

Last Sunday evening, I set my alarm for 1:55 a.m. so that I could get up to watch the coverage of the queen's funeral. It seemed like such a great idea, until I was awoken in the middle of a very deep sleep. I almost turned the alarm off and kept resting, but I'm so glad I got out of bed. Even though it was a sad occasion, it was an event I would not have wanted to miss.

Everything was beautiful—the liturgy, the music, the flowers, the fashion (even in mourning, the royals always look fabulous). It was one of those moments, like with the royal weddings in recent years, when I'm especially glad to belong to the Anglican tradition. I don't think there could have been a better way to celebrate the queen's life than with these beautiful services—services she planned herself! (This is why I was reminding us all to make our memorial plans ahead of time—what a gift it was, to her family and to the world audience, that the queen planned her own funeral!)

I saw a quote going around social media after the funeral that has stuck with me this week. It said, "Every time some Anglican liturgy breaks through into the popular consciousness and people talk about how beautiful it is, how meaningful, I'm like, 'Yes, exactly. And it isn't just for the famous/powerful. These liturgies are for everyone.'"

These liturgies are for everyone. Our tradition has so much to offer. So much so, that even people who think they have little interest in church end up appreciating an Anglican wedding or funeral. We hesitate to invite people to worship because we think we'll alienate them or embarrass ourselves. But I truly believe we have something incredible to give to people—something they do appreciate, even if they don't know it yet.

Worldwide, more than 11.4 million people watched the queen's funeral. There are a lot of people out there right now who have just gotten a glimpse of Anglicanism, perhaps for the first time. That's a wonderful opportunity for us—a springboard for conversation about church and for invitation into the life of this community.

These liturgies are for everyone. Let's give thanks for the beauty of our tradition, and let's invite others to come and appreciate it.

Warmly,
Mother Terry+

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@sjs.net.

Blessing of the Animals – 2 Oct, 2022. 2pm



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday Oct 2, 2022 at 2pm

Join us for a short prayer service followed by a pet blessing

Please keep dogs on leashes and other pets in carriers



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Choral Evensong for All Faithful Departed – October 30, 3 p.m.

On October 30, we will hold a special evensong in observance of the Commemoration of All Faithful Departed, commonly known as All Souls' Day. This will serve as our annual Memorial Garden Evensong, and we are hopeful that the Limina sculpture will be installed in time to be dedicated at this service as well. The choir is preparing some beautiful music, and we will have a festive reception afterward. Please mark your calendars and invite your friends!

Parish Necrology – Submit Names by October 23

At our evensong on October 30, we will observe the Commemoration of All Faithful Departed. While this is a service to remember all those who have gone before us, there is also a long tradition of reading the parish necrology, or a list of those who have died since the last All Souls' Day.

If you have a family member or close friend who has died in the past year, please submit their names to Mother Terry by October 23. Please also reach out to their loved ones to let them know about the worship service, and that they will be named in our prayers that evening. Often their relatives will choose to attend, and it can serve as a wonderful way to offer support to those who are still grieving.

Parish Book Club – First Meeting Tuesday, October 25 at 7 p.m.

We're starting a parish book club! Our first gathering will be on Tuesday, October 25, in the Trendell Lounge. (We will provide a Zoom link for those who would like to join us remotely.) This month, we will be discussing [The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World](#), by Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama. If you have any questions, please contact Mother Liz.

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 Halloween 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.

Mission and Ministry Conference for the Diocese - Oct 15



**MISSION & MINISTRY
Conference 2022**

Together we will celebrate the many ministries of the Diocese of New Westminster

Follow for registration and more information or go to <https://tinyurl.com/2p8a67ar>

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 15
Advance registration is required prior to October 3

REGISTRATION COST (INCLUDES LUNCH)
Children & Youth (under 25) | free
Aged 25 and over (per person) | \$10

GATHER 9:30am | START 10:00am | CONCLUDE 4:00pm

LOCATION St. Dunstan's Aldergrove
3025 264 St. | Aldergrove, BC | V4W 2W4
(St. Dunstan's is fully wheelchair accessible)

GUEST PRESENTER
Dr. Amy Zidulka

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.
1 Thessalonians 5:11

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The poster features a QR code, a photo of Dr. Amy Zidulka, and a silhouette illustration of people helping each other climb a rocky mountain at sunset.

Vicki Potter will be there as chair of the Homelessness and Affordable Housing Task Force. That topic will be one of three themes contemplated during the day.

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@sjs.net) anytime! Thank you.

Greeting volunteers needed at the 10am service

We could use several more greeters. Please contact the office (church@sjs.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.**

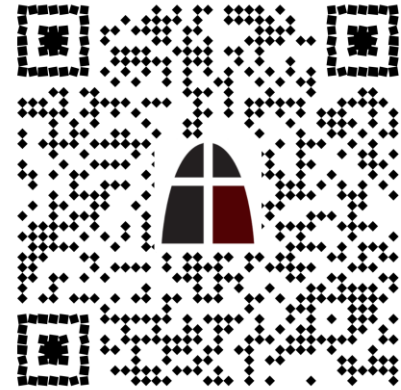
WNM items for Homeless Needed

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@sjs.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
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Music Director Michael Dirk organist@sjs.net
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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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Newsletters, leaflets and online videos are posted on the website.

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so please reach out.

