



NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing May 28, 2017



Jerusalem Sunday

From the Rector

On this the last Seventh Sunday of the Season of Easter, we turn our attention to Jerusalem. I invite you to please pray for peace in Jerusalem and the Middle East. In the wake of the bombing in Manchester, of course, our prayers for peace extend throughout the world. Our prayers are needed for many parts of our planet, as war, famine, violence and persecution continues in many places. Pray for reconciliation between divided peoples and for a will to settle disagreements with words rather than bullets.

Jerusalem is a central place in terms of our Christian history but the same is true for Jews and Muslims. It is key in bringing peace to a troubled area. We remember today the Diocese of Jerusalem and the incredible and compassionate work that it is doing to bring about hope and compassion. May our faith in a loving God guide our thoughts, our prayers, and our actions this day in particular.

Next Sunday is the Day of Pentecost as we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit. As we offer our prayers for peace may we invite the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit into our world, our lives, our Church to carry us forward into a new vision of hope.

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pentecost Sunday! Wear red!

Next Sunday, June 4, is Pentecost Sunday, the day we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit. The liturgical colour is red. We invite you to wear red to honour the arrival of the Holy Spirit. Red shirts, shoes, ties, socks, pants, skirts are all encouraged! Come Holy Spirit!

You can also wear your red to the Archdeaconry Service of Evensong for Pentecost at 4:00pm at St. Mary's Kerrisdale. Bishop Michael Ingham is the preacher. Each parish is asked to bring a plate of goodies to share for the reception.

Wiffle Ball Practice May 28

If you have time to stay for a very informal practice after church on Sunday, you are invited! It will not be a vigorous work out! Just fun!



Prayer for Jerusalem Sunday

Written by the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz

O God, We give thanks that your dear Son has gathered us in the embrace of his redeeming love and sent us to make that love known to the ends of the earth.

We pray your continued blessings on the steadfast witness of the Church in Jerusalem and throughout the Middle East.

Give your deep joy to those who welcome the pilgrims seeking to know this land and its many peoples.

Grace those who proclaim the Gospel.

Guide all who teach a new generation of young people.

Draw near to those who are sick and bless those who tend them.

Sustain the hope in all who long and labour for a just and lasting peace in the land of The Holy One.

And may the companions of Jerusalem be many and faithful.

We pray in the name of our merciful Saviour, Friend, and Brother, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.



What is Jerusalem Sunday?

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. Jerusalem Sunday is organized each year by the **Canadian Companions of Jerusalem** (www.anglican.ca/gr/provinces/jerusalem/companions). Relationship with the Diocese of Jerusalem is important for the Anglican Church of Canada, and the whole Communion, for learning and supporting the witness of Christian community in the challenging context of the Middle East region today. Many Canadian Anglicans seek to follow Jesus' footsteps in the land of his birth, life, death and resurrection. Many others also seek peace with justice in solidarity with Palestinians and Israelis leading this difficult work. The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem is our partner on the ground in these efforts and more.

Diocese of Jerusalem <http://www.j-diocese.org>

Jerusalem Relations <http://www.anglican.ca/gr/provinces/jerusalem>

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Canadian Companions of Jerusalem

<http://www.anglican.ca/gr/provinces/jerusalem/companions>



The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem responds to human need with loving service

Mark of Mission 3, Anglican Communion

The Jerusalem Princess Basma Center for Disabled Children is a fully integrated elementary school and centre for therapeutic work with children living with disabilities. As with every health and education ministry of the Diocese of Jerusalem, the Center provides schooling, diagnostics and treatment to children and their families who could not otherwise afford such specialized services. All special Jerusalem Sunday 2017 offerings will support the Center's Hydrotherapy Pool program for children. For more information about the Jerusalem Princess Basma Center for Disabled Children, visit: www.basma-center.org

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 June 7th at 6pm

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 \$8,485 (about 71%). Thank you to everyone who has contributed!

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.

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.

Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team of SJS has started its work of "coming alongside to offer encouragement and comfort and company" to those who would appreciate it--whether it's because of illness, individual or family issues, or simply a desire for more personal connection. We are committed to complete confidentiality, as we make contacts under the guidance of Mother Liz, with Helen Kline acting as team liaison.

How can you help? Please pray for us, that we act with wisdom and compassion and respect as Christ's representatives in our world. Also, feel free to make a referral on behalf of someone you know who could benefit from a regular phone call or personal visit. To do so, contact the Church Office to leave a message for either Mother Liz or Helen Kline. Thank you.

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. Any age road bike or touring bike or a hybrid, men's or women's, we're not fussy (just not a mountain bike). Please email the details to the office, or talk to Janet or Amy. Thanks!



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.

