



# NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing July 30, 2017

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**



## **This week's gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

Jesus continues to use parables to teach the crowds and his disciples about God's Kingdom; the four read today are really similes. A "mustard seed" is very small; in Palestine it grows to be a large shrub, but hardly a tree. Birds do not nest in it, so Jesus exaggerates. Bread made with "three measures of flour" (v. [33](#)) would feed 100 people: again an exaggeration. God's Kingdom will grow from small beginnings to significant size. Like yeast, Jesus' message will pervade the lives of many, transforming them. The "someone" of v. [44](#) stumbles over the "treasure" and acquires legal title to it by selling all to buy the field. Of such value is membership in the Kingdom. The "merchant" (v. [45](#)) values the "pearl", (v. [46](#), the Kingdom), above all else. On the Sea of Galilee, a "net" (v. [47](#)) gathered all fish, only some of which were edible. At the end of the age, God will come to judge people, declaring the good to be his and discarding the others. Jesus calls his disciples *scribes*, interpreters, "trained for the kingdom" (v. [52](#)), when they tell him that they understand the seven parables in this chapter, for they know both the "old" (Israel's heritage), and the "new" understanding of it he has given them.

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## **Rector on well-deserved holiday until August 14**

John Stephens will be on holidays until August 14. Liz Hamel and Bill Inglis will be covering for Fr John, so we are all in good hands.

## **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.

## Join us Wednesday mornings at 10:30 for Scrabble!

Scrabble started this past Wednesday in the choir room with three eager participants. Beginners are welcome! Please contact the office if you would like to join them. The location may change week to week.



## 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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## Neighbourhood Ministry packet stuffing next Sunday – August 6<sup>th</sup>

If you are in town over the long weekend, why not join us for the monthly packet stuffing in the Trendell Lounge after the service on Sunday? Our goal is to put together 15 packets of food & personal items for our neighbours living on the streets and donations are still needed. Please consider picking up some of the following items on your next shopping trip:

- Boost or Ensure nutritional drinks
- Small bottles of shampoo, conditioner, unscented lotion
- Juice boxes, tinned meat, soft granola bars (no nuts or raisins)
- Fruit cups & plastic spoons
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste, disposable razors, socks

Donations are always welcome and can be left in the large white basket near the baptismal font. The packet “Wish List” can also be found on the Outreach page on the parish website (under the Serve menu):

<http://www.stjohnsshaughnessy.org/serve/outreach/>

## PWRDF WILDFIRE EMERGENCY FUND

PWRDF Humanitarian Response Coordinator Naba Gurung has been in close contact with Barbara Andrews, Bishop of the Territory of the People (formerly the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior), where she notes every resident is affected by the fire.

While immediate needs are being met, Gurung notes that recovery from such a disaster can take a long time. PWRDF is ready to work with affected dioceses once needs have been clarified.

Bishop Andrews reports that the leadership team is getting a sense of its parishioners' needs, beyond ensuring their safety. Churches are on standby to provide space for evacuees if needed.

PWRDF encourages donations to its emergency fund which will be used to support needs in British Columbia. Donations can be made via credit card over the phone (toll free at 1-866-308-7973), or online at our Canada Helps page at [pwrdf.org/donate](https://pwrdf.org/donate). Choose Emergency Response from the drop down menu.

You can also mail a cheque to The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, The Anglican Church of Canada, 80 Hayden Street, Toronto, Ontario M4Y 3G2. Please note "Emergency Response" on your cheque.

- Photo from CBC



## **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.

## **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.

## **Sock Drive in October**

In October, St. John's Shaughnessy is joining with Shaughnessy Heights United Church, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Little Flower Academy School and we hope Shaughnessy Elementary School, and York House School, along with people of our neighbourhood to collect new socks to be distributed to the homeless. Stay tuned for more information!

## **DTES Women's Shelter seeks used items**

If you have any used summer clothes/shoes, hats, jackets, used make-up (maybe that colour wasn't right after all), perfume, lotion, shampoo, conditioner (half-empty containers are just fine), bedding, costume jewelry, or bags (any style, even plastic) 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. So far I have received many fantastic donations from SJS parishioners. I was volunteering in the donation room when the women came in to choose items last Thursday, and they were very well received. Thank you so much!

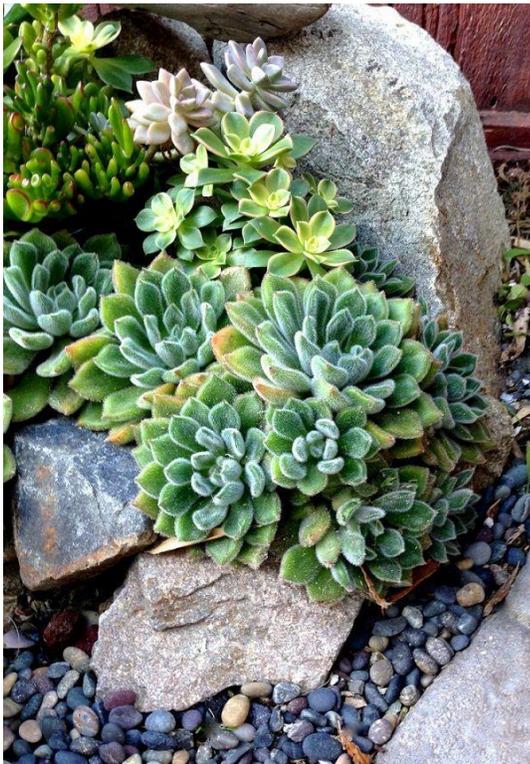
*Janet*

## 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**, interesting pieces of **driftwood**, and **old bricks for pathways (that tie in with the church)** 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!!!



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# 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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