



# NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing Oct 22, 2017



**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

## From the Rector

*Grace to you and peace.*

The greeting above is the words of the opening of the letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians. They are simple words with a great impact. *Grace to you and peace.*

Amidst all the noise and clutter of our lives the words of St. Paul to the young church at Thessalonica seem a welcome gift as they would have been when they were first read. They are a beautiful reminder of what our faith in the God of love offers to us and blesses us with: grace and peace.

Grace is that beautiful word that tries to summarize God's presence in our lives. It could be seen as synonymous with blessing or love or compassion or forgiveness or perhaps all of these things. It is often seen as the word that explains the meaning of the resurrection of Christ. It is seen as that which describes how God works in our lives and in our souls. Many people have written about grace, here are a few:

Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a person could stake their life on it a thousand times. (Martin Luther)

For me, every hour is grace. And I feel gratitude in my heart each time I can meet someone and look at his or her smile. (Elie Wiesel)

The meaning of life. The wasted years of life. The poor choices of life. God answers the mess of life with one word: 'grace.' (Max Lucado)

The most powerful idea that's entered the world in the last few thousand years - the idea of grace - is the reason I would like to be a Christian. (Bono)

We believe deeply and earnestly in grace as Christians. So much so that it shapes all that we believe about God: that God is love, God is known in love, God's love surpasses any and all things we can nor cannot do, that God's love forgives beyond our own limits, that God's love is broader, greater, higher than we could ever imagine. This is central God and our understanding about God and St. Paul knew that when he began this letter to the Thessalonians: *Grace to you and peace.* May those words not simply remain on the page of our Bible but be our guide, our source of living the faith, our mentor for our actions, our deepest prayer for ourselves, our church, our neighbour, and those we will meet this day.

*O God of grace and peace, let me rest in you while. Let me push aside all the expectations and demands of my life and simply rest in your peace and grace. I need it. I hope for it. I know it... when I can find silence and block out all the things that seem to mask grace and peace. I pray for your strength and determination to simply "be" in your grace and peace as revealed in Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.*

## **Stewardship: St John's Shaughnessy... we are worth it!**

The Financial Stewardship Campaign is in full swing. Please fill out your pledge card and return it by November 12, if at all possible. St. John's Shaughnessy is an amazing and growing parish community and we need the support of all of our parishioners to help support all the activities and ministry. If you did not receive a pledge card for 2018, please let the office or one of the wardens know.

There are four parish gatherings for the Stewardship Time which will be hosted in parishioner's homes. They will be great events to attend to get to know more about other parishioners and the life of St John's and where we think God is calling us to go. I hope that you are all able to attend.  
*Please contact the office if you haven't received your invitation, and want to attend.*

Thank you for your support and agreeing with our theme: **St John's Shaughnessy... we are worth it!**

*If I acknowledge God as the creator, it occurs to me that all that I am and have is a gift –Martin Marty*

## **Drop Your Socks Off**

We need lots of socks! We are collecting new socks to distribute to the homeless in this area, in the Downtown Eastside, and in Surrey and we need your help! If you are able, please purchase some socks and bring them to church this Sunday or next. We want our collection box to be filled!

If you would like to distribute postcards inviting our Shaughnessy neighbours to donate new socks, please take a few postcards and deliver them on a block or two in this area.

On October 29, after the 10:00 Mass there will be a (potluck) lunch with Shaughnessy Heights United and Redeemer Lutheran Churches as we



also listen to Judy Graves speak on the topic of homelessness in Vancouver. It will also be a time to see how many socks we have collected all together!

## **Church Interior**

Our Church Interior Task Force presented a number of ideas to Church Committee regarding a number of changes that might be possible in our church. Some of the highlights of this list include:

- Removing the back 7 pews to make room for a labyrinth on the floor
- Purchasing 100 chairs to be used in the back portion of our church when we have a large wedding, funeral or concert
- Removing the first pew to allow to a baptismal font to have a place within our nave
- Purchasing a new baptismal font
- Remove the carpet and polish the concrete underneath
- Seek the advice of a lighting specialist
- Seek the advice of a Seismic Engineer

Church Committee asked that more information (about cost and details) be gathered before a decision be made. This will also be presented for discussion purposes only at the Special Vestry Meeting on November 19.

## **Special Vestry Meeting**

A Special Vestry Meeting has been called for November 19 after the 10:00 Mass to discuss possible changes to our By-Laws. We will also discuss (for information purposes only) possible changes to the interior of the church and the organ restoration.

## **Christian Formation Series:**

### **Anglican Worship: Why we do What we do.**

Please join us on the Tuesdays of November at 7:15pm in the Trendell Lounge as we look at The Holy Eucharist in the Anglican Church and have opportunity to ask questions and learn about the history and tradition of some of our liturgical acts. We will also look at the vestments, linens,

liturgical colours and vessels of our Church. We will end each evening with the service of Compline. Mark your calendars as we begin on November 7.

## Evensong for All Saints

November 5 we will have Choral Evensong to celebrate All Saints Day. Please join us at 4:00pm for this beautiful and uplifting time of worship. A reception with seasonal libations will follow.

## 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!

-Vierge Carillon de Westminster - to signify the passing of time and its future etc

## **LG Nexus 4 smart phone for sale \$40**

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

## **SJS Christmas Artisan Fair! Sunday Dec 10th at 11am**

Exquisite knitwear, crafts, framed photos, and more. Artists, please contact the office to reserve your table, and for more information. Baking, jams, etc. also welcome. Parishioners pay a flat fee for the table rental, and also donate an item for the silent auction. All proceeds will be donated to the Neighbourhood Ministry. Photo right: Baby Julia is wearing a hat and booties made by Aileen Engs.



## **SJS ACW Fellowship Group meeting Oct 25**

The SJS's ACW Fellowship group's monthly meeting will be at Denny's Restaurant, 1296 Broadway at 11:30, Wednesday, October 25th. All are welcome to attend this sharing, prayerful and sustenance time.

ACW members attended the North Shore/Greater Vancouver ACW annual area meeting at St. Mary's, Kerrisdale October 10th. Holy Eucharist was led by Rev. Christine Rowe. The group was privileged to join the Tuesday Community Lunch which was followed by the business meeting. Guest speaker was Glen Mitchell, who updated the group on Foundation Cristosal.

*Alberta Rudolf*

[Chair--email-alberta.rudolf@gmail.com](mailto:Chair--email-alberta.rudolf@gmail.com)

## **SJS Knitting Club is back! Join us Mondays at 9:30am**

The knitters are back every Monday mornings. New members and beginners welcome. Please call the office for more information.



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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

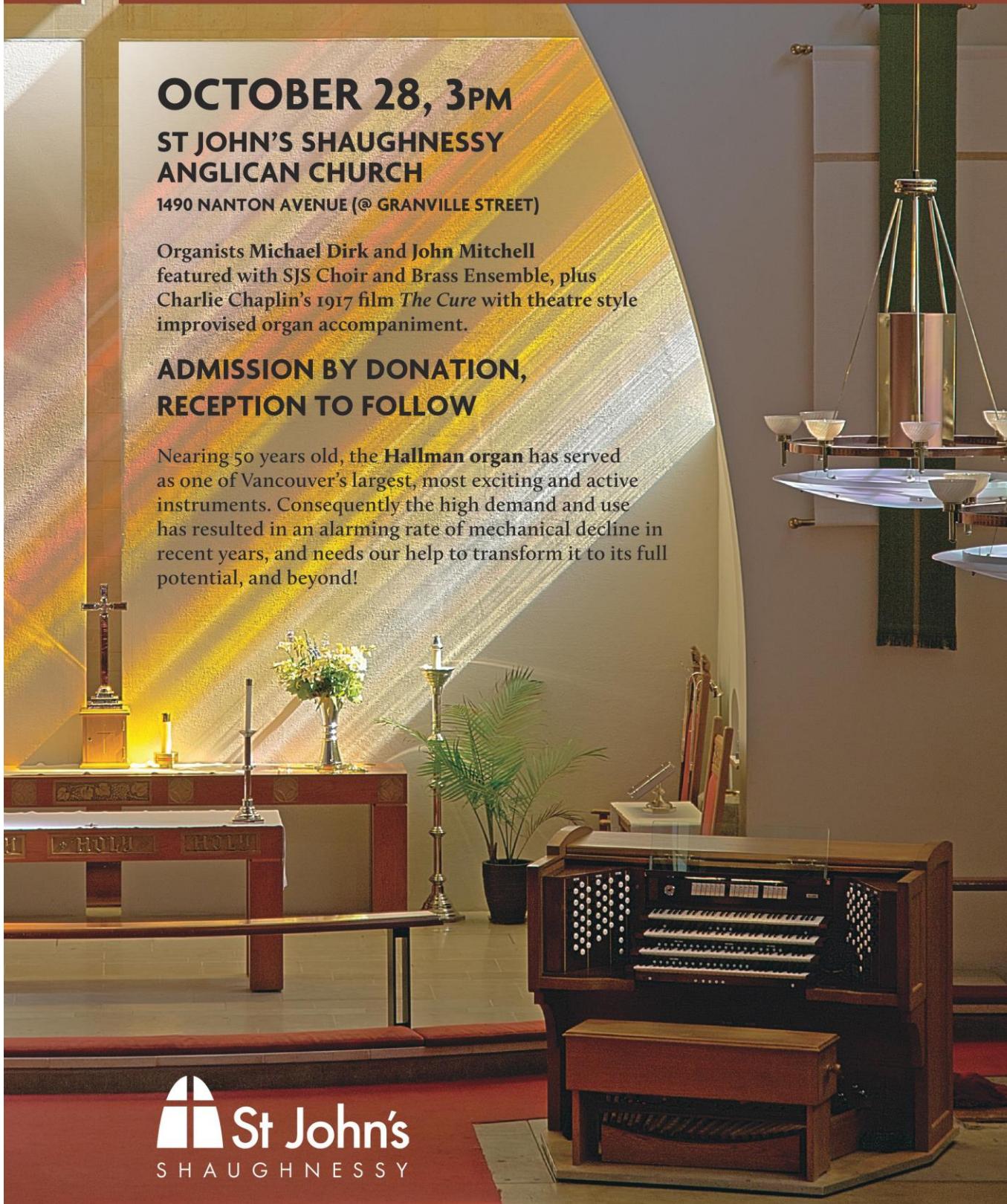
ST JOHN'S SHAUGHNESSY  
ANGLICAN CHURCH

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!





# Anglican Worship

## *Why we do what we do*

Come and be part of an exploration  
of Anglican worship as we examine our liturgy.

We will offer insights and opportunity  
to examine our traditions and practice.

**7:15pm in the Trendell Lounge**

**Nov 7      Gather and Tell**

**Nov 14      Bless and Break**

**Nov 21      Vestments and Vessels**

**Nov 28      A Teaching Eucharist**



*The Forerunners of Christ with Saints and Martyrs* by Fra Angelico

# Choral Evensong All Saints

4pm Sunday November 5

Fireside Seasonal Libations will follow in the Trendell Lounge



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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



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

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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

Cover Photo: Roman gold aureus coin, 13-14 AD, Laureate head of Augustus on left, and on the right is Tiberius riding a chariot with four horses holding his eagle tipped scepter.

