
From our Curate



I was listening to the radio the other day, and it was told that BC had been struggling with severe drought and possibly there needed to be a restriction of water usage. I guess it may not be the worst drought in the BC history, but combining with other catastrophic weather reports from all around the world, such as tornadoes, flood, or heatwaves, it makes me more aware of the dire situation of climate change that we are facing.

In addition, on July 4th, scientists announced that the world's average temperature broke the record reaching over 17 Celsius degrees, and the record may be broken again over the summer. We just see a bit change of number, but the number might be experienced with more severity where abnormal changes have become an issue of life and death literally. It is not surprising that one of climate scientists mentioned that this record breaking is like a death sentence for people and ecosystems.

As Christians, we all believe that God created and blessed the world not just for human beings but for all creatures. God also gave human beings a mission of being a steward of creation. In Genesis, the harmony of the garden of Eden was broken after the fall of the first man and woman, and since then, throughout the history, blinded by greed, humans have poisoned the earth, rivers, and the air while spreading despair, suffering, and pain. Finally, Christ has come to the world to lead us to the way, the way of choosing life instead of death, and the Spirit was breathed unto the earth so that all shattered pieces could be restored as one body.

Then, how can we walk this way as Christians to deal with this unprecedented global crisis? Would there be a way to turn around? It may seem to be not so much different from the slim possibility of retrieving moral values and religious virtues in the era of extreme capitalism and individualism. Upon these overwhelming problems, we may feel hopeless and powerless, if we only try to get to the end of the problem. We still may be able to find hope and vision, only if we try to get to the beginning of the solution. A solution does not necessarily refer to an extraordinary project or brilliant idea.

Maybe, removing all problems while enjoying everything we have possessed would be an illusion. Whatever it may be, it will come from changes in our lives. It can be a simple way of life where inconvenient and slow process is endured instead of comfort and quickness, a conscious way of life where choices are made by considering the influence of our action upon others including our environment, a collective way of life where we share our possessions and burdens with others and raise our voices together as prophets of the time, or a divine way of life where we humble ourselves before the sovereignty of God. This individual change may seem so little and insignificant. However, we need to remember that God may be waiting for us to offer the little that we have so that He would multiply. And it starts from ourselves here and now.

Fr. James



If these spectacles are yours please claim them at the Office.

They were left behind quite a while ago but we'd be delighted to return them to you.

Starting Monday, July 17



Looking for something this summer for kids? Always wished there was a place to invite families over the summer to grow deeper in faith, play in community, and grow together in love? Aspire Bible Camp is coming this summer, and we want you! This collaborative offering of a vacation bible camp, spearheaded by Lauren Odile Pinkney, Children, Youth and Family Minister at Christ Church Cathedral and Diocesan Missioner for Youth and the Reverend. Alex Wilson Vicar of St. Anselm's, seeks to offer an accessible vacation bible camp experience for parishes of any size.

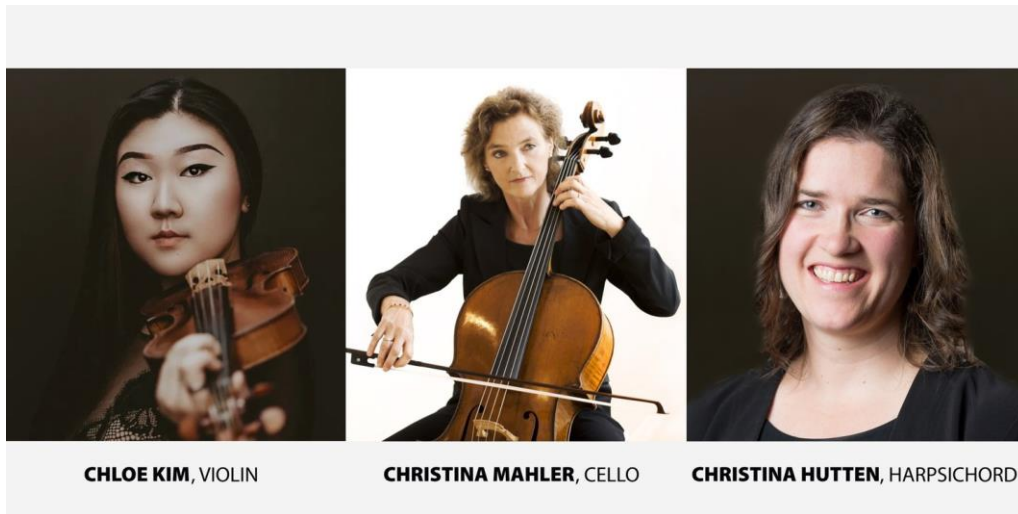
Partnering with **the Reverend Terry Dirbas at St. John's Shaughnessy** and the Reverend Laurel Dykstra of Salal and Cedar, Aspire Bible Camp runs from **July 17-21**, and is made possible by grant funding from the diocesan Anglican Initiatives Fund and the Parish Ministry Development department Together we will hire youth to help deliver the program, working alongside mentors, as they develop their own leadership while engaging with kids of all backgrounds. We can't wait for what is going to be a summer of real fun together!

Have a passion for ministry with kids, training in *Godly Play* or *Messy Church*, or know of a youth/young adult who might want to work with us? [Contact Lauren by email to find out more.](#)

Parishes are invited to participate in the drop off and pick up, as well as hosting snack times. This will give them the ability to engage with the parents and celebrate the joys of kids learning together about Jesus.

Registration opens now, and the \$75 fee gives kids a limited edition Aspire Bible Camp T-shirt and snacks everyday. We ask that participants bring their own lunches.

Music around the Diocese



CHLOE KIM, VIOLIN

CHRISTINA MAHLER, CELLO

CHRISTINA HUTTEN, HARPSICHORD

The brilliant virtuoso violinist Chloe Kim is joined by Christina Mahler, former principal cellist of Tafelmusik, and Christina Hutten, well-known as organist and harpsichordist with the Pacific Baroque Orchestra and Early Music Vancouver for a summertime concert.

The programme for the concert has been curated to highlight the wonderful work that the St James Music Academy does by providing free music education for children on the downtown Eastside, and how that parallels the work that composers would have done and benefitted from themselves in the 17th and 18th centuries.

Two Performances will be held at St. James Anglican Church,
303 E. Cordova St., Vancouver on

Saturday, August 12 at 7.30 pm
Sunday, August 13 matinée at 3 pm

Tickets at Eventbrite.

Organ Concert



On Friday, August 25 from 7:30-9:30pm at St. James Anglican Church, 303 E. Cordova St., Vancouver, renown Polish concert organist Michał Szostak, performs on St James' majestic three-manual Casavant organ.

The concert will include music by Bach, Chopin, Lefébure-Wély, and Vierne. Admission is by donation, and the event is followed by a reception. Please confirm your attendance for planning purposes.

[**Confirm your attendance**](#)

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.

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 Ann in the office (church.office@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.

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