

“All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.”

I have always loved this verse, which we say every Sunday at our 8:00 service from the Book of Common Prayer. It is part of our prayer after the altar has been prepared for Eucharist, as we offer our gifts of bread, wine, and money to God in thanksgiving for all we have received, and as we prepare to celebrate the Great Thanksgiving of the Holy Eucharist.

This is a verse that comes from the Old Testament. King David has just led the people in making an offering of their gold, silver, and other building materials for Solomon's Temple. It is quite an impressive collection! Yet when he presents the offering, David realizes that, significant as it is, everything we have already belongs to God in the first place. “But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this free-will offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.” (1 Chronicles 29:14)

At Thanksgiving, we pause and take the opportunity to concentrate on the abundant blessings of our lives. We give thanks for the food we eat, for the people who fill our lives with love and happiness, and so much more. It is tempting, in our culture, to believe we are self-made—that our prosperity in things material or relational are because of our skill, our hard work, or our character. Yet at Thanksgiving, we let those notions go, at least for a little while. We sit around a table, and we dwell in a sense of gratitude for the simple things. We give thanks not only for a special feast, but for our daily bread; we give thanks not only for the people who sit at table with us, but for all those people whose presence and love enriches our lives. Thanksgiving is a day when, like David, we are both overwhelmed by the plenty we see before us, and also deeply aware that these gifts are from God, and not of our own making.

This Sunday, as we celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving in our worship, I invite us to take David's proclamation to heart. At worship we offer the best of ourselves—our hearts, our voices, and in many cases a financial contribution to the mission and ministry of the church. As we do, let's recall that everything we have—our

skills, our talents, our personalities, our worldly goods, and even our very lives— belongs to God. We have been so richly blessed!

Happy Thanksgiving!
Mother Terry+



Blessing of Bread and Wine for Thanksgiving

In the spirit of offering our abundance back to the God who has blessed us, you are invited to bring the bread and wine/cider for your Thanksgiving feast to the altar for a blessing at the conclusion of the service.

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 at terry.dirbas@sjs.net. All questions will remain anonymous.



WESTSIDE ANGLICANS NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY HOMELESS ACTION MONTH 2022

Jesus calls us to follow him, a following which takes us into the margins of society. In these thin places, where the world is raw and human needs are the highest, Jesus reminds us of the Kingdom of God. This month we honour and celebrate our Indoor Team and everyone in this parish who reaches out to our homeless neighbours with love and friendship.

Each week a team drawn from each of the four-member parishes leaves with care packets full of non-perishable food items and toiletries, including clothing items. Each packet contains items that recipients have said are most helpful, ensuring that they are always put to good use. The Outdoor Teams continue to help connect people in need with other services—housing, medical and dental and emotional care, income assistance and retrieving lost IDs to our Mobile Care Unit & The Angel Program.

We name and honour our dedicated and hard-working indoor team members who make sandwiches, provide hardboiled eggs and pack the monthly packages for distribution: Ken Pepin, team lead, Michael Dezell, Terry & Catherine Warren, Karin Fulcher, Alberta Rudolf, Louise Hadley, and Penni Stock.

Each package usually contains:

- Canned Tuna, salmon, sardines etc.
- juice boxes, pudding/fruit cups;
- toiletries (small size: lip balm, sunscreen, Vaseline, hand sanitizer, toothbrush & toothpaste)
- Power bars and soft granola bars (soft foods because many have bad teeth)
- Protein drinks: Boost/Ensure.

Please consider donating some of the items above during October as we seek to replenish our store cupboards for winter.

Along with the packages, bananas, oranges (soft fruits only), peanut butter sandwiches, and boiled eggs are provided, with special gifts/treats added at Christmas and Easter.

Joan Stewart
Co-chair Board of Management
Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood
Ministry &
Mobile Care Unit Team Lead

Choral Evensong

in Commemoration of All Faithful Departed

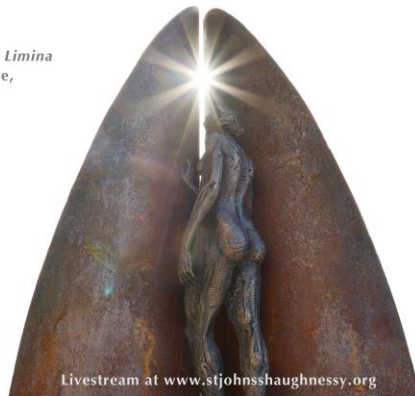
Sunday, October 30 at 3 pm

*Featuring the music of J.S. Bach, William Byrd,
and Sarah MacDonald*

Followed by the dedication of *Limina*
in the Garden of Remembrance,
and a reception with light
refreshments.
All are welcome



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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!

Hospitality Volunteers Needed!

Do you enjoy having coffee and refreshments after church? We do, too! It's a great time to get to know one another and welcome new members to the parish. But **we cannot have coffee hour without volunteers!** Please consider signing up to help. It is not difficult, and it is vital to our ministry.

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.

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.

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.

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.

AVE MARIA

The Gallery Singers present a feast of Renaissance music by Josquin des Prez, Orlando di Lasso and G.P. da Palestrina, featuring "Sicut Cervus", "Jubilate Deo" and Josquin's stunning "Ave Maria.

October 30th, 2022, 3:00 pm
at Holy Truinity Anglican Church,
1440 West 12th Avenue (at
Hemlock), Vancouver

We require audience members to be masked to keep the concert as accessible as possible for all. Singers will also be masked

Adults - \$20.00, Students with valid ID - \$10.00, Children 0 - 12 yrs - Free

Tickets available at the door or in advance at EventBrite

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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.

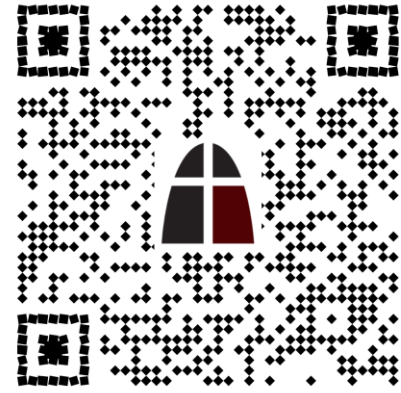
WNM items for Homeless Needed

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

We are always grateful for the generosity of everyone. We are well stocked in most of the supplies that we send out. What we are short of is protein items (eg tuna tins), and meal replacements (Ensure or Boost). And always, socks. Thanks so much.

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.

Blessings of the Animals Oct 2

(Photos curtesy of Michael Dirk)



ST. JOHN'S, SHAUGHNESSY STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

Please contact the parish office if you would like to be added to our mailing list, so that we may let you know about upcoming events.

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