

With sadness, we join with people throughout the world in mourning the death of Queen Elizabeth II. She was an example of dignity, grace, and dedication to Church and country above all. While her leadership will be sorely missed, her legacy will certainly live on.

Though we grieve her death, we also celebrate the incredible life that she lived, and her decades of tireless service. Please join me in prayer for Queen Elizabeth II, the entire royal family, and for King Charles III.

*O God, from whom comes everything that is upright and true: accept our thanks for the gifts of heart and mind thou didst bestow on thy servant Elizabeth, and which she showed forth among us in her words and deeds; deal graciously we pray thee, with those who mourn, especially the members of the Royal Family, that casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Almighty God, fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign, King Charles, and all who are in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **Welcome Back BBQ – this Sunday after church!**

Looking towards our Back to Church celebration barbecue this Sunday, and acknowledging the death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth, we have considered carefully the appropriateness of celebrations on this particular weekend. We acknowledge there are many who are deeply saddened at this news, but we also believe this is an opportunity to celebrate her wonderful 70-year reign. So the BBQ will take place on Sunday following our 10 o'clock service and we hope you will join us to celebrate her long life.

## **Acolyte Training / Refresher – Sunday, September 18**

On Sunday, September 18, we will hold a training for all those who would like to serve as crucifer or altar server. Even if you have been serving for some time, this is a great opportunity to refresh your knowledge after a long period of “down time” in pandemic. It’s also a chance to support and encourage new acolytes as they learn the ropes. Many thanks to Robert Turnbull and Karin Fulcher for their willingness to assist with this training.

## **Dear Abbey**

Do you have a question about church, liturgy, Anglicanism, etc.? Is there something you’ve always wanted to ask but thought you should already know? Send those questions to Mother Terry for her upcoming “Dear Abbey” series in the newsletter. She is happy to keep your question anonymous if you prefer. You can reach Mother Terry at [terry.dirbas@sjis.net](mailto:terry.dirbas@sjis.net).

## Godly Play...

Godly Play is an imaginative, creative and engaging children's worship experience. Godly Play was created by Jerome Berryman coming out of his work with Maria Montessori. It deeply values children spirituality. We use engaging storytelling, wondering and art to engage children and help them to vocalize their own theology and help them to think deeper about the world.



It is a wonderful way having 'Children's Church'. Instead of being 'entertained' for the part of the service that means the least to them (the Readings/Sermon and Prayers) the kids will be having their own church experience, learning stories, by working with them, and wondering about them.

As a parent who's children have been in Godly Play for several critical years, I love how much my children know the stories, and articulate a deep spirituality and relationship with God.

It's really exciting to bring this back here to St. John's!

We are very lucky that we have many Godly Play stories, we have some amazing stories (Noah's Ark, many parables, the Holy Family...) and it's equally exciting to have some new stories. A big thanks to the volunteers who have been working hard to make this happen.

If you would like to know more, please let me know!

God Bless,

Mother Liz

## **New Godly Play Stories coming this fall....**

In order left to right and top to bottom

-Creation, Circle of the Church Year, People of God, Ten Best Ways, and Advent



**Stories that we would like to build on...**

If you would like to contribute,  
please let the Church office know...



**Abraham**



**Green Growing Banner**



**The Great Family**



**The Ark and the Temple (some things)**



**The Mystery of Christmas**



**Crosses**

## **Royal Canadian College of Organists Halloween Organ Spooktacular at SJS – OCT 28 7:30pm**

The Royal Canadian College of Organists Halloween Organ Spooktacular (RCCO) which Michael Dirk serves on executive as Vice-President and Education Officer will be hosting their Halooween Organ Spooktacular Concert at SJS on Friday Oct 28, 7:30pm.

This also coincides with the 54th Anniversary of SJS's Hallman pipe organ's dedication- and the 5th anniversary of the launch of the organ revitalization campaign. Please join us then.

## **SJS choir tenor alum Spencer Britten to perform with Vancouver City Opera Sept 13-17:**

<https://twitter.com/spencerbritten>

## **SJS Prayer List**

If you request that someone's name be added to the prayer list, please keep in touch with us. At the end of each month, all names will be removed, so you will need to add the names again at the end of each month. Please also let us know if you want someone removed from the list. Email the office ([church@sjns.net](mailto:church@sjns.net)) anytime! Thank you.

## **Greeting volunteers needed at the 10am service**

We could use several more greeters. Please contact the office([church@sjns.net](mailto:church@sjns.net)) for more details if you are interested in greeting on Sunday mornings.

## **SJS Garden Club Needs New Volunteers**

It is time for the Garden Club to renew their efforts at St Johns. We hope we have some new volunteers who could join us from time to time. Or every week! Weather permitting, we meet on **Monday mornings**, but the day/time can be adjusted to accommodate other schedules. We do watering, light pruning (no saws or ladders), weeding, dividing, planting, etc. We enjoy wonderful chit chats in the safety of the outdoors. You can bring your own gloves and tools if you want to, or you can borrow ours. If you have old tools in your garage that you don't use any more, please let us know. **We are accepting donations of old garden tools.**

## **WNM items for Homeless Needed**

Winter clothing, raingear, boots, sleeping bags, socks, pudding cups, granola bars (soft with no fruit/nuts), & juice boxes.

## **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 and 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 Cynthia in the office ([church@sj.s.net](mailto:church@sj.s.net) or 604-731-4966). If you would like to give to the church using a credit card, 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.



## **Sunday in-person services 8am and 10am**

### **Sunday online service**

10am Holy Eucharist live-stream

### **Wednesday online service**

8pm Midweek Meditation

Rector                      The Reverend Terry Shields Dirbas    [terry.dirbas@sjs.net](mailto:terry.dirbas@sjs.net)  
Assistant Priest    The Reverend Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz    [erceliz@vst.edu](mailto:erceliz@vst.edu)  
Vestry Clerk                      The Reverend Karin Fulcher

Music Director                      Michael Dirk    [organist@sjs.net](mailto:organist@sjs.net)  
Rector's Warden                      Judith Downes  
People's Warden                      Maggie Sanders  
Treasurer                      Donald Wood  
Property Trustee                      Michael Dezell  
Pastoral Care Team Coordinator    Helen Kline  
Altar Guild                      Susan Firus  
Parish Administrator    Janet Hamilton (Cynthia Jutras, acting)

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