



NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing June 25, 2017

Third Sunday after Pentecost



From the Rector

National Aboriginal Day of Prayer took place this past Wednesday. Events were held in so many parts of our country as we work to understand more fully what the word *reconciliation* in the phrase *Truth and Reconciliation*. We cannot change history but we can aim to ensure a respect and honouring of our indigenous peoples in how we live in this country.

Our Primate, the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz wrote a letter to the Anglican Church of Canada (found on the national church website) for us to reflect upon this week, and it ends with these words:

I conclude by quoting from the last of the Ten Principles the Truth and Reconciliation Commission declared as underlying their 94 Calls to Action. It reads in part...

“Together, Canadians must do more than just *talk* about reconciliation; we must learn how to practise reconciliation in our everyday lives—within ourselves and our families, and in our communities, governments, places of worship, schools, and workplaces. To do so constructively, Canadians must remain committed to the ongoing work of establishing and maintaining respectful relationships.

For many Survivors and their families, this commitment is foremost about healing themselves, their communities, and their nations in ways that revitalize individuals as well as Indigenous cultures, languages, spirituality, laws, and governance systems. For governments, building a respectful relationship involves dismantling a centuries-old political and bureaucratic culture in which, all too often, policies and programs are still based on failed notions of assimilation. For churches, demonstrating long-term commitment requires atoning for actions within the residential schools, respecting Indigenous spirituality, and supporting Indigenous peoples’ struggles for justice and equity. ...For Canadians from all walks of life, reconciliation offers a new way of living together.”

Pray with me that this principle be etched on the very soul of our Church and our commitment to healing, reconciliation and new life.

As we walk on our pathway of faith and contemplate what it means to be a Christian and a follower of Jesus who invites us to be truth and light

in this world, our relationship with our neighbour is such a central part of our relationship with God. St. Paul, in the letter to the Romans, part of which will be read on Sunday, wrote this: "So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus."

Our faith in the God of grace and reconciliation is about bringing new life to ourselves and those around us. May we see ourselves and our role as signs of God's blessing and not judgement. May God direct us and lead us in this calling.

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. Amen (the collect of the day for National Aboriginal Day of Prayer).

Wedding on July 2

On Sunday, July 2, Sarah Scarf and Peter Cuzzetto will be getting married! They are both members of our parish and it is a great delight for all of us that they will be married at St. John's! Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers; it will be a wonderful day for them and the whole parish!

Baptism on July 9

Karn Hundal will be Baptized on Sunday July 9 at the 10:00am Mass. Karn has been attending St. John's for a while now and felt called to be Baptised. It is a delight for our entire parish to welcome him into our Christian Community and to be a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. Please keep him in your prayers.

A Neighbourhood Report about Shaughnessy

Church Committee commissioned VST student, Alecia Greenfield, to compile as much information as possible about the Shaughnessy neighbourhood. We wanted to bring together census data, neighbourhood

information, a critique of our website and first impressions of our building, a listing of local groups and people, amongst other things. Alecia has completed this work and a copy was presented to Church Committee on June 21. Church Committee has been tasked with studying the material and we will meet with Alecia at a special meeting of Church Committee in August or September. If you would like to see a copy of this Neighbourhood Report, please contact Janet in the Church Office or the wardens or the clergy. It is an interesting and helpful read!

Socks for the Homeless

St. John's is planning to link with Shaughnessy Heights United and Redeemer Lutheran Church to collect socks for the homeless in October. The plan is to have new socks collected in the churches and the local schools. We will also invite the people of Shaughnessy (through a hand-delivered postcard) to drop off socks at these three churches. We will have three specific drop-off times and end the campaign with a talk on Homelessness in Vancouver. It should be a great event linking our churches and the neighbourhood of Shaughnessy. More details will follow.



Ordinations on June 24 at 10:30am at Christ Church Cathedral

Please keep the following people in your prayers as they prepare for ordination this coming Saturday:

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

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

If you are able to attend, please come and support all the candidates but especially our own Ross Bliss!

Parish Picnic at Maple Grove Park June 25

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.

Memorial Garden Service September 24

Our Annual Memorial Garden Service of Evensong will be held on September 24 at 3:00pm. Please put this on your calendar now and plan to attend. Please let people know about this, especially those with a connection to St John's Shaughnessy and the Memorial Garden. This is an important ministry for us.

Garden Tools, Rocks & Driftwood 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, brooms, forks, carts, pruners, etc. can all be put to good use by our growing team of volunteers. And we welcome more volunteers!

We are also looking for smooth-edged attractive rocks and interesting pieces of driftwood for one part of the garden. If you find anything that catches your eye while on your travels this summer, and you are able to bring it to us, please do. Thank you!



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 recently stolen through open windows. Always keep a close eye on your valuables.

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.

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. **We have raised \$9,195 (about 77%)**. Thank you to everyone who has contributed!



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.

