



NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing June 11, 2017



Trinity Sunday

From the Rector

This coming Sunday is Trinity Sunday. Our hymns, readings and other parts of the liturgy will reflect our understanding of God in three parts. The Holy Trinity of God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is sometimes seen as confusing and difficult to understand. It can seem to divide God into three distinct parts. It can seem to confuse what we mean with we say the word God. It can seem to bring in philosophical arguments rather than prayerful connection to God. But I think it really invites us in to a relationship with God.

Miroslav Volf writes this: “Because the Christian God is not a lonely God, but rather a communion of three persons, faith leads human beings into the divine communion. One cannot, however, have a self-enclosed communion with the Triune God- a "foursome," as it were-- for the Christian God is not a private deity. Communion with this God is at once also communion with those others who have entrusted themselves in faith to the same God. Hence one and the same act of faith places a person into a new relationship both with God and with all others who stand in communion with God.”

The Trinity of God invites us into the mystery of God. Frederick Buechner writes this: “The much maligned doctrine of the Trinity is an assertion that, appearances to the contrary notwithstanding, there is only one God. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit mean that the mystery beyond us, the mystery among us, and the mystery within us are all the same mystery. Thus the Trinity is a way of saying something about us and the way we experience God.”

In Celtic Tradition, the Trinity of God was a key element in describing their tradition. It pointed to this relationship, this mystery of God. Many of their prayers were written to reflect this closeness and this mystery of God. From *Poems of the Western Highlanders*, we read:

The three who are over my head,
The Three who are under my tread,
The Three who are over me here,
The Three who are over me there,
The Three who are in the earth near,

The Three who are up in the air,
The Three who in heaven to dwell,
The Three in the great ocean swell,
Pervading Three, O be with me.

As we consider the Trinity of God, Father Son and Holy Spirit; Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, where do you encounter these three aspects of God in your life? Where do they touch you and form you and shape you? How do they guide your path this day? May you know the blessing of the Holy Trinity as you live out your baptismal covenant.

O God of mystery and delight, we give you thanks for your relationship and connection to our lives in the form of the Holy Trinity. You have called us into life with you by our Baptism, and the sign of the cross made on our forehead in your holy name. Guide us to live our lives as you call us to ministry and wholeness. In the name of the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sanctifier. Amen.

Ordinations

God willing, Bishop Melissa will ordain Ross Bliss to be a priest in the Anglican Church of Canada on June 24 at the Cathedral at 10:30am. Others who will potentially be ordained will be:

To the Sacred Order of Deacons: Ron Berezan, Hyok Kim, Jeffrey Preiss, Sharon Smith and Marion Wong

To the Sacred Order of Priests: Ross Bliss, Mark Munn and Lucy Price

Please keep them all in your prayers and, if you are able, come to the Cathedral on June 24!

22 Days for Healing and Reconciliation

The Primate has asked us to observe 22 Days for Healing and Reconciliation which began on May 31 and concludes with the National Aboriginal Day of Prayer on June 21. This is the second year it has been observed and the central focus this year is on the recovery of Indigenous languages.

Wednesday, June 21

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY

Anglicans in West Point Grey invite you

Join us at the labyrinth for an evening of stories and song, from and by Aboriginal Peoples, in honour of National Aboriginal day.

7-8 pm Evening Programming

8-9 pm Reflection & Social

Hosted at St. Mary's Kerrisdale Anglican Church
2490 West 37th Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V6M 1P5

We acknowledge that this event will be taking place on unceded Indigenous land that includes the territories of the Musqueam Nation, where St. Mary's is located.

For more information or questions, contact us at christine@stmaryskerrisdale.ca

National Aboriginal Day of Prayer

June 21 is the National Aboriginal Day of Prayer. If you are able to attend the event at St. Mary's, please do!

Church Interior Task Force Meeting June 14

The next meeting of the Church Interior Task Force will be held on June 14 at 7:15pm in the church. We will continue our discussion about some of the things we would like to discuss if we were to reconsider the interior of our church to better reflect our congregation and community life in 2017 and going forward. We continue to think about seating, lighting, acoustics, prayer, praise, the sacraments and the calling of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in this community. If a clearer plan starts to emerge, more input from the larger community of St. John's will be sought.

June 21 Church Committee

The next church committee meeting is June 21 in the Trendell Lounge at 7:00pm. If you have a report to submit, please be sure that Janet receives it at least two days in advance.

Mother Liz away

Liz is on a well-deserved holiday from June 8 – 24. We look forward to her return, and wish her a wonderful holiday.

Linking with Shaughnessy Heights United and Redeemer Lutheran

In the Fall we plan to link with Shaughnessy Heights United and Redeemer Lutheran churches to collect socks for the homeless. We hope to create a large campaign which will involve the neighbourhood, the local schools and our three churches. More information will follow!

Wiffle Ball game at SJS June 7

A lovely evening played host to the first Wiffle on The Green baseball game last Wednesday, as the St. John's Shaughnessy Slammin' Saints battled the Diocese of New Westminster Dirt Devils. The game was surprisingly competitive and exciting, with the Diocese prevailing 15-13 in four innings. SJS made a furious last-bats rally, scoring four in the bottom of the fourth, and had the bases loaded when DNW pitcher Keith Landherr made the final out with a circus catch in front of second base.



Many thanks to the catering crew, the organist, the popcorn maker and the many spectators who cheered the two teams on. We look forward to the next match!

Mike Dezell

It was a fabulous evening - many thanks to everyone who contributed their time, talents, and treasures.

Karin Fulcher





Thank you Karin Fulcher for sending in these great photos!

A special thank you to my parish family

I am writing to express my gratitude and to thank everyone for praying for me, and for inquiring about my health. I have been told I am cancer-free. God is still in the miracle business.

Beah Rudersdorfer

National Aboriginal Day Events June 10 and 17

Sto:lo Upriver Tour June 10 A bus tour through Chilliwack, Yale & Hope of Sto:lo "named places" with cultural historian Naxaxalhts'i Sonny McHalsie. There are still 10 spots remaining on this remarkable tour, the cost is \$35 for a very full day and includes lunch at Christ Church Hope. To register pay here and e-mail Carla Niemi carlaniemi@gmail.com to let her know that you are coming. The trip leaves Chilliwack at 9 AM.

Ministry Fair June 17 1-4 PM At St. Stephen, 9887 Cameron St, in Burnaby: a chance to learn about Indigenous Justice initiatives in the diocese and see *Qwalena*, Dallas Yellowfly's powerful mask-theater piece on residential schools. Church and community groups doing Indigenous justice, cultural, and reconciliation work will meet in the hall to share and learn from one another. Then Dallas Yellowfly of [Three Crows Productions](#) will share a performance that blends traditional West Coast storytelling with modern media followed by a facilitated community discussion. The event is free and open to the public.

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.

Parish Picnic at Maple Grove Park

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 (5800 Yew, between Marine & 51st) 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 \$8,685 (about 72%). Thank you to everyone who has contributed!

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

Janet in the office is looking to purchase used bikes for herself and a family member. 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 - just not a mountain bike. Please email the details to the office, or talk to Janet directly. Thanks!

Garden Tools and Equipment Wanted

Do you have any gardening supplies in your garage that you don't use any more, and would like to donate to the church? Please bring them to church on Sunday, or contact the office to arrange pick up. Gloves, shovels, forks, carts, knee pads, pruners, etc. can all be put to good use by our growing team of volunteers. We also welcome more volunteers!

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 and Fr John, 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 Mother Liz, Fr John or Helen Kline. Thank you.

Please watch your valuables in the church

Two laptops were stolen last week through open windows. Be extra careful!



ANNUAL ARCHDEACONRY
Parish Picnic

SUNDAY, JUNE 25
MAPLE GROVE PARK, 12-3PM

BASEBALL GAME STARTS @ 1:30PM

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE ANNUAL CLERGY SACK RACE!
JOIN US FOR GAMES, FACE-PAINTING, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP.

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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.

