

5 December 2021 newsletter



Second Sunday of Advent

Message from Mother Terry

When I was a child, my grandparents would try to encourage my affection for the season of Advent by giving me an Advent calendar with a piece of chocolate behind each door. Every day, I looked forward to peeling back the cardboard flap and discovering what shape the candy would take. Would it be a trumpet? A star? With these small surprises each passing day, my anticipation and excitement about Christmas would increase. Finally, on Christmas Eve, there was no mystery—the double doors would open to a larger piece of candy in the shape of Santa Claus.

This Sunday was supposed to be my first worship service with you. I had so looked forward to seeing you face to face and sharing in this hopeful season of Advent together. It is tempting to focus on my disappointment right now. After all, this is not how we planned things! But in many ways, that's what Advent is all about. This is a season in which we remember the Word of God that came not to rulers, but to ordinary people in the wilderness. It is a season in which we remember holy births that took place in unusual circumstances. God's promises are often fulfilled in ways that surprise us.

When has God surprised you? When have God's plans complicated the plans you had made for yourself?

This Advent, I am making a practice of letting go of expectations. I trust that I will be with you soon. In the meantime, I am working remotely, getting caught up on parish life as much as I can. Please feel free to reach out if you'd like to have a virtual coffee on Zoom! I'd be delighted to meet you.



I didn't buy chocolate Advent calendars for my children this year because I thought we would be moving early in the season. But in many ways, we're living out that experience in our daily lives, as we await the next phase of our journey. We greet each day with eager anticipation. What will today bring? Will I meet someone? Will I learn something new about the parish or about Vancouver? Will today be the day that our immigration is approved? We try to find joy in whatever small



blessings come our way. And each day, our excitement about the future grows. Though things seem uncertain right now, the ending is no mystery. We will be together, in God's time. For now, we wait with peace and confidence.

Blessings,
Mother Terry+

Reflections by the Rev. Canon Herb O'Driscoll

Greetings all, I find myself wondering what the future will say about us who lived through these days. I don't know if you have become aware of a very gifted poet who writes, among other places, in the CHURCH TIMES. His name is **Malcolm Guite**. You can find short sessions with him on YouTube. I recently came across a very fine sonnet by him - *Because we Hunkered Down*. I thought you might like to read it:

These bleak and freezing seasons may mean grace
When they are memory. In time to come
When we speak truth, then they will have their place,
Telling the story of our journey home,
Through dark December and stark January
With all its disappointments, through the murk
And dreariness of frozen February,
When even breathing seemed unwelcome work.

Because through all of these we held together,
Because we shunned the impulse to let go,
Because we hunkered down through our dark weather,
And trusted to the soil beneath the snow,
Slowly, slowly, turning a cold key,
Spring will unlock our hearts and set us free.

Midweek Meditation 8pm Wednesdays

This is a beautiful service of Compline (or Night Prayer) and a reflection. A great way to end a day. You can watch it at any time, just follow the link from our website www.sjs.net May God be with you.

Podcasts

If you like to listen to podcasts, why not include a podcast of Mid-Week Meditation or the Sunday Sermon? They are now available as a podcast under the heading of **The Anglican Angle from Shaughnessy**. You can get the podcast from: *Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Overcast*.

Virtual Coffee Hour after the 10:00am Sunday Service

Join us for a virtual coffee hour using [Zoom](#). You can pop in any time between 11am and 12:30pm on Sundays.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88970734514?pwd=Z0hoS1g0SlU5a21XRjhYRHUyN1VtZz09>

Items needed for Mother Terry and family to borrow

Mother Terry and her family arrive soon, but their furniture will be weeks behind them. We are collecting items for them to borrow until their moving truck arrives: inflatable twin-size mattresses and/or foamies, bedding, pillows, towels, baby gates, Swiffer mop, floor lamps, and games/puzzles for children. Please contact the office for details.

SJS Hospitality is back!! Volunteers Wanted

We are looking for people to volunteer during coffee hour. Regan has provided guidelines to increase covid safety:

- Each week we require 2 **fully-vaccinated** volunteers following the service to restock items and **clean up** after coffee hour. These volunteers will not be required to do anything ahead of the service – only following the service during the coffee hour. Regan will set up before the service to make things much easier for hospitality volunteers.
- Since Covid, the selection of individually wrapped snack items has increased substantially. Parishioners are encouraged to purchase and donate individually wrapped items that could be made available at coffee hour. These could include single serve cookies, cheese, crackers, chocolates, and other sweets. Please submit your receipts to the office for tax purposes, or simply put them in your donation envelope during the service. **Note: at the moment we are well-stocked for coffee hour snacks.**

Fully-vaccinated (if they qualify) people are welcome to join us. Masks are required (unless actively eating or drinking) and please keep two metres apart. Please do not bring food from home at this time.



NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY NEWS

CHRISTMAS 2021 LUNCHEON AT DUNBAR APARTMENTS

Saturday, December 18, 2021

12:30pm to 2pm

Dunbar Apartments, 3595 West 17th Avenue

We are pleased to announce this WANM event, the first one to be held at Dunbar Apartments since December 2019.

The residents are excited for the return of this fun and festive celebration, and so are we!

Onsite volunteer opportunities are available, including cooking & serving food.

Contact Joan Stewart at ministrymcu@gmail.com if you are interested in learning more or would like to donate a food item for the luncheon.

Online Worship

To access our worship online you can go to our website at www.sjs.net and click on the link there. Or you can access it through: a Facebook Live feed, a Youtube live feed and a Twitch live feed. To access one of the live feeds, select one of the following links:

- [St John's Shaughnessy on Youtube](#) or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJzbg4009j4WMkaRBvTE-zQ>
- [St John's Shaughnessy on Twitch](#) or m.twitch.tv/sjsnanton
- facebook.com and search for "St John Shaughnessy"

Once the service ends, it will be available on each of the streaming platforms to view later using the same links.

Financial Support - Stewardship

If you would like to make a financial contribution to help support the worship and ministry of St. John's Shaughnessy, please do! You can use this QR code (point your phone's camera at it) and it will take you to the donation page of our website. If you have recently made a contribution online or by cheque, thank you so very much! If you currently give by Pre-Authorized Donation, thank you! Our church has been affected by COVID-19 in many ways but financial giving is certainly one.



If you would like to give via monthly Pre-Authorized Donations (easy to change and easy to cancel), please contact Janet in the office (church@sjs.net or 604-731-4966). If you would like to give to the church via one-time (or several times) donations using a credit card (and we are aware that many people are being affected financially by this pandemic), please use the DONATE button on our website (Canada Helps on top of page one, and Paypal on the bottom of page one). Cheques may be mailed or dropped through the church mail slot.

SJS Prayer List: Please keep in touch if you add names

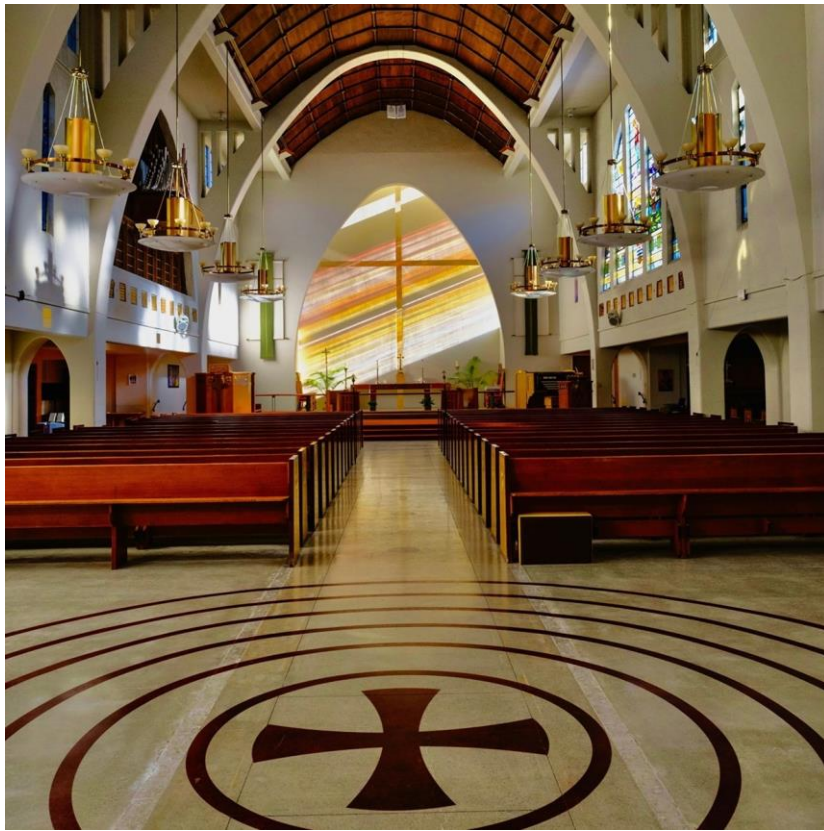
If you request that someone's name be added to the prayer list, please keep in touch with us monthly. At the end of each month, all names will be removed, so you will need to add the names again. We followed this protocol before the pandemic and are going back to that. Thank you.

SJS collecting items for homeless (Neighbourhood Ministry)

We could use more pudding cups and juice boxes. Also outdoor clothes: jackets, rain pants, hats, and gloves are always welcomed by the folks on the street.

We would welcome another member for our little Indoor Team: someone who would like to make 20 sandwiches every other month or so.

Out next outing is Saturday, Jan 1st (2022!).



Advent Meditation: Fever Dreams

The penitential season of Advent invites Christians to prayer and reflection as we prepare ourselves for the incarnation of God in Christ. Saint John's Shaughnessy welcomes you to join in a series of [Zoom](#) reflection sessions offered at 7pm on three Wednesdays in Advent – December 1, 8, and 22. Each session will focus on a selected passage from Deacon Pitman Potter's *Fever Dreams* collection of sacred spiritual texts, followed by night prayer.

Participants do not need copies of *Fever Dreams* - selections for each session will be circulated in advance. Those who wish to acquire a copy of *Fever Dreams* for a \$20 donation to the Neighbourhood Ministry may do so by contacting the Neighbourhood Ministry website:

<https://neighbourhoodministry.com> or ministrymcu@gmail.com

These [Zoom](#) sessions will provide opportunities for reflection and discussion on the challenges we face during this trying time. Please join us!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88079829374?pwd=K29Va2M2Z3pZY0FUcUhoenVIRG9ndz09>

Christmas Concerts with SJS Musicians

UBC's Duruflé – Michael Dirk will be on organ and our soprano Carolin sings in the University Singers choir.

<https://chancentre.com/events/ubc-choirs-orchestra/>

Dec 11 all of our quartet will sing in Vancouver Youth Choir at the Chan.

<https://vancouveryouthchoir.com/performances/all-is-bright/>

Annabelle Ip has school concerts December 7 & 14 at Point Grey High School. <http://pointgreymusic.com/>

Dara and Jessica (parishioners) are in Good Noise Vancouver Gospel Choir and they have upcoming concerts Dec 10th & 11th

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/good-noise-vancouver-gospel-choir-31296334481>

St. Faith's Christmas Sale December 12 11:30am to 1pm

Come by to pick up some delicious homemade holiday treats, including our famous St. Faith's Mincemeat and tasty Christmas puddings. We also have a lovely selection of previously loved and gently used items that will be perfect for your home or make a thoughtful and environmentally friendly gift—reusing and repurposing is the chic and hip thing to do and helps us all tread more lightly on our earth home.

If all that browsing and shopping gets you hungry, then be sure to enjoy a selection of hot food and drinks that will be available for purchase.

7284 Cypress St, at 57th.





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INVITE YOU TO OUR

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021

11:00AM-2:00PM

ACW PLACE

7012 MERRITT AVENUE, BURNABY

PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK, IN KEEPING WITH
BC COVID HEALTH PROTOCOLS



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I bring you good news of a
great joy which will come
to all the people; for to you
is born this day a Saviour,
Christ the Lord.
Luke 2.10-11

Christmas Services

Dec 24th

5:00pm Children's Service with Communion

10:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

Dec 25th

10:00am Sung Eucharist



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Sunday in-person services 8am and 10am

Sunday online service

10am [Holy Eucharist live-stream](#)

Wednesday online service

8pm [Midweek Meditation](#)

Priest-in-Charge The Reverend Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz erceliz@vst.edu

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Rector's Warden Judith Downes

People's Warden Maggie Sanders

Treasurer Donald Wood

Property Trustee Michael Dezell

Vestry Clerk The Reverend Karin Fulcher

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Children's Ministry vacant

Parish Administrator Janet Hamilton

PWRDF Rep Doug Symons

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