



NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing Sept 3, 2017

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



This week's gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus has been instructing his disciples about the mission they are to carry out on his behalf, about telling the good news. Now his message to them shifts to teaching them that he, the Messiah, must (per God's will and purpose), undergo great suffering – something inconceivable to most Jews. (“Jerusalem” is the city where prophets are put to death.) Peter grasped that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God”, (v. [16](#)) but he cannot yet deal with the impending death of the Messiah, rather than his direct ascendance to glory.

Then v. [24](#): to be Jesus' followers, we must devote the whole thrust of our lives to God (“deny themselves”), not reserving any part for our personal goals. Be willing to give up physical comfort and safety, accepting martyrdom if necessary. This approach to life will lead to true life with God. V. [26](#) asks a rhetorical question: nothing that one can get or “gain” now measures up to what God will give to the faithful in the time to come. There will be a reckoning, when Jesus comes in glory at the end of time. Some who hear these words now will still be alive at the Judgement Day (v. [28](#)). People in the early church expected the age to end within their own lifetimes; however some today see the Transfiguration (which follows in Chapter [17](#)) as fulfilment of this prophecy. © 1996-2017 Chris Haslam

Drop Your Socks Off!

St. John's Shaughnessy is joining with Shaughnessy Heights United Church (SHUC) and Redeemer Lutheran Church (three of the churches in the Shaughnessy area) to collect socks (new socks only and adults sizes) for people who are homeless or in need of socks and support.

We will be seeking the help of Little Flower Academy School, York House School, and Shaughnessy Elementary School to join us in collecting socks for the homeless. We will also be dropping off flyers to as many homes in Shaughnessy as our volunteers are able, again inviting the neighbourhood of Shaughnessy to get involved.



The socks will be collected at each of the three churches involved and distributed to those who need them through: the Westside Anglican Neighbourhood Ministry, First United Church and Surrey Urban Mission.

We will need the help of lots of people in the parish! Here are the dates of some of the events coming up in our campaign of *Drop Your Socks Off! For the Love of Socks and one Another!*

- **September 26 4:30 to 6:30pm** (with dinner afterwards): Youth and Children will gather at SHUC to learn more about the sock drive and the various outreach groups that will be distributing them.
- **October 15:** Each of the churches involved will seek out volunteers from their church to hand-deliver flyers to neighbourhood homes asking people to purchase socks to help support this program.
- **October 20 and 27:** Drop Your Socks Off in the bin at Redeemer Lutheran Church 10:00am to 2:00pm
- **October 21:** Drop Your Socks Off in the bin at SHUC Fall Fair 10:00am to 2:00pm
- **October 29:** Drop Your Socks Off in the bin at St. John's Shaughnessy at a Neighbours Lunch and Learn at 12:15pm (after church for all three churches). Judy Graves (retired City of Vancouver homelessness advocate) will be the guest speaker

Here at St. John's we will need volunteers to help distribute flyers to homes in the Shaughnessy area on or near October 15. We will also need volunteers to help organize and prepare the lunch on October 29. We will need everyone who is able, to purchase new socks to contribute to **Drop Your Socks Off!** so that we will have a huge pile of socks to distribute to those in need. This is a great and exciting project and we hope everyone at SJS will get involved!

Neighbourhood Ministry Office Administrator job



The Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood Ministry has a part-time position (10-15 hours per week) available immediately. The successful candidate will assist with communications, scheduling and client file management. In particular, the candidate should have solid experience in maintaining websites, writing articles for newsletters, and managing confidential files.

If you know of anybody who might be interested in this job, please ask them to email Vicki Potter for more information. vbpotter@hotmail.com

Neighbourhood Ministry notes from Aug 26 Street Outreach

Today, Team 1 canvassed the streets. Our team today included Ellie, Peg, Heather and me. We missed Don, and Pitman led us in a prayer that asked for God's healing presence for Don.

We started off down 4th Avenue and left a packet in front of Shoppers, where there was a bedroll and evidence of a camp, but no sign of anyone. Further on down, there was an extensive camp of cardboard boxes on the north side of the street, near Burrard. Two people new to us were in the camp, along with a pretty vicious dog. Heather and Peg braved the dog and engaged the couple, who were from Victoria. They were happy to accept food, packets and some warm clothing.

We backtracked to the 4th and Highbury corner, where T, J, R and M awaited us. They were all very chatty. We arranged with R to try to get him to our eye doctor for a check-up, then on to get new glasses. Heather talked at length with M about his hip surgery, what to expect, and suggested we try to arrange for home visits for several weeks, just to check in on him. We will work on that with Dr. Janet.

We carried on up Broadway. We found S outside Safeway, at McDonald, not very responsive. We found a fellow asleep outside the liquor store at Maple and left a range of goods. We found S and G on

Granville. They were happy to see us, and we arranged to meet at the Income Assistance office on Monday, where we will get G set up again, and help S retrieve his birth certificate. We also filled out housing forms for G. These two are a priority for us, to get them indoors before another winter. They seem very eager - which is a change from previous winters. Keep them in your prayers.

It was a lovely day and we enjoyed gabbing together as we moved from site to site.

Vicki, for Team 1

Packet Stuffing Outreach Event this Sunday September 3

Thank you all for your generous donations over the summer! On Sunday, September 3rd at coffee hour, we will pack up the donations. Volunteers with the Anglicans of West Point Grey Neighbourhood Ministry will distribute the packets to our homeless neighbours during their regular Saturday street walks over the next month. Please bring any additional donations this Sunday and join us in packing them up. **Please note that there is a Neighbourhood Ministry meeting on Sept 17th, after coffee hour.**

Greeting and Hospitality Volunteers Needed for Sundays

Are you interested in a new volunteer position at St John's this winter? 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!

All Saints movie in Vancouver: let's get a group together

After making arrangements for carpooling to Coquitlam to see the movie we learned that it will be coming to a Vancouver theatre. Our arrangements were cancelled. I will try again for a group attendance locally in the near future. Let me know if you are interested. Doug Symons at 604 277 2674.

PWRDF Ride for Refuge September 30 - Kids welcome, too!

The Ride for Refuge takes place on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Your financial support to our St John's cyclist, Doug Symons, would be appreciated. The money collected goes through PWRDF to a "Cooperative of Credit of Women" in Pemba, Mozambique. **We are looking for more cyclists from St John's to join Doug, and kids are welcome to ride.**



The rides are easy, just around Richmond with no hills, and beautiful views along the water's edge and by pumpkin patches. Snacks are served along the route, and lunch is provided afterwards. It's a fun event for families *and* seniors. <https://rideforrefuge.org/register> Please contact the office, or talk to Doug during coffee hour (or call him at 604 277 2674) for more information.



Donations for WISH (DTES women's shelter) wanted

I recently had a volunteer shift in the WISH kitchen. I was given about 50 sweet peppers to wash and dice, and all they had were dull knives. I asked the chef for a wish list, and she said: **knives, knife sharpener, food processor, and blender.** If you have any of these items that you don't use anymore and would like to donate, please drop off to the office anytime. I might also be able to arrange pick-up.

Janet

Join us Wednesdays at 2:00 for Scrabble

Scrabble started last month, and the group is growing. This is for people who take Scrabble quite seriously so bring your Scrabble dictionary! Please contact the office if you would like to join them.



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.

Church Donation Envelopes for 2018

We will soon be ordering custom donation envelopes for 2018. Please contact the office asap if you would like some. We encourage envelope users to switch over to the pre-authorized debit (PAD) program, but we're still happy to provide envelopes to people who request them.

Do you have a used iPhone 6 or 6s that you want to sell?

Please contact Janet in the office with all the details, thank you.

Blessing of the Animals Oct 1

On Sunday October 1 at 3:00pm we will have our annual Blessing of the Animals service in honour of St Francis. VOKRA (Vancouver Orphan Kitten Rescue Association) has been invited again, and will receive our generous donations. www.vokra.ca Please invite your friends and neighbours.



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Photo by Julie Riggs

Autumn Bible Study Series

Join the SJS clergy for an interactive
Christian Formation Series.

Classes will be located in the church
from approximately 10:10am to 11:15am.

**Wednesday mornings from
September 13 to November 29
right after the 9:30am service**





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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St Francis by Sadao Watanabi

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday Oct 1 at 3 o'clock

Join us for a short 45 minute service as we honour St Francis and bless our beloved pets. Please keep dogs on leashes, and other pets in carriers.

All proceeds to Vancouver Orphan Kitten Rescue

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September 9, 2017

8 pm @ Christ Church Cathedral

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PWRDF Rep	Doug Symons
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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: The Deesis Mosaic in the Hagia Sophia, Istanbul, approx 1250 AD.

