



From Your Wardens

Hello Fellow Parishioners!

It was so wonderful last week to see so many of you who joined us on our weekly Zoom service, especially for the first time! Each week is exciting as we look for each other whether actual faces or names coming via video-less connections! Many thanks to Kevin Rolston who we know helped several people to have success with zoom connections. Who would have thought a couple of months ago, that we would be zooming so successfully! Maybe there is a silver lining to the virus!

Last week the fun experiment to unmute all mics during Family Thanksgiving and Announcement time led to a bit of confusion! We ask that during the service when we come to the Thanksgivings and Announcement section, please can you remember that this is not the general chat time, even though you may feel excited to greet fellow Parishioners! If you have a particular Announcement or Thanksgiving, this is the correct time. For the new procedure we ask that you unmute yourself prior to speaking. If you find unmuting a problem, please wave your hand and we hope one of the co-hosts

will unmute you. At the end of the service after the final hymn, there is plenty of time for chatting freely as the link remains open for about 30 minutes.

We would like to wish a Very Happy Mother's Day to all Ladies. Whether you be a Mother, Grandmother, Great (or more) Grandmother, God Mother, Step-Mother, Adoptive Mother, or have ever been a motherly figure to somebody (in other words all you ladies!), we give thanks for the love you have shown to those around you. While this year it isn't possible for people to celebrate with our loved ones, we hope you are able to connect with family in some form or another.

As always, please remember to contact any each other or one of us if you have a particular need, even for a chat!

Wishing you all health and isolated happiness in these strange days.

Blessings from your Wardens,
Carol Eades, Mike Starr and Jill Halliwell

A Blessing and Prayer Tribute to all Mothers

Blessed be all mothers
who have come into our lives
whose kindness, care and loving
remain with us to guide.

Your inspiration in us
made us strive in every way
especially to remember
helping others makes our day.

Mothers, this little tribute
flows directly from my heart.
You are so loved and cherished
invaluable, one and all, you are.

-Susan Kramer



Musical Musings

Dear Friends,

As we move into the month of May, it is hard to believe that we have been living under COVID-19 restrictions for two months. While we await news of effective treatments and a potential vaccine, I am reminded of the power of healing and renewal. The lilacs and rhododendrons are blooming in our yard and the apple blossoms give a hint of what is to come later in the summer. Nature renews itself and offers healing.

I would like to share a couple of videos from the Vancouver Chamber Choir. These are from their box set, *Music for Healing*. It is a wonderful collection of songs focused on the transformative power of music. Particularly moving is the second album, *Unexpected Gifts*, in which a family talks of their journey with a sick child.

Here are two videos from the Vancouver Chamber Choir featuring *Simple Gifts* by Aaron Copland with Simple Gifts Meditation by Jon Washburn and Ubi Caritas by Maurice Duruflé with a special dedication to healthcare workers.

Blessings, Katherine

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hLvjbX-ddY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xb2yohRlk9Y>



Announcements

Zoom Morning Prayer & Coffee

Note now on Wednesdays May 13 from 9-10 am
We invite you to join a virtual Morning Prayer with BAS followed by a virtual coffee time to foster the fellowship among parishioners. Parishioners can chat and be in touch with the priest and every one else. The Zoom ID information is included in the body of the email.

Bottle Fundraising: Amazing how all those bottles and cans add up...over \$3,000 so far, and counting! Many thanks for the efforts of Janet McConnell and her team! Please continue to collect your bottles and cans. However, with the church closure, we are unable to receive your bottles and cans right now, so...if you are able, please take care of your own returns, and donate the proceeds, marking your offering envelope 'Bottles'. The Sechelt Bottle Depot is open Tues-Sat, 11 am-3 pm. If you are unable to make returns, please call Margy Grant 604-885-7157 when you have an accumulation.

Garden Clean-up Saturday May 16 10 am

ATTENTION all rakes, hoes, clippers, weeders!!

Come to church. Bring your owners. We need to do some sprucing up!

Sunday School The suspension of the Sunday School ministry due to COVID 19 will remain in effect until further notice. Many thanks to our committed Sunday School teachers and support team for their Ministry during the past year.

Crafty People: Just a reminder that now's a good time to craft away and make things for our ACW November Craft Sale!

Need help zooming?

Kevin Rolston has already helped several parishioners and is happy to assist you in learning how to connect. Call Kevin at 604-243-8166 to see how easy it is to Zoom. We'd love to 'see' you on Sunday!

For those of you who are comfortable with Zoom and would like to further enhance audio quality, go to the Settings and Enable Original Sound. This will deactivate the background noise suppression and minimize distortion during music playback.



This cheerful, hopeful pansy has sprung up in the crack of St. Hilda's front steps!

Photo by Katherine Hume

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Plants for Sharing...grow a few extra seedlings of your favorite veggies, herbs & flowers to share with local food bank recipients. It helps provide our neighbours with plants to start growing their own fresh produce. You can also volunteer to help set up & assist with the distribution of the seedlings at one the Food Bank locations. Donations accepted until July 1.

For more details, email plantsforsharing@gmail.com

Offering Options

Doors are closed, bills still come in.

Your continued givings are most appreciated. For those who are able, here are 4 options:

- 1) If at all possible, we encourage you to start using PAD, the pre-authorized giving option. You may download the PAD application form, available on the St Hilda's website <http://www.sthilda.ca/pages/giving>, or ask Karen to email you the application form. Then it is very simple to complete and mail to Diocesan office.
- 2) If you prefer donating by cheque, please place the completed cheque in your numbered donation envelope, and either mail it to St Hilda's at Box 302, Sechelt, BC, V0N 3A0, **OR**, drop it through the mail slot outside the church office door. For security reasons, absolutely **NO CASH** can be accepted in this way.
- 3) If you would like to give online, go to Giving (<http://www.sthilda.ca/pages/giving>) on St. Hilda's website and click on the "Donate Online" button. It will redirect you to a secure page where you can make your donation through Canada Helps. Note that Canada Helps takes 3.75% of one-time donations / 3.5% of monthly donations for their administration fee.
- 4) If none of the above work for you, or you need a cash option, please contact the Envelope Secretary, Maggie Scott, 604-885-3312, to arrange for your envelope to be picked up once a month. Please note envelopes containing cash must have the amounts clearly written on the envelope.

May you be blessed in your giving. Please know, we understand if you are unable to maintain your financial support at this time.

St. Hilda's Website & Facebook:

For great information and links to areas of interest for parishioners, please go to www.sthilda.ca or www.facebook.com/st.hilda

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