



NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing Aug 13, 2017

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



This week's gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

This story is in a section on instructing the disciples about their mission. It is a story of miracles – there is no limit to what God can do – and of the power of faith: the disciples can do the seemingly impossible if they have sufficient faith.

Jesus has just fed the crowd, in the miracle of the loaves and fish. He compels the disciples to embark (v. [22](#)); presumably the miracle has aroused popular enthusiasm – in terms of political freedom – rather than faith. Because the Sea of Galilee is shallow, storms arise rapidly. It was “early in the morning” (v. [25](#)); from the Greek, we know it was before dawn. Walking on water was beyond the disciples’ experience, so they are afraid that they are seeing a ghost. The three miracles are: Jesus walking on water, Peter doing the same, and the wind ceasing abruptly – that Matthew mentions it (v. [32](#)) shows that he believed it to be a miracle. Jesus brings outward and inner calm, and a deeper faith. The disciples acknowledge him as “Son of God” (v. [33](#)) for as God did at the time of creation, Jesus controls the waters, then believed to be chaotic and evil. Jesus is God’s agent of renewal.

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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!



Join us Wednesday mornings at 10:30 for Scrabble!

Scrabble started last month, and the group is growing. Beginners are welcome! Please contact the office if you would like to join them. The location and time may change week to week.

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 7 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.

Sock Drive in October

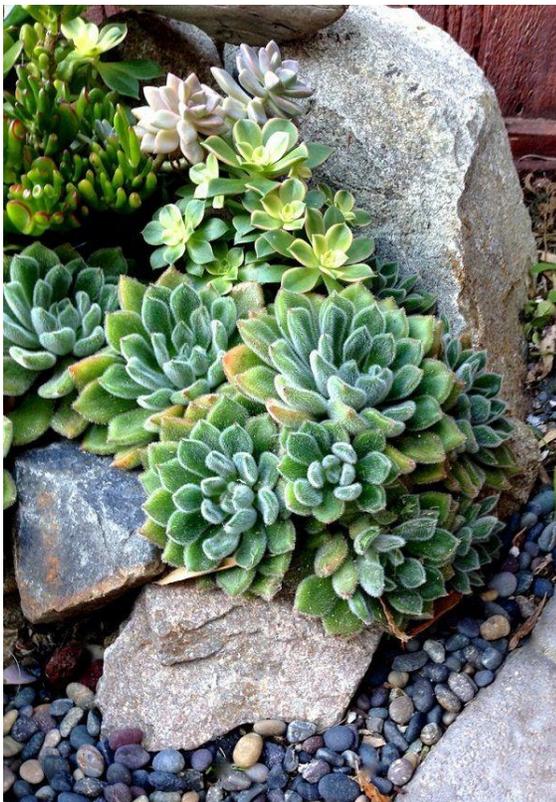
In October, St. John's Shaughnessy is joining with Shaughnessy Heights United Church, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Little Flower Academy School and we hope Shaughnessy Elementary School, and York House School, along with people of our neighbourhood to collect new socks to be distributed to the homeless.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

Please also contact us if you are **dividing your perennials this fall**, and have extras that need a new home.





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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