



NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing Nov 12, 2017



**Twenty-third Sunday
after Pentecost**

From the Rector

Therefore encourage one another... (from 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18)

It is easy to get wrapped up in all of the things that feel very dark in the world at the moment. It is not just the decreased amount of daylight that we notice in November, there are many things that feel very worrying and discouraging in the world at the moment. Shootings in the United States and here in Canada. Politics in the United States and in Asia. War and violence continuing in the world. Climate change and the effects of that. Cleaning up after terrible storms. Famine in Africa. Reconciliation with First Nations groups here in Canada. Many other things that cause us to pause and reflect a little deeper about where God is beckoning us to live out our faith.

The words from First Thessalonians quoted above are helpful for us to consider. Church communities are so important for all of us as places that offer a sense of community but also as places that encourage us and support us and care for us. We need this so desperately in the world of today. Amidst the darkness and confusion God is urging us to live with a little more compassion, to live as signs of God's hope in the world, to live as forgiven and blessed people.

The reading from the book of Joshua in the Hebrew Bible that we will hear this coming Sunday, is a passage about urging followers of God to live out their faith and trust in God. To put into practice what we believe about God and what we believe God is calling us to do. Faith in God's love is not meant to be put on a shelf somewhere and admired. No. It is meant to shape all that we do. It is meant to affect all of our decisions and our thinking. It is meant to lift us and encourage us and guide us and strengthen us. In the book of Joshua we will hear on Sunday, "but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Not mere words but a guiding principle for a life dedicated to serving God and serving others.

Our parish community at St. John's is grounded in relationships. Relationship with God and relationship with others. It is a place of encouraging one another in how we live in a complicated and worrying world of today. A place of encouraging one another in how we live our

faith in God and how we serve God each and every day. A place to grow in our compassion and care for each other and those beyond our four walls. May you be inspired as well to deepen your connection to the Holy One, the source of each and all.

God of encouragement and grace, teach us a depth of living that shows reverence for You and all things. Shepherd us in a faith that inspires a deeper response to the world. Create in us a commitment to a faith in your love that opens our hearts anew to your vision for us and all people. Bless us in our pilgrimage as we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. 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

Stewardship

We have received a good number of pledge cards for financial pledges towards the ministry of St. John's Shaughnessy for 2018. Thank you to everyone who has committed to giving of money, time and talents to help build up our parish. We are an incredible community that relies on

everyone doing their part in response to God's gifts in their lives. All of us are incredibly blessed and living life in a beautiful response to this is God's hope for us. **St. John's Shaughnessy is certainly worth it!**

If you have not done so already, please return your pledge card as soon as possible. At our Stewardship Wine and Cheese Events we have been talking about all the wonderful things taking place at St. John's and we have also turned our attention to consider what God is calling us to do now. We have lots of great plans for 2018 but we need every parishioner to be part of supporting and developing the life of our parish. Thank to everyone who participates in the life of our community!

We are temporary stewards with an obligation to manage the inheritance in such a way that it can be passed along even better and stronger than it was when we received it. –Robert L. Payton

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.

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.



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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JS 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.

Note: Knitting is cancelled on Nov 13.

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.

Michael Dirk at the Orpheum! Friday Nov 24 7:30pm - tix \$19.27

An evening of celebration, silent film, and live vaudeville, with your hosts Bill Richardson and Maestro Bramwell Tovey.

A tribute to 90 years of entertainment! Join us for a roaring 20s themed birthday bash to celebrate the iconic Orpheum.

- Disney's 1928 silent animated film, *Steamboat Willie* accompanied by the **Michael Dirk** on the *Mighty Wurlitzer* organ
- Vaudevillian performances including tap dance, circus, and an excerpt for the musical *Ragtime*, all presented by Vancouver Civic Theatres 2017 Underutilized Spaces grant recipients
- Buster Keaton's classic silent film, *The Blacksmith*, accompanied by Maestro Bramwell Tovey on the piano

<https://vancouvercivictheatres.com/events/orpheum-90/>



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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**



Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 3

4:00 o'clock

Join us for an inspiring candlelit service
to prepare our hearts for the birth of the
Christ Child and the Season of Advent

Reception to follow



Christmas Artisan Fair

and silent auction

11am - 1pm Sunday Dec 10th

Exquisite knitwear, framed photos, ceramics, greeting cards, and more.
Artists, please contact the office to rent your table!



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- Use the order form in the World of Gifts guide in your October, November or December issue of the Anglican Journal.
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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*

Christmas Fair at St Philip's Anglican Church Nov 25th

Saturday, Nov 25th, 11am to 2pm, silent auction, tea room, baking, kitchen gourmet, attic treasures, crafts & gifts. 3737 W27th Ave.



The Nativity by Noel Coypel

Christmas Carol Service

With the choirs from York House School and
St John's Shaughnessy

Tuesday, 12 December 7pm



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A beautiful candlelit service
followed by a reception in
the Trendell Lounge



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!



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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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