



NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing Sept 17, 2017



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

From the Rector

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. (from Romans 14: 1-12)

The passage above is one of many beautiful pieces of prose written by St. Paul and found in our Bible. This particular passage is often read at funeral or memorial services in the Anglican Church. It points to the completeness of God's love and God's grace. It points to the reason why Christ died and rose again. It reveals that God's plan and hope for us is greater and more complex than many of us might consider.

On September 24, we will be hosting our annual Memorial Garden Service of Evensong. It is a beautiful service as we remember all those former parishioners and loved ones who have died and whose ashes now rest in our garden. It is also a service where we remind ourselves about our Christian faith. We remind ourselves that death is not the end, that Christ lived, died and rose again as a sign to us of the expanse of God's love. We remind ourselves that we are not alone, that indeed God walks with us through all that life might throw our way. We remind ourselves that indeed we are God's own on this side of the grave and the other. For our faith is as much about living as it is about dying. I hope that you will be able to attend and be part of this meaningful time of worship and celebration of many lives lived.

On that same Sunday, there will also be a Walk for Reconciliation. This is part of following up and following through with the recommendations of the report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Members of the Anglican Church will be walking to show solidarity, support and commitment to justice. They will also walk because their faith in a God of love urges them to be part of making this world a better place for all... for we do not live only to ourselves.

As the Fall progresses you will see that there are many different activities coming up at St. John's, Shaughnessy! The two names above are only a couple of examples, many more are found in this newsletter. Your parish is getting busier as we continue to grow and have an impact on

many lives of parishioners and the neighbourhood. I am so grateful for all the talent, time and treasure that people give in response to God's gifts in their lives and also in response to the ministry of this parish. We continue to get stronger and more diverse in all that we plan to do and are able to accomplish. Thank you to all of you!

O God, we do not live to ourselves and we do not die to ourselves... we live for you and to reveal your love in our thoughts and our actions. Bless us through this day and this week, guide us to live out your will. Strengthen us when we fail. Nourish us when we hunger. Encourage us when we get overwhelmed. For we are yours. In the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour we pray. Amen.

Memorial Service for Edward Legg, Friday September 22

SJS parishioner Ed Legg's memorial is Sept 22 at 2pm. A reception in the Trendell Lounge will follow.



Father John is Away this Sunday

Our Rector, Father John, is away this Sunday as he is preaching at St Faith's Anglican Church (at 57th Avenue and East Boulevard) for their 70th Anniversary. Father John has been asked to preach as the Archdeacon of this area of our Diocese. Please keep St Faith's in your prayers as they celebrate this wonderful milestone of outstanding ministry.

Autumn Bible Study

Please join us for Bible Study (and conversation, laughter, wisdom and prayer!) on Wednesdays (starting September 13) after the 9:30am Mass. All are welcome. If you have a Bible please bring it with you.

Church Committee Meeting

Church Committee is meeting on Wednesday September 20 at 7:15pm in the Trendell Lounge.

Reconciliation March September 24 morning

Rev. Kim at St. Anselm's is leading a group of participants for the upcoming Reconciliation March, and you are invited to join. We will meet on the steps of the Cathedral (690 Burrard Street) at 8:45, leaving for the march at 9:10. You can find Rev. Kim by his parish banner on the steps, and you're invited to bring your parish banner, too. For more info:

Hkim@stanselms.ca



Guest Preacher

On September 24 we will have a guest preacher at our 10:00am Mass at St. John's. The Rev'd Canon David Fletcher is an Anglican priest from the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island who will be facilitating an Education For Ministry (EfM) mentor formation event. Originally from Ontario, David was posted to Nova Scotia when he joined the Navy in 1973, and liked it so much he stayed. After a BA in Music, he graduated MDiv from the Atlantic School of Theology, with post-graduate studies in Congregational Development at Northwestern (Seabury Western), and Enneagram studies at Stanford. He has served the Parish of Lantz (about half an hour from Halifax) for 26 years, is married to Kathy Petite, and has an adult daughter who supports her own music habit as a barista at Starbucks. David has been an EfM trainer and mentor for over 20 years.

Stewardship

Our Financial Stewardship Campaign will begin on October 8. We are hoping that all parishioners will consider their response to God's gifts to their lives by giving of their treasure, time and talents. There will be four Wine and Cheese evenings as part of this campaign. We hope everyone will fill in a pledge card as we strengthen the financial viability of our parish and our response to God's world.

Everything we have is God's gift to us. What we do with it, how we use it, and how we share it with others, is our thankful response. These, then, are our gifts to God. (Anita Wheatcroft)

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 Fundraiser and Homelessness Awareness

September 17 kicks off a month-long campaign to raise funds for and awareness about the *Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood Ministry*. During this month (and beyond!), we warmly invite you to participate in activities that support our homeless neighbours. **Please join us after the service on September 17th** for a short meeting to learn more about the Neighbourhood Ministry. You can also visit our new website at www.neighbourhoodministry.com

About the Neighbourhood Ministry: St. John's Shaughnessy is part of a 4-parish partnership on Vancouver's Westside to provide outreach services to homeless people. We call ourselves the *Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood*

Ministry. Over the last decade, the Neighbourhood Ministry has helped hundreds of people in the neighbourhood by providing care, compassion and practical support. We help people retrieve lost ID, apply for government services for which people are eligible, gain access to medical and eye care, and provide one-on-one support for those requiring extra help. Each Saturday, a team of volunteers distributes packets of nutritious food, socks and other necessities (packets generously donated by the 4 parishes) to homeless neighbours, making over 600 connections each year. A Mobile Care Unit (MCU), comprised of church volunteers and UBC doctors and social work students, delivers services at community meals offered on the westside, and this year alone has served more than 100 people. The experience of serving God in this capacity is transformative!

Volunteer with the Neighbourhood Ministry: This month, we are eager to invite your active participation in the Neighbourhood Ministry. Here are just a few ways:

- *Join the Indoor Team!* Each of the 4 churches has an Indoor Team who packs up sandwiches and fresh fruit on a Saturday morning to send off with the street Out Team. The SJS Indoor Team has a shift once per month. Ken Pepin leads this activity for SJS, so please talk to Ken if you are interested.
- *Join an Outdoor Team!* The 4 churches together support four Out Teams. Each team is responsible for distributing the care packets and fresh food one Saturday morning per month. Out Teams have people from each church on them, so this is a great way to meet people from the other churches. Please talk to Vicki Potter if you are interested. She'll link you up with a team and you can give it a try!
- *Bring donations for and help pack packets!* Each Sunday, donations of nutritious non-perishables, socks, and sundries are welcome. Place them in the basket in the Narthex. On the 1st Sunday of each month, during coffee hour, we join together to make packets, which the Indoor Team hands over to the Out Team once per month. See the packet "wish list" on our website, or posted on the Neighbourhood Ministry display board in the lounge.

Please donate to the Neighbourhood Ministry: The 4 parishes fund the activities of the Neighbourhood Ministry and this year, SJS has committed \$10 000. Please consider a tax-deductible donation to SJS to help fund this commitment. Special offering envelopes will be in the pew boxes beginning Sept 17th. Cheques can be made out to St. John's Shaughnessy, with "Neighbourhood Ministry" in the subject line.

Other Neighbourhood Ministry Activities

On **October 15th**, SJS will have a special service in recognition of Homelessness Action Week. Fr. Matthew Johnston from St. James will preach on his work of many years serving the homeless living in the downtown Eastside. <https://stjames.bc.ca/street-outreach> Deacon Pitman will offer a special children's lesson that day. Your donations to the Neighbourhood Ministry will be blessed at the altar.

On **October 29th**, our Drop your Socks Off campaign culminates with a *Lunch and Learn*, with guest Judy Graves, Order of Canada and long-time advocate for Vancouver's homeless. Visit the SJS website for more details. Please see Fr. John if you can help with the lunch, or contact the SJS office.

SJS ACW Group Meeting September 27

SJS's ACW Fellowship group is resuming monthly meetings September 27, 2017, 11AM, Denny's Restaurant 1296 W. Broadway. All women are welcome. The members are part of the many ACW groups in the Diocese of New Westminster. The group liaises with the ACW diocesan board which is the only board in Canada that is a society and therefore governed by the Societies' Act of B.C. The ACW prayer states "Called to be your church, may our study, learning, worship and service be always to your glory and the building of your kingdom in our communities and throughout the world". ACW Place, in Burnaby is the board's meeting place and the warehouse where items are received which are sent in bales to the north as well as to local groups including baby layettes, socks to the Mission to Seafarers, refugees, etc.

Contact person: Alberta Rudolf: alberta.rudolf@gmail.com

PWRDF Ride for Refuge September 30 - More riders needed!



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.

Photos from PWRDF.



Thank you for donating to WISH! (DTES women's shelter)

I want everyone to know how much the carloads of SJS donations have been appreciated. Warmer clothes (especially fleece & waterproof items), boots and bedding are needed now that the weather is getting chilly, especially for the women who sleep outside. You'll feel great cleaning out those old clothes you haven't worn for years, and someone in need will be warm and dry. And don't throw out those old runners. Put them through the washer then bring them to church! Thanks everyone!

Janet

Join us Wednesdays at 2:00 for Scrabble

Scrabble started over the summer, 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.



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. Vancouver Orphan Kitten Rescue Association has been invited again, and will receive our generous donations. www.vokra.ca Loved at Last Dog Rescue will also be joining us. Please invite your friends and neighbours. *Photo by Michael Dirk.*



Thanksgiving Sunday October 8

October 8 is Thanksgiving Sunday. We will gladly receive donations of food items to help decorate the church. This is always a very beautiful service at a beautiful time of year! Please join us and invite your friends. Contact the office if you would like to volunteer to decorate the church on Saturday, Oct 7th.

On October 9th from 10am-noon, St Augustine's and St. Faith's will be hosting *Sharing the Harvest* offering bread, fresh produce and non-perishable food items for people in the community. Coffee, tea and a hot meal will be provided. All food items collected on Thanksgiving Sunday will be donated to this event. If you would like to volunteer at *Sharing the Harvest* (at St Augustine's, 8680 Hudson Street at West 71st), please contact The Rev'd Christine Wilson at 604-266-8011 ext. 1.

An Anglican Spiritual Formation Weekend Retreat! Oct 13 - 15, 2017, Camp Elphinstone, Gibsons, BC.

This subsidized two-night retreat includes all meals/snacks/materials. The facilities are modern cabins that include a common lounge, private showers and rooms with bunk beds that will sleep two per room. Each participant is asked to contribute \$30 towards the cost.

"The target audience is a younger demographic" (that is below the age of 40) For more information and to register:

<http://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/events/spiritual-formation-for-the-next-generation/2017-10-13>

Funding provided by the Anglican Foundation of Canada, The Anglican Church of Canada and the Diocese of New Westminster (Anglican Initiative Fund).

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.

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!

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.

Save the Date! Organ Concert at SJS! Saturday Oct 28, 3pm

On the 49th anniversary of our memorial organ's dedication, a celebratory concert to launch the revitalization campaign project will be held to celebrate all its service to SJS, and the Vancouver music scene. Featuring organists John Mitchell (who was youth organ scholar when the organ was installed) and our own Michael Dirk, with SJS choir, and brass, plus silent movie feature 1917 Charlie Chaplin's "The Cure." Admission by donation, reception in the Trendell Lounge to follow.



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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 24th at 3pm

The music will be wonderful as we join in the tradition of Evensong, and a reception will follow. Please join us and invite anyone else you know with ashes of loved ones in the Garden.



Dear Friends,

We are holding a very special service of Choral Evensong as we remember and honour all those whose ashes now rest in our Memorial Garden. We will offer prayer and thanksgiving to God for their lives and pray God's continued blessing on them and us. Our Memorial Garden is lovingly and carefully maintained by a team of dedicated volunteers, but we will need some help. Some trees and shrubs on the south and east borders are very overgrown. In the near future we will make some landscaping changes to enhance the beauty of the Memorial Garden. There will be new trees, shrubs, benches and possibly statuary. If you would like to make a donation towards this important and beautifying project it would be most welcome. Thank you.

Blessings from St John's Shaughnessy



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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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. Cover: artist unknown

