



NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing Oct 15, 2017



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

From the Rector

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (from Philippians 4: 1-9)

The passage from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians as quoted above is a beautiful and stirring passage inviting us to experience anew the peace of God in our hearts and minds. Peace is rather an elusive and indefinable commodity that all of us crave but we cannot simply manufacture it when we demand it. Peace is much more subtle than that and is something we discover and affirm in prayer and contemplation. When we slow down our chaotic schedules and dig a little deeper into knowing God's presence in our lives we discover that peace of God guarding our hearts and minds.

October is a month at St John's Shaughnessy that is filled with many wonderful activities drawing us toward growing in our faith and commitment to God. The Stewardship Campaign comes into full swing and invites us to think about how we receive the gifts God gives to our lives and how we give in return. We are invited to think about how we give of our money, our time and our talents to build up the kingdom of heaven here on earth. We are encouraged to take seriously our calling in life as followers of Jesus Christ.

October is also a month where we raise our awareness about homelessness in Vancouver. We are invited to support the Westside Neighbourhood Ministry and the incredible work they do with our neighbours who live on the streets. We are invited to purchase new socks that will be collected (along with local churches, schools and households) to be distributed to those in need. We will hear Father Matthew Johnson (preaching this Sunday) speak about his ministry on the streets of the Downtown Eastside in Vancouver.

October is also a month where we will launch a campaign to restore our beautiful pipe organ. There will be an amazing concert (organized by Michael Dirk) with a silent film, to show the capabilities and the needed

restoration so that we can continue to offer beautiful music in praise of God's presence in our lives.

All of these things are taking place in October as we think more deeply about what it means to have faith in God and how that might be lived out in our parish and in our individual lives. To think more about the peace of God that we crave in our heart and soul and how it shapes us and forms us to live out the gospel. We proclaim in so many ways that "the Lord is near" and how that manifests itself in the life of this amazing parish of St John's Shaughnessy.

Giver of all peace and joy, I give you grateful thanks for all that you have given into my hands and into my life. I am overwhelmed when I start to consider all that your hands have made and shared into my life. I pray that your peace continue to descend and cover me. I pray that your peace hold me and strengthen me. I pray that your peace shape and form me and invite me to grow in gratitude and grace. In the name of Jesus' I pray. Amen.

Stewardship

If you have not done so already please pick up your Stewardship Package. Please find in it a letter from the Rector, a pledge card, a note from the Stewardship Committee and a form for the Pre-Authorized Donations. Please take the time to read it all and to fill in the forms! We need everyone to participate in giving thanks for all that God has given in our lives. Our parish is growing and offering so many different programs and events and we need the support of everyone to ensure that this continues. We are so blessed and we need to live lives of blessing.

St John's Shaughnessy... we are worth it!

Stewardship begins with hearing God's Word to us. Stewardship grows with our living these words in our actions. (Sheila Campbell)

This Sunday

Father John will be away this coming Sunday as he is preaching at St Mary's Kerrisdale. This is part of his new role as their "Priest-in-Charge." He will not be there very often but on occasion will take part in their Sunday morning liturgies. Please continue to keep St Mary's in your prayers as they move through this transitional process.

Baby Shower for Julia Dirk!

During coffee hour on Sunday, October 22nd, everyone is invited to a baby shower for Julia. We hope you can join us!

Drop Your Socks Off

This is an amazing new program this year that links us with local churches and schools as we join together to collect socks for the homeless. We are linking with Shaughnessy Heights United, Redeemer Lutheran and at least two of the local schools as we also invite people of our neighbourhood to purchase socks to give to our homeless friends.



Socks can be dropped off at any of the three churches on a Sunday morning. But also at Shaughnessy Heights United Church Fair on October 21, at Redeemer Lutheran on Fridays October 20 and 27 and here at St. John's Shaughnessy at a special three-church lunch on October 29.

Please participate by:

- purchasing new socks and dropping them in the bin in the narthex
- delivering flyers to the homes in our neighbourhood encouraging people to purchase socks and drop them at the churches
- coming to the potluck lunch after Mass on October 29 (guest speaker Judy Graves) and bring something to share!

Knitting Club Returns Oct 16th at 9:30am

The knitters are back every Monday morning starting Oct 16th. New members always welcome. We have extra wool and extra needles. Beginners welcome. Come check it out!

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 ensemble, plus silent movie feature 1917 Charlie Chaplin's "The Cure."
Admission by donation, reception in the Trendell Lounge will follow.

First half: John Mitchell

- Choral Prelude 'Ein Feste Burg' BWV 720 JS Bach as our fellow Lutherans be celebrating 500 years since the reformation

-Howell's Psalm prelude John played as a youth organ scholar for Fred the first Sunday the Hallman was heard June 1968

-SJS choir to sing Rupert Lang's Kontakion to represent its choral function, and Memorial dedication

-Brass/perc/organ Widor's op84 Salvum fac populum Tuum to represent its function with other instruments especially the VSO Brass concerts Ed Norman founded

-Boellman Toccata – One of Michael's organ students, to represent this organ inspiring and fostering the next generation of organists

*intermission

Second half: Michael Dirk

-few minutes to demonstrate the frustrations/mechanical deficiencies of the instrument

-1917 Chaplin Film 'The Cure' - to illustrate this organ needs a cure to last another 100 years!

-Vierne Carillon d Westminster - to signify the passing of time and its future etc

Special Vestry Meeting November 19

On November 19 after the 10:00 AM Mass, we will have a special vestry meeting at which members will be asked to approve a new set of Parish by-laws. These by-laws were originally presented to members for review and discussion at the last annual vestry meeting. They have been revised to incorporate comments received from members and Church Committee. This revised version will be presented for approval at the November vestry meeting. A copy of the revised by-laws will be available for pick-up soon.

The vestry consists of all baptized persons who are 16 years or older who are regular worshippers within the Parish and whose names have been on the membership role of the Parish for at least 3 months. To be entitled to vote at the special vestry meeting, a member must have, within the 12 months preceding the date of the meeting, provided an identifiable commitment of time, talents or financial resources to the Parish or have been in receipt of the ministrations of the Parish because of illness or other incapacity. All members are encouraged to attend.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Fr John Stephens

Please vote TODAY and every day this week for First United!

We have entered a contest where, if we get enough support from voters, we will be eligible for up to **\$50,000** in funding. We will use the money to buy a vehicle to take folks out of the urban core and into nature. We have entered twice before, and both times **WE WON** with the amazing support of people like you! Please click here:

<https://firstunited.ca/get-involved/aviva-2018/>

Blessings,

The Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne

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PS. Click for a sneak peek of our video about how a win in this competition will enhance our important ministry! <https://youtu.be/KCHwhHN8SHM>



LG Nexus 4 smart phone for sale \$40

Bought in 2013 – fast processor. Please contact Janet in the office for details. Comes with chargers for your home and for your car.

Rummage Sale at Shaughnessy Heights United Church

October 21, 10am to 2pm – Antiques, Collectibles, Vintage & Designer Clothing & Jewellery, Household Items, Books, Games, Toys and More – 1550 West 33rd Ave. www.shuc.ca

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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**



ORGAN REVITALIZATION CAMPAIGN CONCERT

OCTOBER 28, 3PM

**ST JOHN'S SHAUGHNESSY
ANGLICAN CHURCH**

1490 NANTON AVENUE (@ GRANVILLE STREET)

Organists Michael Dirk and John Mitchell featured with SJS Choir and Brass Ensemble, plus Charlie Chaplin's 1917 film *The Cure* with theatre style improvised organ accompaniment.

**ADMISSION BY DONATION,
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**

Nearing 50 years old, the **Hallman organ** has served as one of Vancouver's largest, most exciting and active instruments. Consequently the high demand and use has resulted in an alarming rate of mechanical decline in recent years, and needs our help to transform it to its full potential, and beyond!



EXPLORING *God's Call*

Vocations Day

October 21, 2017

10am – 2pm

Synod Office

• 1410 Nanton Avenue, Vancouver

• Lunch is included

The Diocese of New Westminster is taking steps to actively promote vocations to diaconal and priestly ministry. This active promotion aligns with our desire as Christian people to be faithful servants of the Lord, ensuring that all those who sense a call have the opportunity to explore and discern that call potentially leading to ordained ministry in Christ's Church.



Join Bishop Melissa Skelton; the Venerable Bruce Morris, Archdeacon of Deacons; and others who explored God's call for a day dedicated to the topic of Divine Call.

Parish clergy interested in encouraging vocations also welcome!

“Discovering Vocation does not mean scrambling toward some prize just beyond my reach but accepting the treasure of true self I already possess.
Vocation does not come from a voice 'out there' calling me to be something I am not. It comes from a voice 'in here' calling me to be the person I was born to be, to fulfill the original selfhood given me at birth by God.”

— Fr. Thomas Merton, CCSO (1915 – 1968) —

Let us know you are coming by contacting
the Venerable Bruce Morris at bmorris@vancouver.anglican.ca
or by calling the Synod Offices at 604.684.6306



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COMMUNITY MINISTRY SOCIETY

First United & Barbara Small Present...

The Roddan Jubilee Lectures



Johann Hari

**Rethinking Stigma
and Addiction**

7 PM
November 21, 2017
St. Andrew's-Wesley
United Church

Ted Talk presenter and author of Chasing the Scream: The First and Last Days of the War on Drugs will make you rethink your perceptions of drug addiction and how we respond as a society to drug addicts.



Claudio Carvalhaes

**The Moral Obligation
to Act Against Injustice**

7 PM
January 5, 2018
Epiphany Chapel
Vancouver School
of Theology

The Rev. Dr. Claudio Carvalhaes, Associate Professor of Worship at Union Theological Seminary in New York, speaks about race, theology, class and liberation.



Sarah Shanley Hope

**The Journey to Becoming
an Ally in the Quest for
Social Justice**

7 PM
March 20, 2018
Canadian Memorial
United Church

Sarah Shanley Hope, Executive Director of The Solutions Project, speaks about her journey to becoming a white middle class ally in the quest for justice.

The Roddan Jubilee Lecture series, named after former superintendent of First United Church Andrew Roddan (1929-1945), was created to nuance community conversations about complex social problems. Initial funding for these lectures is generously provided by Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery of the United Church of Canada, and by donation of venues from St. Andrew's-Wesley, Canadian Memorial United Churches, and the Vancouver School of Theology.

ASL interpretation will be provided



For tickets and information
visit <https://firstunited.ca/events/>

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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: *Parable of the Wedding Feast* by A.N. Mironov

