

Last week we heard Peter's enthusiastic declaration that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. This week, however, Jesus enters a new phase of his ministry among his friends, teaching them about the suffering he must endure. And Peter-- the same one who so clearly saw Jesus' identity before—has a hard time accepting that the Messiah must suffer this way. But Jesus tells him that only those who are willing to take up their own cross can be his followers.

In some ways, this Scripture passage is kind of a downer. I mean, “Follow me and suffer,” isn’t exactly a great marketing campaign. But then again, Jesus isn’t selling something. He’s simply being honest. When we live as he lived, we will surely experience the pain and heartache that come with loving and not being loved in return; with kindness that goes unappreciated; or with forgiving when we have been deeply hurt. While it may not be a great message for attracting new church members, I find it comforting that our faith is one that names the unpredictability and unpleasantness of this life.

Moreover, I find it comforting that Jesus himself has endured our struggles. And the hard things he did weren't just because bad things happened to him that he couldn't escape, but because he also chose to willingly give up his own needs and wants for the sake of loving and caring for others. In doing so, he sets an example for us, that we, too, can make an offering of ourselves and our lives for the common good.

As we begin a new program year, many of us will return to familiar routines and activities after a summer of “down time.” Whether it’s back to school, back to work, or back to a busier schedule of church and social activities, we will probably experience some amount of stress or anxiety around these commitments. And much of that stems from the discomfort we experience when we try to live the way of love and self-sacrifice in communities of imperfect people. And although we might rather avoid doing so (wouldn’t we all rather care for our own needs first?), Jesus says this is the way to find life that is truly life-- life that is truly eternal.

May this year, in all its unpredictability and all its challenges, bring us closer to Jesus as we strive to follow his example.

Blessings,  
Mother Terry+

## **SPECIAL VESTRY MEETING**

### **Sunday, September 3, 2023**

#### **after the 10am service**

We will hold a special vestry meeting this **Sunday, September 3 after the 10 a.m. worship service.**

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the proposed scope of work to be done on the building envelope. At our last regular vestry meeting, we approved \$200,000 toward this project. Now that we have received bids for the work, however, it is clear that the cost will far

exceed that amount. At this meeting, we will discuss our options and make a decision about how to move forward, as good stewards of both our property and our financial resources.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend this important meeting. Please note that in order to vote, a person must have been a member of the parish for at least three months.



## **Welcome Back BBQ**

### **Sunday, September 10 after the 10 a.m. service**



Our annual “Welcome Back Sunday” is September 10, and we’ll celebrate by blessing bags and backpacks at the Eucharist, and by sharing a BBQ after the service. We hope you’ll join us as we kick off a new program year. There will be beautiful music and great company!

If you are planning to attend, please email the parish office and RSVP. If you would like to contribute a side dish, please also let us know what you’re planning to bring.

A signup sheet will also be available Sunday morning. We look forward to seeing you soon!



**BEADING WORKSHOP**  
**Saturday, September 23**  
**1:30-4:30pm at**  
**St. Philip's**  
**Anglican Church**  
**3737 W. 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**Vancouver**

Beading has an 8,000 year history among First Nations Peoples. Early trade with Europeans included beads which were used for

adornment and ceremonial items. First Nations People and Metis used these trade beads to adorn clothing and household items. The Metis were called “The Flower Beadwork People” by some First Nations People in response to the beautiful work created by the Metis women.

Led by Kerry Baisley, in this workshop we will be introduced to Metis beading and go on to learn different beading techniques as we create a beaded Orange Shirt pin. We will talk about the Residential School experience of Phyllis Webstad and how Orange Shirt Day came into being. This pin can be worn to remind yourself and others of the Children who attended Indian Residential Schools.

Kerry has been serving as the Missioner for Indigenous Justice for the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster since 2020. Previously Kerry worked in positions ranging from Emergency Child Welfare, a Regional Social Worker in the Yukon, and Medical Social Work in Residential Care. He retired as a Director of Client Relations and Risk Management in Richmond Hospital with Vancouver Coastal Health. He is a past Board Member of the 127 Society for Housing and a member of the Métis Nation of British Columbia.

This workshop costs \$15/person and space is limited to 15 participants, so be sure to register today! Please let us know if you have any beading experience.

[Beading Workshop - Orange Shirt Pins Tickets,](#)  
[Sat, 23 Sep 2023 at 1:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

## **A.C.W. Place**



**Grand Opening  
Saturday, September 9  
11:00am – 2:00pm**

Please join us as Reverend Miranda Sutherland blesses our new warehouse:  
#3 – 6678 152<sup>nd</sup> Street, Surrey



**Smudging by Beth Fortin  
followed by warehouse tours.**

**Cake cutting at noon.**



**Tea/coffee & refreshments, snacks, and light lunch  
Housewarming plates of  
sandwiches or treats welcome.**

**Let's Celebrate a New  
Beginning together!**

## There's still a spot on the Hospitality Team!

Volunteering for the Coffee Hour Team has never been easier. Our newest team member, Rena, the "Coffee Hour Verger" does much of the preparation and cleanup and as a volunteer you would usually only serve once every 2 months.

Besides hosting and helping our guests, you would bring a few goodies and check the supplies for next week's host.

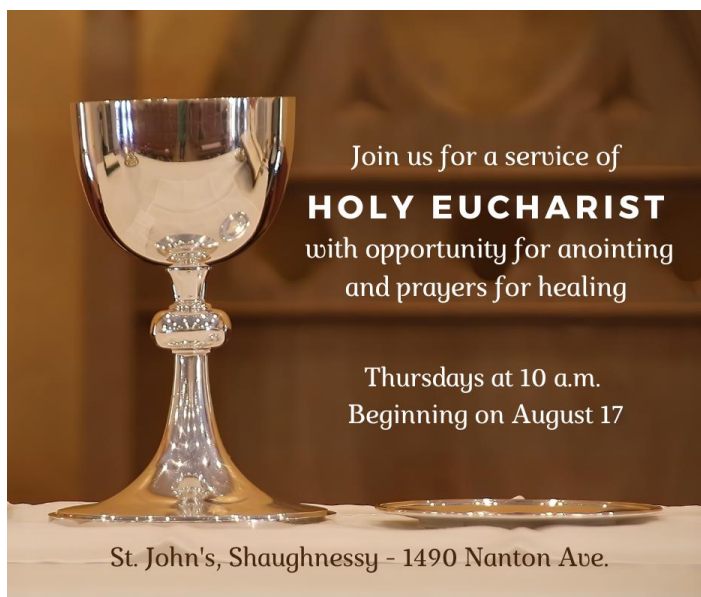
If you'd like to be on this team, please just email Ken Pepin at:

[ken.pepin@sjsparish.net](mailto:ken.pepin@sjsparish.net)



## Weekly Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers Thursdays at 10 a.m.

We invite you to join us for our mid-week service of Holy Eucharist. If you'd like to receive prayers for healing, there will be opportunity for anointing with holy oil and healing prayers with the clergy. Afterward, we gather for fellowship over tea and coffee. All are welcome!





## Invitation to serve on the Church Greeter Team

*Dear Parishioners:*



We are thankful for your presence and ministry at St. John's, Shaughnessy. As you know, our church values meaningful times of worship, outreach and fellowship. As we continue to grow and welcome visitors and long-time members, we need to expand our rota of volunteers to serve as

greeters on Sunday mornings.

**Time commitment:** 9:30am-10am once every two months on Sunday mornings.

**Duties:** You will be greeting entrants at the church door; handing out service leaflets; sharing a smile, a "hello," and the warmth of your presence; receiving the collection during the service and taking it up to the altar at the appropriate time. You will be trained and paired with an experienced greeter.

**Please consider joining this ministry.** Contact Joan Stewart, People's Warden, at (604) 805-7315 or email [jstewart@westerndriver.com](mailto:jstewart@westerndriver.com)

### 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@sjc.net](mailto:church@sjc.net)) anytime! Thank you.



# Upcoming Events

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

Welcome Back Sunday BBQ  
Blessing of Backpacks

## **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

7 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

4 p.m. Choral Evensong

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**

3 p.m. Blessing of the Animals

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**

4 p.m. Neighbourhood Gospel Band  
Concert

## **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29**

4 p.m. Choral Evensong  
for All Faithful Departed

## **EVERY THURSDAY**

10 a.m. Healing Eucharist

St. John's, Shaughnessy  
1490 NANTON AVE.

# Calendar

## **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@sjc.net](mailto:church.office@sjc.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.



## 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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