



NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing July 23, 2017

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



This week's gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to ..." Jesus continues to tell parables, memorable stories with a deep meaning, to teach the crowd how what we do now will affect what happens to us at the end of time, at the "end of the age" (v. [39](#)). Agricultural stories appeal to his rural listeners. The first parable focussed on where the seed landed. All the seed was good, but only some fell on fertile ground; however, here some of the seed sown there is good (wheat) and some is bad (weeds, tares, or darnel – a weed that looks like wheat.) The "enemy" (whose identity we learn later) sows the bad seed secretly ("while everybody was asleep", v. [25](#).) Both the good and the bad seed grow together. At harvest time the roots of the weeds have intertwined with those of the wheat (v. [29](#)). The occurrence of *gather* three times in vv. [28-30](#) is a clue that Jesus speaks of the community.

Jesus offers two interpretations of the parable to his disciples. In vv. [37-39](#), he states what each of the figures and events in the story stands for. The kingdom begins now when Jesus ("the Son of Man") sows the seed, drawing people to him, but the Devil seeks to subvert his efforts. The "harvest" is when Christ comes again, at the end of the age. The second interpretation is in vv. [40-43a](#). At the end of the age, he says, the evil will be separated out, judged and destroyed ("burned up", v. [40](#)). The lots of the "evildoers" (v. [41](#)) will be a miserable one ("gnashing of teeth", v. [42](#)). The "righteous" (v. [43](#)), those who are faithful to God, will be gathered together, rewarded and brought into God's presence. Finally v. [43b](#): the gospel is open to all who will listen! © 1996-2017 Chris Haslam

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 for Scrabble!

Scrabble starts this Wednesday, July 26th, at 10:30am in the choir room. Beginners are welcome, and tea will be available right after the 9:30 morning service. Please contact the office for more information.



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.

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.

jstewart@westerndriver.com Tel: 604.805.7315

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 on August 16. 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!!!

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!

Thefts at St John's

We have had a few thefts around St. John's in the past month or so. Please ensure that none of your belongings are left unattended. We are adding some new security features and protocol but please assist us by not leaving any valuables open and visible. If you have any concerns, please speak to the Clergy, Amy (our caretaker) or the Wardens.

ASK Friendship Centre: *Eat Drink and be Giving* Sept 14

This fundraiser will be held on Thursday evening, Sept 14th between 5:00 and 8:00 at the ASK Friendship Centre at 59th and Cambie. Tickets are \$50.00 and are available at ASK Friendship Centre. Just call 604-263-7333

As well as dinner and the silent auction, there will be entertainment provided by the Suede Dogs. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions. Janis Keller, 604-879-6660.

DTES Women's Shelter seeks used items

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), perfume/shampoo/conditioner/lotion (half-empty containers are just fine), 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. So far I have received many fantastic donations from SJS parishioners and I look forward to sharing them with the women I work with. Thank you so much!

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.



SHAUGHNESSY

1490 Nanton Avenue (at Granville St)
Vancouver BC V6H 2E2
604.731.4966 / www.sjs.net

St John's Shaughnessy Anglican Church

1490 Nanton Ave. Vancouver, B.C. V6H 2E2

Telephone (604) 731-4966 (ex 11 for office)

email: church@sjs.net web: www.sjs.net

Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 8:00am to 3:00pm

Rector	The Venerable John Stephens john.stephens@sjs.net
Curate	The Reverend Liz Hamel liz.hamel@sjs.net
Deacon	The Reverend Dr. Pitman Potter pbpotter@live.ca
Rector's Warden	Dr Robyn Woodward
People's Warden	Maggie Sanders
Treasurer	Donald Wood
Vestry Clerk	The Reverend Karin Fulcher
Music Director	Michael Dirk organist@sjs.net
Assistant Choirmaster	Ann Chen
Children's Ministry	Spencer Britten
Parish Administrator	Janet Hamilton
PWRDF Rep	Doug Symons
Sacristan and MC	Paul Bunnell
Verger/caretaker	Amy Thorogood

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.

Cover image: *Wheat Fields* by Van Gogh, 1888.

