

Celebrant: The Rev'd. Stuart Hallam
Preacher: The Rev'd. Dr. Pitman Potter

DATES TO NOTE

Mon. Aug 19	Monday Mantras, 10 am, Totem Room
Mon. Sept. 2	Labour Day, office closed
Sun. Sept. 8	Welcome Sunday
Sat. Sept. 28	Fall Rummage Sale

MONDAY MANTRAS

All are welcome to join the weekly meditation group on Monday mornings at 10 am in the Totem Room, led by Paddy Leal.



FALL RUMMAGE SALE - SAT. SEPT. 28

It is just over 2 months to the Rummage Sale!

Please start collecting items to donate.

Donations will be accepted 1 week prior to the sale.

VACATION COVERAGE FOR RECTOR

Our Rector will be on vacation from July 29 - August 11; August 19 - Sept 2. Stuart is here August 12-18. The Rev'd Dr. Pitman Potter will be preaching on August 18. During his vacation, the following priests will be covering the services:

Sundays

25 August: The Rev'd Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz

1 September: The Rev'd Clare Morgan

Wednesdays

21 August: The Rev'd Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz

28 August: The Rev'd Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

The following is a summary of the activities of the Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood Ministry for the month of July, including a highlight from our Saturday Street Outreach team.

I had the opportunity to go out with a few street teams over the past three weeks. I was finally able to meet the folks I had been reading about over the last two years and see first-hand the work of these teams on the streets of our neighbourhood. The first thing I noticed was a change in body language as the folks waiting for us saw us coming: postures perked up, smiles emerged, and eyes brightened. I was able to witness the genuine friendships between our volunteers and our regulars. Many volunteers shared the positive impact this ministry has had on their own lives. I strongly concur with those statements. – Beth Vondette



Thank you to the parishioners from St. Anselm's, St. Philip's and St. Helen's and St. John's for their generosity.

For a full write up from the street teams, please subscribe to our email list by contacting Beth, our Office Administrator, at ministrymcu@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS IS COMING

If you are making any jams, jellies, pickles or chutneys this summer, please make a few extra jars for the Kitchen Gourmet stall at the Christmas Fair. The more variety we have, the more we can sell. Please consider recycling your 125mL or 250mL mason jars by bringing them to the Church and leaving them on the table by the mailboxes. Thank you.

CARETAKER VACATION

Please be advised that Pat will be taking some vacation time from August 26 - September 2.

SCAM EMAILS OR TEXTS FROM STUART

Do not reply to a message from Stuart asking you for a favour before checking the email address, writing style, spelling ("favor"), and other details. Stuart's correct email is rector@stpdonbar.com but the scams are coming from a gmail.com account.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

At the June 18th Parish Council meeting, Stuart shared that Indigenous artist Melaney Gleeson-Lyall, who led the well-received Kairos Blanket Exercise last winter, has accepted the invitation to be artist in residence with a free studio space above the library. In return, Melanie wants to be a part of St Philip's and to help the church be involved in the reconciliation process. The space that is the best for the studio purpose is what has been the Youth Room. Parish Council loved the idea of having Melaney here and discussed options for a new Youth Room.

YOUTH ROOM

According to the Diocese, the Youth Room must be open and viewable, and if any youth are in a closed room, there should be two adults in the room at all times. Stuart would like to involve the youth in decisions around an appropriate new space for them once they have returned from summer camps and family holidays. Parish Council agreed that youth need to be consulted. It would be very positive if one of the projects to be completed thanks to the capital campaign was a youth room.

WELCOME SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

The Ministries of St Philip's are invited to prepare and staff a half-table in the gym at Welcome Sunday on Sept. 8. If you would like to book such a space, email Beth at manager@stpdonbar.com so they know how many tables to set up. There will be a hotdog BBQ put on by Fellowship, the neighbours will be invited to visit, and we will reconnect after summer holidays. Welcome newcomers warmly and invite them to join in.

REFUGEE NEWS - How you can help with the next phase

Lama's parents, Nasridin and Fatmeh, and brother Ward, have settled in. Ward has started English classes.

Lama has found work doing kitchen cleanup at a catering company. She seems happy with the work.

Immediate priorities:

1. Job for Ward: Ward is 25 years old. He has some experience as a house painter and construction helper. He is interested in pursuing a career as a painter. He has some English and learns quickly. If any of you has some house painting to be done and would be willing to take the time to supervise Ward,



that would be very helpful. Or you may have contacts with a company that needs a painter or construction helper.

2 Tutoring: The adults especially would welcome extra help with English. The schedule is flexible. Teaching qualifications are not a requirement.

3. Money: Lama and her children came on September 13, 2018, so we are responsible for their support until September 13, 2019., but we expect to give some financial support at a reduced rate beyond that time. Nasridin, Fatmeh and Ward arrived on May 16, 2019, so we are responsible for their support until May 16, 2020. To that end, we need ongoing financial support to see us through until May 2020.

Please donate by cheque, payable to St. Philip's with Refugee Fund on the envelope and memo line, or on our website through Canada Helps, specify your donation for the Refugee Fund.

For further information or to offer help, please contact Mary Lymburner kmarylymburner@telus.net or 778-898-5117 or Debbie Matheson debbiematheson53@gmail.com or 604-202-6196

A NEW HOME

A young woman from Turkey who works full time, is a new parishioner who has attended St Philip's very happily for a few months. She has enjoyed finding a spiritual home at St Philip's, meeting people over coffee and sharing fellowship with us. She returns soon from Turkey and is seeking a room in a house or a one-bedroom suite to rent for up to \$1,000 starting Sept 1. If someone you know is renting out such a space, please consider renting to her. Contact the church office if you can help.

PARISH MANAGER IS GOING ON VACATION IN AUGUST!

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She has recruited a team of volunteers to assist in the office while she is away, so the office can remain open from 9 a.m. until noon, Monday through Friday. **Thank you to all who have volunteered to help!**



THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN, UNDER OUR ROOF AND BEYOND OUR WALLS, IS ALREADY MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The first project of the Capital Campaign is the roof: We look forward to seeing this essential work completed before the rainy season resumes, and we offer deep gratitude to everyone who has contributed a campaign pledge.

The current pledged total for the Capital Campaign has now reached over \$800,000.00 over the next three years. It is exciting to imagine what the parish will be able to accomplish if we reach our financial goal. Please bring in your pledge card or contact your visitor to collect it.

Don't forget to respond to the questionnaire "Your Voice" on paper or, better still, at stphilipsdunbar.com under Planning 2019. Everyone's opinion matters.

For more information, to ask questions, or to respond, please go to stphilipsdunbar.com, send an email to campaign2019@stpdpunbar.com, or contact the church office.