

NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing Aug 6, 2017



Transfiguration of Our Lord

This week's gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Jesus has predicted his suffering, death and resurrection to his disciples; he has called on them to “take up their cross” (v. [23](#)), has warned that those who hear the gospel but fail to trust in it will be condemned, and has promised that some present will see the kingdom of God. Now he and the inner circle of disciples ascend “the mountain” (v. [28](#)). In Luke, Jesus always prays before an important event.

An aura of unnatural brightness is linked with mystical appearances in Exodus and Acts; “dazzling white” (v. [29](#)) is a symbol of transcendence. In Jewish tradition, both “Moses and Elijah” (v. [30](#)) were taken into heaven without dying. Jesus' agenda is in accord with the Law and the prophets; he is doing God's will.

“Two men” also appear at the resurrection and at the ascension. Jesus' “departure” (v. [31](#), *exodos* in Greek) is his journey to Jerusalem and his passage from this world. Peter clearly doesn't understand; perhaps he thinks he is witnessing a super Feast of Tabernacles (“dwellings”, v. [33](#)) – a time when the whole city was brightly illuminated. The “cloud” (v. [34](#)) is a symbol of God's presence; the words from it recall Jesus' baptism, and add “listen to him!” (v. [35](#)). They refrain from telling anyone what they had seen in order to avoid premature curtailing of Jesus' earthly ministry.

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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 are 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.

Hospitality Volunteers Needed for Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

Are you interested in helping out at coffee hour? Training and written instructions are provided. We will pair you up with someone who has done it many times, and you will never volunteer alone. Please contact the office if you are able to help out once every couple of months or more often if you prefer. It's a great way to get to know everyone!



Neighbourhood Ministry packet stuffing August 6th

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/>

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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Have you recently planted a tree or shrub?

We are looking for donations of several large **black plastic landscaper pots** in excellent condition. Please contact the office for more information, or bring them on Sunday and leave outside near the east door of the church. Approx size 5 to 20 gallons. Thanks!



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.

Join us Wednesday mornings at 10:30 for Scrabble!

Scrabble started last month 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.



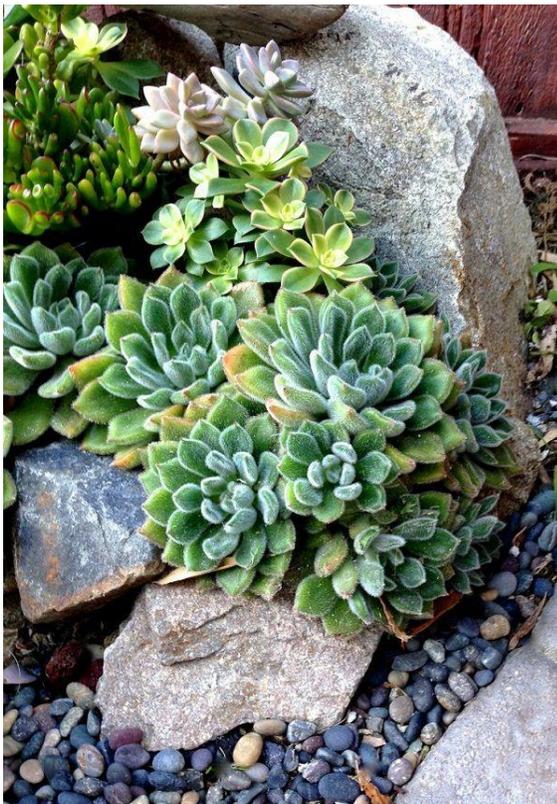
Sock Drive in October

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!

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!!!





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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