



NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing May 21, 2017



Sixth Sunday of Easter

From the Rector

This weekend is the Victoria Day Weekend in Canada. In Ontario, this weekend is very important in terms of opening up the cottage but is also celebrated with fireworks and festivities. Supposedly, Queen Victoria's favourite hymn was *Lead Kindly Light* written by John Henry Newman:

1. Lead, kindly Light, amid th'encircling gloom;
Lead thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home;
Lead thou me on!
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene--one step enough for me.

2. I was not ever thus, nor pray'd that thou
Shouldst lead me on.
I loved to choose and see my path; but now,
Lead thou me on!
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will. Remember not past years.

3. So long thy pow'r hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone.
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!

In the Gospel passage for this Sunday, we hear the words from Jesus: "If you love me you will keep my commandments." The hymn, *Lead Kindly Light*, seems to be really a response to these words from Jesus. How do we live out the love, the light of Christ in our daily lives? How do we show that our faith in Jesus Christ affects and assists us in all that we do, calling us to live life more deeply and fully? How do we, on this long weekend, reflect upon our calling to love more completely in this world?

This Sunday is the Sixth Sunday of Easter and as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we affirm the new life that has

been offered to us by Christ rising from the dead and bringing new light and new hope.

Ethiopia: 4th Century Church in a Contemporary World

On June 5, Archdeacon Douglas Fenton will speak about his study leave in Ethiopia. Father Douglas had an incredible experience as he toured many parts of Ethiopia and experienced the culture, tradition and history, in particular the Christian foundation of the country. There were many fascinating experiences and we are delighted that he will be sharing some of them with us. Join us on June 5 at 7:00pm in the Trendell Lounge.

First Annual Wiffle Ball Baseball Tournament

Mike Dezell, our team captain, would like to people to sign up as players or supporters, for our Wiffle Ball Team. We would like to know numbers so that we can order enough pizza! We are hoping everyone coming can contribute \$2 for pizza. It will be a lot of fun as we play against the Diocesan Staff Team. Come and cheer!

Parish Picnic

Once again this year, our parish of St. John's Shaughnessy, is joining with other Anglican parishes of our area for a Parish Picnic. It will be held at Maple Grove Park on June 25 after our 10:00 Mass. Please bring something to share (hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided). We will be joining St. Mary's Kerrisdale, St. Faith's and St. Augustine's.

Syrian Refugee Fund

We are hoping to raise \$12,000 to support a Syrian Refugee family. St. Helen's Point Grey is taking the lead on supporting them (along with a group in the Archeology Department at UBC). St. John's Shaughnessy has offered to raise the money needed to pay for their plane fare that they needed to get to Canada. Currently we have raised \$8,285 (about 69%), which is very impressive! Thank you to everyone who has contributed!

Neighbourhood Ministry Annual General Meeting May 24

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

Diocesan Synod Meets May 26 and 27 - Italian Cultural Centre

St. John's Synod Delegates are the licensed clergy (Father John, Mother Liz and Deacon Pitman), Louise Hadley, Maggie Sanders and Matthew Stephens.

Jerusalem Sunday May 28th

Jerusalem Sunday is an annual church observance on the seventh Sunday of Easter to celebrate and support the ministries of the 'living stones' of the Diocese of Jerusalem in Jerusalem, West Bank, Gaza, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. Please join us for this special service to find out more. Thank you to Judith for sending in this fantastic photo from her visit to Jerusalem!

Hospitality Volunteers Needed for Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

Are you interested in helping out at coffee hour? Training and written instructions provided. We will pair you up with someone who has done it many times. Please contact the office if you are able to help out. **We need extra volunteers in all areas for the summer months.**



Volunteer Drivers Needed

We are looking for several volunteer drivers for some members of our congregation who require a ride to church. These senior parishioners are just a **five minute drive from St John's**. Hopefully we will set up a rotating roster of drivers. Please contact the office if you are able to help out.



Do you have an old bike in your garage that needs a new home?

Two St John's staff members are looking to purchase used bikes. They can be 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, it doesn't matter. A road bike or touring bike or a hybrid, men's or women's, we're not fussy. Please email the details to the office, or talk to Janet or Amy. Thanks!

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.

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.

St Faith's Annual Boulevard Sale Saturday June 3 - 10am to 1pm

7284 Cypress (W 57th near W. Blvd). There are delicious baked goods, preserves, bedding plants, books, hotdogs, ice-cream and \$2 raffle tickets for sale. The Church will be beautifully adorned with quilts made by the Pumpkin Seeds Quilters. All funds raised go to the St. Faith's Outreach Fund which supports local and global caring ministries.



Evening for Ascension

May 28 at 4pm
Reception to follow

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As they were watching,
Jesus was lifted up,
and a cloud took him
out of their sight.

Acts 1.9



Choral Evensong

for the Archdeaconry of Vancouver

Pentecost Sunday - June 4
4:00pm



St. Mary's KERRISDALE

2490 West 37th Avenue, Vancouver

Preacher:
Bishop Michael Ingham
Reception to follow

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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.

