

Notices for Sunday, September 27, 2020

Dear lovely people of St Philip's!

I hope you are all well and enjoying the first real experience of this fall season. I have to admit to being a huge fan of the autumn. I love the refreshing rain, the dank mists hanging over the mountains and trees, the dew drenched cobwebs draped over bushes and shrubs, but more than anything else I love Conkers! I think the seed of the horse chestnut is one of the most beautiful things in the world! They remind me of my childhood, playing Conkers at school (not that anyone does that anymore)! They also remind me of the words of Julian of Norwich, *'And in this he showed me a little thing, the quantity of a hazel nut, lying in the palm of my hand...I looked upon it with the eye of my understanding, and thought, 'What may this be?' And it was answered generally thus, 'It is all that is made.' I marveled how it might last, for I thought it might suddenly have fallen to nothing for littleness. And I was answered in my understanding: It lasts and ever shall, for God loves it. And so have all things their beginning by the love of God.'* I love that idea that all things are held together 'for God loves it.'

Yet this fall will be shrouded by the mist of another cloud, that of COVID-19. With the numbers of cases on the increase, it looks ominously like we are at the beginning of a second wave. As the nights begin to close in we are once again being reminded to stick to our bubbles and maintain our social distancing and be ever vigilant against the spreading of the virus. I know many are feeling increasingly depressed about a long winter ahead in isolation. The need to be held together in God's love has never been so important.

In the next few weeks the St Philip's Ringers will be doing another round of calls to all on the Parish Roll. It is another opportunity to check in with everyone to see how you are doing and ask if there is any more we can be doing to support one another. But there are other ways to stay connected too. Our online service continues as it has since we went into lockdown. I would encourage you to continue to watch it and to watch it at 10am on Sunday mornings if you can and then to join with others for Zoom coffee afterwards. That way we can all connect and discuss the issues of the day just like we would on a 'normal' Sunday morning.

Of course, we have begun in person services on Sunday afternoons at 4.30pm. Last Sunday we had over 30 parishioners in church enjoying the first Choral Evensong in St Philip's for many a year, and very beautiful it was too, despite my limited singing voice! If you are able to safely come along, please make it a priority, it will lift your spirits and enliven your soul!

That said, I know many of you can't leave your homes and I totally understand that. So starting on Monday 28th I will be hosting a Midday Zoom Prayer Service, which will take place Monday through Thursdays each week. The short service, lasting approximately 20 minutes or so, will be a time to pray, reflect and connect with one another and with our Creator. So whether you are in lockdown or working hard from home, needing some time out, why not join meet via Zoom or even call in and share this time of worship and connection together? (Details below)

So as we journey into this Fall and the second wave looks set to wash over us, we need not feel isolated. God is everywhere to be found if we have eyes to see, whether that be via a call from someone we haven't spoken to for a while, or by participating in a Zoom or online service, or even by seeing God in the beauty of a Conker, God promises never to leave us or forsake us. We and all things are held together in God's love.

Stay safe and peace be with you.

Stuart

DATES TO NOTE

Wed. Oct. 7 Property Committee Meeting, 6 pm
Sun. Oct. 11 Thanksgiving Sunday
Mon. Oct. 12 Thanksgiving Holiday, **church closed**
Wed. Oct. 14 Trustees Meeting
Tues. Oct. 20 Parish Council 7:30 pm on Zoom



OFFICE HOUR CHANGES

Starting Monday 28th Sept St Philip's new office hours will be as follows...

Mondays - 8am to 1pm

Tuesdays - 9am to 12pm & 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Wednesdays - 9am to 12pm & 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Thursdays - 9am to 12pm & 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Friday - 8am to 1pm

Please note that these are Beth's contracted office hours and if you required Beth's help she will **only** be available during these times, unless it is an emergency! Many thanks.

NEW WEEKLY ZOOM SERVICE

Starting Monday 28th September join Stuart Mondays to Thursdays for Midday Prayers. Whether you are in lockdown at home or busy at work, this short 20min service will help you relax and reconnect with yourself, your community and your Creator...

Follow this zoom link to access the service...

Topic: St. Philip's Dunbar's Midday Prayers

Time: Monday to Thursdays at Noon.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98044347032?pwd=NjdIQmg5bTc4Ym9GaidYL1BZNctBZz09>

Meeting ID: 980 4434 7032

Passcode: 037225





ORANGE SHIRT DAY

What is Orange Shirt Day?

“Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) Residential School (1891-1981) Commemoration Project and Reunion events that took place in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in May 2013.

The annual Orange Shirt Day on September 30th opens the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind. A discussion all Canadians can tune into and create bridges with each other for reconciliation. A day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they matter, and so do those that have been affected. Every Child Matters, even if they are an adult, from now on.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It is an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.” (Orange Shirt Society)

Wear an orange shirt on September 30th to show your support and stand in solidarity with the survivors. For more information, go to <https://www.angeshirtday.org/>

NEW PATTERN FOR IN-PERSON SERVICES DURING PHASE II

Traditional Service of Evensong: 1st & 3rd Sundays, 4:30 PM

Parishioners have asked for a traditional service to resume, the pews will face the altar, and music will be provided by Michael with a cantor singing parts of the service. After Sept. 20th, traditional Evensong repeats on Oct. 4th & 18th, and so on.



Celtic Evening Prayers: 2nd & 4th Sundays, 4:30 PM This is a quiet, contemplative spoken service of Evening Prayer from the Iona tradition lasting approximately 45 minutes, with readings and music, to be held next on Sept. 27th

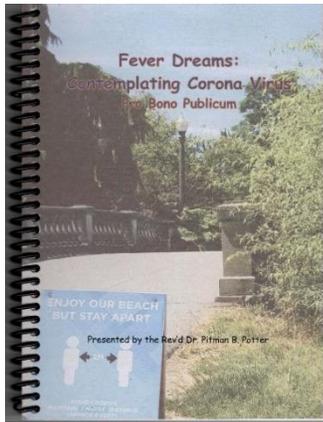
Health Precautions for Gatherings Under Reopening Phase Two

There is no shared eucharist or shared singing for now, but we can still enjoy instrumental music, a cantor and recordings. In-person services are limited to 50 people and all attendees must wear a mask while in the building. If you forget yours, we will give you one. Please be ready to come in when doors open at 4:20 pm. Greeters will meet you, sign you in, offer hand sanitizer, and guide you to your seat. Please follow their directions. Alert the greeter if you need to enter via the



ramp or need help. One washroom is available. After the service, feel free to gather outside at a distance and chat. It has been wonderful to see people again and catch up.

To allow for contact tracing, you are required to register in advance to attend this service with free ticketing through Eventbrite. This allows us to keep track of the numbers, know who will be attending, and contact you if needed. To arrange a ticket for each person in your group, follow the link below and **select the dates you wish to attend**: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/st-philips-anglican-church-30814447722>. If you are unable to access Eventbrite, register with Beth (604-224-3238) before Friday noon.



COVID CONTEMPLATIONS THAT PROVIDE A BALM FOR THE SPIRIT

Fever Dreams: Contemplating Corona Virus

The Reverend Dr. Pitman Potter, the Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood Ministry's retired deacon and clergy leader has prepared a timely new book of contemplation and reflection, which he has offered as a fundraiser for the WANM.

Fever Dreams: Contemplating Corona Virus presents 52 spiritual texts selected from Judeo-Christian, Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist, and Taoist traditions, as well as poetic and lyrical voices.

Fever Dreams: Contemplating Corona Virus

Presented by
the Rev'd Dr. Pitman B. Potter
Published by Pro Bono Publicum
Softcover, spiral bound, 123 pages
with colour photographs

Each selected text is accompanied by suggestions for quiet contemplation, through which readers are invited to engage in *Lectio Divina* (a traditional monastic practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with, and increased knowledge of, God's word), and to consider the meaning and application of the texts in their lives.

Each contemplative text is supported by an accompanying photograph selected from Pitman's personal archive and published for the first time.

Readers are invited to engage with one selection each week, beginning on the week of the season when they first encounter this book, or on the first week of the ensuing season. A handy "Notes" section also allows readers to record their contemplations.

To obtain your own copy for a suggested donation of \$20—the entirety of which will go to the Neighbourhood Ministry, as Pitman has provided the publication *pro bono*—please contact our WANM parish liaison Rhona Thornton at rhonat@telus.net

Some Reviews:

"Thank you, Pitman, for this beautiful book of wisdom and faith. You have interwoven the sayings and poems from so many world religious sources to bring into focus the pandemic situation that we all are living in at this moment. It also allows one to go deeper and ponder on

our own faith journeys in the light of another religious tradition and to realize that the source of all is 'I AM'.—ST

"I have read the entire publication and feel blessed to have done so. This is a wonderful resource for everyone's life journey, and I would be more than pleased to promote and distribute it to others. Thank you for always having the Neighbourhood Ministry in mind and using your incredible gifts to support those we serve in this ministry."—JS

"Thanks so much, Pitman. This is a beautiful book."—RT

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY URGENT REQUEST

We have just received good news; the Neighbourhood Ministry has been given permission to resume our usual practice of handing out clothing and other supplies. This is very timely since, as you can see, fall seems to have arrived with a vengeance and people will be getting cold and wet. We are currently looking for donations of the following items:



- Rain jackets
- Rain pants
- Fleeces
- Long underwear
- Socks
- Men's underwear
- Boots
- Tarps
- Sleeping bags
- Sleeping pads

Donations can be placed in the donation boxes outside of the church anytime of the day or week. If you would like somebody to pick up your donations please email Rhona Thornton at rhonat@telus.net. Please do not donate dress clothes or other items that you cannot imagine people living on the streets wearing.



CLOTHING REQUEST

The Street Outreach is requesting size 10 boots for a female UBC student in need. Either of these items would be gratefully received.

Please email ministrymcu@gmail.com for pickup.

ST. PHILIP'S RINGERS

The St Philip's Ringers have **just** begun to call every parishioner to chat, ask if you need a hand, and let you know that we are thinking about you all.



We need ONE more volunteer Ringer to call ten people. If you can help us call parishioners,

please volunteer with Suzi Noetzel: spnoetzel@me.com

Months of isolation, separation from loved ones, loneliness, uncertainty, and stresses at home can be heavy to bear when our usual joys and activities have been curtailed. **Stuart asks you to call him at mobile 604-338-5636 if you or anyone you know needs a chat and support.**



WEBSITE WORSHIP Sundays at 10:00

Join Stuart Hallam and others in Sunday morning website worship and follow along with the order of service delivered to you on Friday. The services are recorded and posted by Saturday evening, so you can watch and revisit them at your convenience. These engaging services have been very well received.

Visit our website: <https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/blog>

PRAYER, CARE AND SHARE

Wednesdays via Zoom at 10:00 AM

To join the gathering by phone, dial 778-907-2071.

The meeting ID is 2939572088.

On your computer, click the link at 10:00 AM

<https://zoom.us/j/2939572088>



COFFEE HOUR Sundays at 11:00 AM on Zoom

We look forward to seeing **you**. Click the blue link at 11:00 am, using your computer for best results, or join by phone:

<https://zoom.us/j/454815164>

To join any Zoom meeting by phone, dial 778-907-2071.

Coffee Hour ID is 454815164.

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers at this time: Ken and Greg, Maura and Brian, Nancy, Tracy and family, Douglas Bruce, Larry Hoad, Mike Lane, Brenda Harrison, Sarah Burns, Cynthia Howard, Richard Fenner and Jan Alexander. Let us pray for those who have died and for their friends and family bereaved by their loss.



MILESTONES

Let's share life's blessings with our parishioners as we recite the final prayer together.



GRATITUDE CONFETTI

Let's toss gratitude confetti on Martha Kendall who sang as a one-woman choir as our cantor at last Sunday's Evensong. Thank you, Martha, for the gift of your voice.

Staying Close While We're Apart,

Stuart Hallam (Rector), Debbie Matheson, Brian Mix, Diana Bragg, and Suzi Noetzel (Wardens)