



# NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing January 14, 2018



**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

## **From the Rector**

This coming Sunday we will be thinking about our calling and our response to the Gospel, the Good News of God in Jesus Christ. We will hear about the calling of some of the first disciples, in particular Nathanael and Philip.

For many of us when we hear about the calling of the first disciples to come and follow we do not see the connection with our own calling. The calling of those first disciples was one thing... perhaps they were more holy than we are or perhaps they had a deeper knowledge of the presence of God or perhaps they were ready to hear the invitation to follow or perhaps it was simply much more obvious to them that Jesus, the Son of God was calling them to follow... whichever way we explain their calling it is not always connected to our own calling. But in truth we are all called to follow Jesus into places we never thought possible.

Jesus said to those early recruits, Philip and Nathanael, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of God." We might push aside this statement from Jesus as irrelevant to our lives but we would be wrong. We are all called to deepen our relationship with God and when we open our eyes to new possibilities we will indeed see that God is not hidden away in a place far away from our lives but is present and with us. We see God's presence in each and every aspect of life. We see that Jesus is calling us, inviting us, urging us to look deeper into the meaning of life and discover that we are indeed called into a new relationship with God that sees the world infused with the presence of God.

Joan Chittister writes this: "God is not in the whirlwind, not in blustering and show, Scripture teaches us. God is in the breeze, in the very atmosphere around us, in the little things that shape our lives. God is in the contradictions that assail us, in the circumstances that challenge us, in the attitudes that impel us, in the motives that drive us, in the life goals that demonstrate our real aspirations, in the burdens that wear us down, in the actions that give witness to the values in our hearts. God is in the stuff of life, not in the airy-fairy of fertile imaginations bent on the pursuit of the

preternatural. God is where we are, including in the very weaknesses that vie for our souls... A conscious awareness of the presence of God requires the development of a sincere and serious prayer life that is more reflective, thoughtful, and contemplative than it is mere rote and ritual... Turning our minds and hearts over to the God of the universe puts us in the place of that which we seek." We are being called into a deeper consciousness and awareness of God not in a place far from here but all around us awaiting our connection and love.

Those first disciples, Philip and Nathanael, perhaps were not aware that they were being called into this kind of relationship but maybe they, like us, knew that they wanted to be closer in relationship to God and they were desperate to know how to do this. They needed to feed their soul with the presence of the Holy Spirit. You are being called into this same relationship.

*O God you continue to whisper our name and call us to pay closer attention to you and to your love that surrounds us. You continue to call to us to follow, to pray, to act, to be conscious of You within and near us. You continue to call us into relationship with you, not out of fear and violence but compassion and grace. Help us to whisper back, "Yes." In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.*

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## **Father John is Away this Sunday**

Father John will be preaching at St. Mary's Kerrisdale this Sunday, January 14. This is part of his role as Priest-in-Charge at St. Mary's as they work their way through the process of hiring a new Rector.

## **A Service of Installation at Redeemer this Sunday at 3pm**

The Reverend Katrina Vigen will be installed as the new Pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church (at Granville and Laurier, a few blocks north of SJS) on Sunday afternoon (January 14) at 3:00pm. Everyone is very warmly invited to support Katrina and Redeemer Lutheran Church in this new and exciting step. Please come and be part of the celebrations. Father John is the guest preacher.

## **Two Baptisms on January 21**

Erin Redfern and Abigail Stephens will be baptized at the 10:00 Mass on January 21. This will be a wonderful celebration for them and for the entire parish! Please pray for them and their families.

## **Winter Bible Study**

Our popular Wednesday Morning Bible Study will start again on January 17 at 10:10am. It will run until February 7, the Wednesday before Ash Wednesday. During Lent there will be a Lenten Study on Wednesday evenings. Join us!

## **Annual Vestry Meeting February 25**

Our Annual Vestry Meeting will be held on February 25 after the 10:00 Mass. All members of the Parish are encouraged to attend. We will look at all the reports about the Ministry of St. John's in 2017, the financial statements and look at the budget and plans for 2018.

## **Anti-Racism Training**

All clergy and lay leaders in the Diocese are encouraged (and urged) to attend Anti-Racism Training. Each Archdeaconry of the Diocese is offering this program once each year. The training for the Archdeaconry of Vancouver will take place at St. Mary's Kerrisdale on January 27 from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Please register on the Diocesan Website.

## **Evensong for Candlemas**

Our Evensong for Candlemas will take place on Sunday, February 4 at 4:00pm. Please join us for this beautiful service honouring the presentation of the Lord Christ in the Temple. The beauty of the music, prayers, words will transform you!

## **The Baptism of Julia Fontane Dirk last Sunday!**

Beautiful morning service with choir and John E. Mitchell at the helm... at long last a bit of a Christmas fix with the Willcocks descants... ahh

😊😊. Overjoyed to have so many friends and family present to welcome our precious daughter into the family!

Many thanks to Fr John and Mtr Liz, my folks, Godfather Robin and Godmother Iris, Dr Clinton Lee for the Mimosas at fellowship and Catherine Holmen for capturing such great pics!!

*Michael Dirk*





## Lent Series 2018

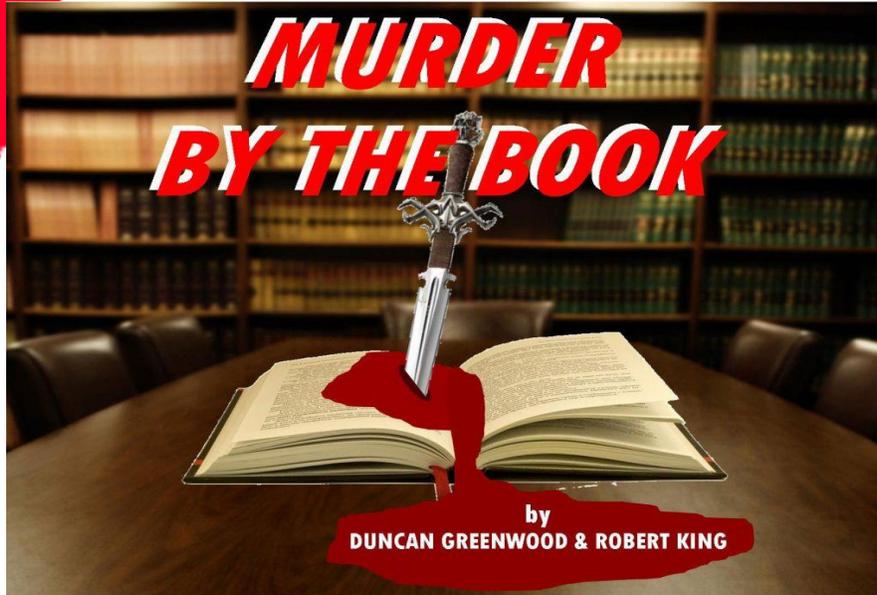
**Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John** invites participants on a five-week journey into deeper intimacy with God by praying with the words of John the Evangelist (The Gospel According to John and First Letter of John). These two texts describe how God, out of deep love, sends God's only Son Jesus into the world, to take on human form and live among us. By learning from Jesus, his human friendships, and his teachings about the God he calls 'Father,' we will discover God as One who longs for deep intimacy with each of us. We will take to heart the words of Jesus: "I and the Father are one." We will find that God is not a judge, a disapproving parent, a policeman, or a taskmaster; rather God is our companion, our friend, our confidant, our beloved. We are even invited to abide in God as God abides in us. It is in relationship with Jesus that such extraordinary communion with God becomes a personal reality.

## Murder! Divorce! Who Done IT!!!!

We're at it again ... St Jude's Anglican Home is going to the Theatre, for an evening of refreshment, entertainment, a little suspense, "Murder by the Book" ... We all had such a blast last year, won't you join us on Wednesday February 7 at Metro Theatre (1370 Marine Dr SW, by the Arthur Laing bridge). Refreshments and Silent Auction at 7pm, curtain at 8 ... tickets from Paul Bunnell, \$50 (with \$25 tax receipt for your support of St Jude's)

*"When was the last time that you heard someone say, "I went to a fundraiser last evening and had a great time". Well, the St. Jude's night at Metro Theatre was just such an event. The play itself; the silent auction; the socialization in the upper lounge and theatre foyer; and the mix of staff, caregivers and supporters of St. Jude's combined to make this a special evening and one well worth making an annual event. ... the twists and turns of the play and the mind games developed by each of the characters led to a final conclusion which was as surprising as justified. The array of items for auction was excellent and led to some serious bidding wars. But best of all, the camaraderie evident during the evening was noteworthy. ... All those who were involved should take a bow. " (Neil, husband of St Jude's resident Joyce)*

**St. Jude's Fundraising Event  
for our  
Bathing room Beautification**



at the Metro Theatre ....

**“Murder by the Book”**

**Crisp, witty, exchanges of dialogue fill this inventive British thriller. A writer's wife wants to divorce him, but he has no intention of doing so. Full of exciting twists and turns as each character, writer, wife, publisher, secretary and neighbour turn the tables on each other. Who are the victims and who are the killers? This is a plot that will keep you guessing until the very end.**

**Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**7:00 pm for Silent Auction and Light Refreshments,**

**Performance at 8:00 pm**

**1370 Marine Dr. SW, Vancouver (at the foot of the Arthur Laing Bridge)**

Contact [reception@stjudes.ca](mailto:reception@stjudes.ca) or Kyla at 604 874-3200 ext. 0 for tickets

**Help us raise funds by purchasing tickets for \$50 each.**

**A \$25 tax receipt will be issued upon request.**



*Photo by Peter Kidd*

# Winter Bible Study Series

Join the SJS clergy for an interactive  
Christian Formation Series  
to discuss the Bible readings for the coming Sunday.

Classes will be located in the church  
from approximately 10:10am to 11:15am.  
Everyone welcome!

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Wednesday mornings from  
January 17 to February 7  
right after the 9:30am service





Meeting Jesus  
in the Gospel of John

# Lenten Study

*Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John*

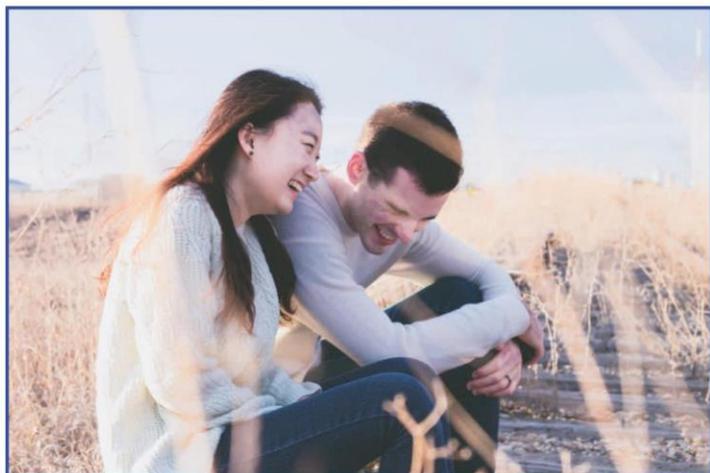
is a five-week journey into deeper intimacy with God through praying with the words of John the Evangelist.

Join the SJS clergy for this fascinating interactive Christian Formation Series! Classes will be located in the Trendell Lounge Wednesdays at 7pm.

# FINAL AFFAIRS FAIR

for the Vancouver Archdeaconry

A day to explore our final affairs in regards to wills, funeral arrangements, legacy planning; what our final acts will say about us and our lives.



## Mary Hamilton. Lawyer

Mary Hamilton is a Partner in the Wills, Estates + Trusts Practice Group at Alexander Holburn Beaudin + Lang LLP. Having almost 30 years of experience in wills, trusts and estate administration, Mary has held senior positions with various organizations throughout Vancouver, and was named Vancouver Trusts and Estates Lawyer of the Year by *Best Lawyers* in 2011 and 2017. Mary advises clients about their estate planning and using wills, trusts and other vehicles (including charitable giving) to minimize taxes on death.



## Mark Szabo, Funeral Director

While growing up in rural Manitoba, Mark had a newspaper route where he delivered the paper to the local funeral home. It was during that time he realized his calling was to pursue a career in the funeral profession. With over 20 years of experience as a funeral director, embalmer, and now the general manager at Walkey & Company Funeral Directors, Mark has assisted numerous families in both Manitoba and British Columbia, at a time of deep personal loss. Mark is newly married to his wife Manilyn and his interests include antiques of all sorts, motorcycles, vintage cars and spending time in nature.



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**DATE:** Saturday, February 3, 2018

**VENUE:** St. John's Shaughnessy

Trendell Lounge, 1490 Nanton  
Avenue, Vancouver BC

**TIME:** 10—Noon (Registration @ 9:30 a.m.)

Refreshments Served

## Upcoming SJS Events

Jan	17, 24, 31	Bible Study	10am
	17	Church Committee	7pm
	20	NM Packet Delivery	
	21	Baptism of Erin & Abigail	10am
		Ordination Service for Vivian Seegers	7pm
Feb	3	Final Affairs Fair	10am (register at 9:30)
	4	NM Packet Prep	11:30am
		Candlemas	4pm
	14	Ash Wednesday Service with Bishop Melissa	9:30am
		Ash Wednesday Evening Service	7pm

## Upcoming Community Events

Jan	14	Installation of Katrina Vigen at Redeemer	3pm
		Fr John preaching – all welcome	
Feb	7	St Jude's Fundraising Theatre Event	7pm

## St Augustine's, Marpole: Dinner & Dance February 10

DINNER and DANCE for an early Valentine's Day Treat! Do you like the music of Elton John, Billy Joel or feel like DANCING? Come and join us at St. Augustine's Marpole for a Dinner and Dance with LIVE entertainment! There will also be a Silent Auction. So come, have an early Valentine's Treat for yourself, some friends, and....support a vital Anglican Outreach in Marpole.

SAT. FEBRUARY 10, 2018 Doors open at 5:30pm Dinner at 6:30 Reserve your tickets by phone 604-261-5223 or by email [gdingham@gmail.com](mailto:gdingham@gmail.com) We are also taking any suggestions or offerings for our Silent Auction.

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### Sunday services

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am Sung Eucharist

### Wednesday service

9:30am Holy Communion

Cover: *The calling of Philip and Nathanael.*  
Snowflakes and snowman by SJS parishioner Erin Redfern.

