



NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing July 9, 2017

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost with Holy Baptism



From the Rector

The summer weather is certainly upon us and I know that most of us are enjoying it very much. It is hard to beat Vancouver in the summer sunshine! The beaches are crowded, Stanley Park is busy and there is little snow left on the local mountains. We are so blessed!

In the gospel for this coming Sunday, Jesus tells those around him: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Beautiful words from Jesus that do not try to minimize the burdens and worries that we have in life but that in him we find rest, we find peace, we find connection of our lives to God. These are precious words in the complications of life in 2017.

I do hope and pray that all of you find time to reflect on these words of Jesus over the summer. That you will find time to consider more about why you might feel weary and look deeper into the burdens you carry. I hope you find time to see how Jesus offers you rest. I hope you find time to simply reflect upon God's hope and calling in our life.

There is something about these longer, warmer, beautiful days of summer and often some holiday time that accompanies them, that helps us sink a little deeper into some time of reflection and contemplation. I encourage you to find the time do this. Create a time of silence in your day. Eke out times of quiet with no agenda but simply space to be in the presence of God and ask for the gift of rest. Be intentional in creating a time where the agenda is not full but the weight and burden of life can be lifted off to see that indeed Jesus offers a new perspective.

Summer is such a beautiful time. Find the time to enjoy, appreciate and give thanks for it!

Life-giving and gentle God, in the busy-ness of life it is hard to find time to be more aware of your presence. In the beauty of this summer time, with longer days, clearer nights and glorious sunshine, open my eyes and my heart to your presence. Awaken me to see that you are near, willing to share my weariness and burdens and offer me rest. Help me to accept your offer with the graciousness that it is given. In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen.

Book Study or Bible Study?

A couple of people have asked about having a book study or a Bible study mid-week and during the day. We are trying to determine how many people might be interested in this. If this is something that you would like to participate in then please speak to one of the Clergy. If there is enough interest we would look to start this in the Fall, on a day that is convenient to most (if not all!) people. Thank you.

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.

Partnership Diocese

Our Diocese of New Westminster has partnered with the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines to share relationship, faith and ideas. Our parish of St. John's has been partnered with St. Luke the Evangelist Mission, Butbut Proper, and St. James of Jerusalem Mission, Luccong. Their priest is Padi (Reverend) Barnabas Chaokas. We are looking for someone in our parish to be the liaison person to connect with our partner parish. Are you interested? Please speak to Father John.

SJS Prayer List: how do I add someone to the list?

The St John's prayer list is updated regularly. The binder is located in the Narthex (Granville entranceway), and you may add names anytime you are here. The list is checked just before each service. You may also call the office Mon-Thurs, or email names to the office. You may also email names directly to Fr John and Mtr Liz, especially after 3pm on Thursdays because the office is closed on Fridays.

Primates World Relief and Development Fund: Changing lives, one cow at a time - a PWRDF project in Tanzania.

When Harima Mkitage's family received a cow four years ago, her parents used some of the money the cow brought in to pay her school fees. Now, she wants to become a livestock specialist. Each family that receives a cow is obligated to give the first female calf to the next household on a waiting list. Recipients are chosen by the village council based on need, and their place on the list is determined by drawing lots. With this new prosperity they share with the less fortunate members of the village by delivering free milk to older villagers who cannot afford to buy it, and sell it to others. Things people invest in when they have the extra income: school fees, medicine, and a new roof! *Photo: André Forget*



SJS office closed July 10-13 for summer holidays

Please contact the clergy directly by email, or follow the prompts when you call to reach Fr John's voice mail. Janet will be back on July 17th.

You are invited to the Neighbourhood Ministry BBQ Aug 7

The Neighbourhood Ministry will be hosting a BBQ at Dunbar Apartments on BC Day, Monday August 7. Please contact Joan Stewart if you can attend and/or provide a food donation for the event.

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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.

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!

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 attractive rocks and interesting pieces of driftwood for 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. If they come with a story all the better!!!

Donations for DTES Women's Shelter

I just started volunteering at WISH in the Downtown Eastside. If you have any used summer clothes/shoes, used make-up (maybe that colour wasn't right after all), or used costume jewelry that you would like to donate, please leave them in the church office labeled "Janet" or "WISH" and I will take them to my next shift. Thank you!

Janet



Memorial Garden Service

Sunday Sept 24 at 3 o'clock

Join us for a special service of Choral Evensong as we remember loved ones whose ashes have been placed in our Memorial Garden. A reception in the Trendell Lounge will follow. All welcome.



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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.

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