



NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing Nov 5, 2017



All Saints

From the Rector

*Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we will be has not yet been revealed*

From 1 John 3: 1-3

November 1st, the day after All Hallows' Eve, is All Saints Day in the Church's Calendar. We have transferred this to this coming Sunday here at St. John's (and in many churches) so that we do not miss out on this great celebration of the Church.

All Saints Day, is of course the day that we remember all of the saints of the Christian Church, and there are many of them! The definition of a Saint, according to Stephen Reynolds in the book *For All the Saints*, is this:

Saints are Christians who in various ways, often against great odds, showed an extraordinary love for Christ. The Holy Spirit acted in their lives so that they chose to bring aid to the needy, justice to the oppressed, hope to the sorrowful, and the divine word of forgiveness to sinners. For the sake of Christ they were servants to the people of their day; and the service they rendered in the past makes them examples to the rest of the people of God throughout history.

We are reminded, too, that the saints continue to be known amongst us, saints of old and saints of today. For God has called people to preach and live the Gospel since the coming of Christ and people have continued to answer that call even in our day. As we read in the First Epistle of John, as seen above, "we are God's children now." The lives of the Saints of the Church are modeled upon the life and work of Jesus Christ and we too are called to follow suit.

Most of us might think of saints as only those whose image is seen in stained glass and a halo of light is seen around their head. They are people of long ago who have little if any real connection to our lives in 2017. While this may be the case for some of the saints, it is also true that we believe that the Holy Spirit continues to move in the lives of many people of our time. There are women and men who continue to reveal the depth of God's love and share their faith and passion in beautiful and extraordinary ways. We do not always label them as saints in the formal sense but they are people who have caused us to sit up and take notice of their actions, their faith, their courage, their commitment, their leadership, their prayer life, their trust in God. These people are known to all of us. People who have written words for the Church of 2017 that shape how we think about God. People

who have challenged Christians to think about the environment and ecology. People who have linked science and faith. People who have told us that they will pray for us and we know without a doubt that they will and they do. People who have urged us to see God's grace as bigger and greater than our definitions. People who have studied the Scriptures with great love and attention aware that the Spirit still speaks to us through these ancient and beautiful words. We do not always call them saints but we know that when we meet them they are inviting us into a closer walk with Christ and to be saints in our day.

May All Saints Day remind you of your own calling in response to God's love.

O God of Saints and Sinner, Believers and Questioners, guide us to live you will. You invite us into relationship and a sacred dance with you: love us and dance with us. You invite us to serve others and care for all: may we share in your banquet and invite the weak to join us. You shower us with blessings: lead us to be a blessing to others. For you know us by name and pray for our peace in the name of the Holy Trinity of God. Amen.

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, and have been revised to incorporate comments received from members and Church Committee. This revised version (copies in Narthex) will be presented for approval at the November vestry meeting.

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

St. John's Shaughnessy: We Are Worth It!

Our Financial Stewardship Campaign continues until November 12. The Wine and Cheese gatherings in the parish have been very helpful as we get to know other parishioners and more about the life of our parish. There are many wonderful things taking place at St. John's and it is helpful to consider where God is calling us to go now.

Please bring your commitment card (in your Stewardship Package) in as soon as possible. We need this information to help us in our planning for 2018 and to prepare for the ministry of St. John's into the future. Thank you for your support and stewardship.

The more we touch the intimate love of God which creates, sustains, and guides us, the more we recognize the multitude of fruits that come forth from that love. –Henri Nouwen

Drop Your Socks Off

We had an incredible response to the *Drop Your Socks Off* event where the three local Shaughnessy churches (Redeemer Lutheran, Shaughnessy Heights United and St. John's) all worked together to raise awareness of the need for socks for homeless people. Little Flower Academy School got involved as well as a number of our neighbours and we collected hundreds of socks. We did not count them all but three huge bundles were given to three groups for distribution to our neighbours in need: First United, Surrey Mission and West-Side Neighbourhood Ministry. It was an



amazing program and it was so good to see everyone pitching in. Thank you for your contributions, and more socks are always welcome. Photo above: Carol Prescott from Little Flower Academy drops off a load of socks. Photo left: Hundreds of donated socks in our back hall.



Judy Graves talk



Judy Graves, a faithful Anglican and tireless advocate for the homeless, joined us after worship on Sunday to share her passion for those who live on the street. She encouraged us to give money when asked and to get to know the homeless people we meet. We discussed issues of addiction and poverty, and left with a renewed sense of purpose in our work with the Westside Anglicans Street Ministry.

Christian Formation for Tuesdays in November

Please join us on Tuesdays in November at 7:15pm to learn more about Anglican Worship. **Anglican Worship: *Why we Do What we Do***. The first session will be on November 7 in the Trendell Lounge. Please join us.

The Clocks will Fall Back on November 5

Don't forget that the clocks go back one hour on Sunday November 5! An extra hour of sleep that morning!

Flu Clinic at SJS Sunday Nov 5th during coffee hour

Everyone is invited to get their flu shot after church on Nov 5th. The flu shots that are free are provided by the province for BC residents with a valid CareCard who meet "high risk" criteria for the flu. **Most people do qualify!**



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.

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

Exquisite knitwear, crafts, framed photos, photo cards, ceramics and much 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 from table rental and silent auction will be donated to the Neighbourhood Ministry. Artists keep their proceeds, or donate to a charity of their choice. Photos show change purse made by Monique Choptuik and ceramics by Matthew Stephens.



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

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

Join us Wednesdays at 2:00 for Scrabble

Scrabble Club started over the summer, and meets every Wednesday afternoon in the choir room. 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.

Neighbourhood Ministry seeks winter clothing



Our Street Outreach volunteers are seeking the following to distribute to our homeless neighbours - Rain Gear - pants, coats, boots (esp men's size 10, 11, 12), heavy gloves, toques, tarps. Please leave in the Narthex. Thank you for your support.



Calling all Gardeners! Garden clean up November 20th

We will do a final weeding and put the garden to bed for the winter on Monday, November 20, 10-12. We'll have tea and cookies afterwards in the choir room.

Pearl Naomi Thompson-Fayer is here!

Dr. Fern Jaspers-Fayer and Dr. David Thompson present Pearl Naomi Thompson-Fayer. Born Wednesday, October 18th at 8:37am. 7 pounds, 2 ounces, 19 7/8 inches. Welcome baby Pearl!





Hospitality Volunteers Needed for Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

Are you interested in helping out at coffee hour? Training and written instructions provided. We will pair you up with someone who has done it many times, so you'll never volunteer alone. Please contact the office if you are able to help out. Even if you only want to volunteer a few times a year for special events, we would love to hear from you.

We are also in need of more greeters!



THE BOARD DECIDED THAT JOHN WILL REMAIN THE HEAD GREETER ... AT LEAST UNTIL HIS MEDICATION WEARS OFF

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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**





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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Remembrance Day Service

Nov 11th 10:30am

Featuring the St John's Shaughnessy Choir

*I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.*

John 11.25, 26

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Treasures Needed for St Jude's Fall Bazaar Nov 27

The annual Jingle Bell Café and Bake Sale for St. Jude's will take place on November 27 from 2 – 3:30. This year we are expanding our bake sale to include homemade items such as knitting, jams/jellies, quilting, needlework, etc and of course your cakes and cookies are graciously accepted. If you have a talent to make treasures that can be sold at this event, we would love to have your donations. Please contact Heidi Horne heidih@stjudes.ca for more information. The proceeds will go to purchase a towel warmer for one of our bathing rooms.

Pumpkin Seeds Quilters Annual Show and Sale

Sat. Nov. 18, 2017 10:00am to 3:00pm at St. Faith's Anglican Church Hall (7284 Cypress St. at W. 57th) There will be a show of their charity quilts and quilts and gift items for sale. *Proceeds support the Pumpkin Seeds community quilt project which donates over 500 quilts per year to children's hospitals, veterans and women's shelters.*

Holiday Craft Fair by the Gogo Groups of Vancouver

Sat. Nov. 25, 2017 10:00am to 2:00pm St. Faith's Anglican Church Hall (7284 Cypress St. at W. 57th) Holiday Swags - Hand-Crafted Items and Gifts – Decorations Table Arrangements - Gogo Tote Bags in various sizes. *Proceeds are going to the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign*

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Sunday services

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday service

9:30am Holy Communion

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