator	Janet Hamilton
PWRDF Rep	Doug Symons
Sacristan and MC	Paul Bunnell
Verger/caretaker	Amy Thorogood

### **Sunday services**

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am Sung Eucharist

### **Wednesday service**

9:30am Holy Communion

Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings and Confessions are by appointment with the Rector. Please contact us if you would like to have our weekly newsletter emailed to you.

