

## Notices for Sunday, October 11, 2020

Dear lovely people of St Philip's!

As I have been thinking about Thanksgiving this week, one particular hymn has got stuck in my mind, "Now Thank We All Our God". The hymn begins with this affirmation:

*'Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in Whom this world rejoices;'*

But this is no ordinary thanksgiving hymn. It was written during a horrific time in our world's history. Yet the author sings:

*'O may this bounteous God...keep us in his grace,  
And guide us when perplexed, And free us from all ills, In this world and the next.'*

The author, a German Lutheran pastor named Martin Rinkhart, lived and ministered through unimaginable horrors during the Thirty Years War that tore Europe apart from 1618-1648. The time was marked by vicious fighting, pestilence, famine, epidemics, and floods of refugees. An estimated eight million people died. In his ministry he officiated at over 4000 funerals, his wife's included.

Rinkhart's hymn reminds us that there is more to life than hardships and troubles. Despite what life throws at us we can choose faith, hope, and love. Those virtues direct us toward thankfulness. How does that work? In Romans 5, Paul says, "*We [know] suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit...*" The secret ingredient is God's love.

It is easy to be thankful when things are going well. Most of the time we cruise along on autopilot. But what happens when things fall apart? How do we respond? Do we become more "I" and "me" absorbed? Or more "we" and "us" focused? A heart and mind open to God's grace, even a wee bit, can begin to build gratitude and move forward. Gratitude is contagious! It starts small within us and spreads to those around us. Diane Butler Bass, author of *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks*, puts it this way: "*To choose gratitude is to hear an inner urging toward thanks, to see the grace in life, and to respond.*" That's how thankfulness is transmitted.

So let us all be Super Spreaders of Gratitude this Thanksgiving and respond accordingly. And there are lots of ways to respond to God's goodness: call a friend, become a St Philip's Ringer, get involved with the Neighbourhood Ministry, and help support Lama and her lovely family. And you could consider giving an extra gift this week to help support St Philip's during this time of financial hardship. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Love and Prayers

**Stuart**

## DATES TO NOTE

Sun. Oct. 11 Thanksgiving Sunday  
Mon. Oct. 12 Thanksgiving Holiday, **church closed**  
Tues. Oct. 13 Trustees Meeting 7:30 pm on Zoom  
Mon. Oct. 19 Outreach Meeting on Zoom  
Tues. Oct. 20 Parish Council 7:30 pm on Zoom

## THANKSGIVING DONATIONS

We always rely on generous giving during the High Holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. Please consider giving an additional donation to our Thanksgiving fund in gratitude for God's gifts to us. [Donate to Thanksgiving 2020](#)



## IN-PERSON SERVICES at 4:30 PM



### 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. traditional Evensong repeats on Oct. 18th, Nov. 1 & 15.

### Celtic Evening Prayers: 2nd & 4th Sundays, 4:30 PM

This is a quiet, contemplative service of Evening Prayer from the Iona tradition lasting approximately 45 minutes, with readings and music sung by a cantor. A new service aimed at those who see themselves as spiritual, if not religious. Tell your friends! Celtic Evening Prayers repeat Oct 11 & 25, and so on.



### 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 chat.

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.

## MIDDAY PRAYERS

Join Stuart Mondays to Thursdays for Midday Prayers. Whether you are in lockdown at home or busy at work, this 20 min service will help you relax and reconnect with yourself, your community and your Creator... Follow the Zoom link to access the service at noon.

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

Time: Monday to Thursdays at Noon.

<https://zoom.us/j/98044347032?pwd=NjdIQmg5bTc4Ym9GaidYL1BZNCtBZz09>

Join by phone, dial 778-907-2071 Meeting ID: 980 4434 7032



## 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.

Stuart's letter in the Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> bulletin explained that Parish Council advised that St Philip's should remain in Phase II for the meantime, having added a 4:30 pm in-person service, and should

continue to offer online worship for the many parishioners who cannot attend in-person services.

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>

To join a Zoom meeting by phone, dial 778-907-2071. The meeting ID is the number on the link.



## 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, Jan Alexander and Hazel Maunder.

Let us pray for those who have died and for their friends and family bereaved by their loss.

## COADJUTOR BISHOP-ELECT

The Rev'd John Stephens, Rector of St. John, Shaughnessy, was elected Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster on the third ballot during the Electoral Synod, Saturday, October 3.

Archbishop Skelton remains the Diocesan Bishop with all of the many responsibilities that entails. In the months ahead, the Coadjutor Bishop-elect will work closely with the Archbishop in transitioning and preparing for the next chapter in the life of our Diocese.



Saturday, January 23, 2021: John will be consecrated and ordained a bishop and will then become Bishop Coadjutor.

Sunday, February 28, 2021: At the end of seven years to the day from her consecration and seating as the 9th Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster, Archbishop Skelton will retire. On that same day, the Coadjutor Bishop will be seated and become the 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop of New Westminster.

**Blessings and congratulations to John, and blessings and gratitude to the other nominees.**

## OFFICE HOURS NEW OFFICE HOURS



St Philip's new office hours are:

Mon & Fri 8am to 1pm

Tues, Wed, Thurs 9am to 12pm & 12.30pm to 2.30pm

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

## CHRISTMAS FAIR 2020

The Fundraising Working Group is planning options for parishioners and the community to shop or bid online, then pick up by email or at St Philip's in early December.

- Silent Auction
- Christmas Cakes
- Poinsettias
- Home Baking
- Kitchen Gourmet
- Rectory Tonic

### Team Leaders

Debbie Matheson

Catriona Wilson & Joanne Vondette

Suzi Noetzel, Catriona & Harper Hadden

Harper Hadden

Diana Bragg

Laura Millman



Calling all Kitchen Gourmet cooks, Bakers, and Silent Auction donation gatherers: please help create a successful online Christmas Fair by making donations of all kinds.

Silent Auction "Ask" letters will be in the S mailbox on Oct 13 & 14. Talk to Debbie.

Fundraising will also involve online performances and concerts: to be revealed...

Stay tuned for more info next week!

Contact [debbiematheson53@gmail.com](mailto:debbiematheson53@gmail.com)

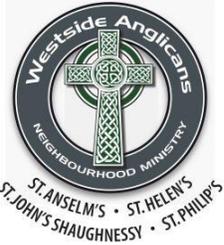
## LOOP HEARING SYSTEM

Ask your health care provider or hearing specialist how to connect your hearing aids to our new Loop system at St Philip's. Not all hearing aids are compatible with a Loop system. If you are considering new hearing aids, discuss the Loop system with your hearing specialist.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY – NEW VOLUNTEER AND PROGRAM MANAGER

*Submitted by Joan Stewart*



The Board of Management of the Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood Ministry (WANM) is very pleased to announce that Rev'd. Liz Hamel has been appointed as the new Volunteer and Program Manager for WANM. This is a one-year contract (we hope to be renewed), which is supported by a grant from the City of Vancouver.

Liz is an ordained Anglican Priest with a passion for justice and advocacy. She has worked as a nurse, chaplain and parish priest in Ladner, the Downtown Eastside and in the four Anglican Churches of the WANM. She knows much about our ministry and was very keen to step into this role on

October 1st.

Liz will be guided in this transition by Vicki Potter, who retired from this position earlier this year. She will be supervised by the co-chairs of the Board (Joan Stewart and Coadjutor Bishop Elect for the Diocese of New Westminster John Stephens) and will report directly to the Board. Liz will be tasked with continuing our current ministry and seeking new ways for us to expand and grow the services we provide to our vulnerable neighbours on the city's westside.

We are delighted that Liz is joining us and we invite you to warmly welcome her to the WANM family!

Click [here](#) to put a face to the name.

### **Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood Ministry- our response to homelessness in our area**

October 11 to 18 is Homelessness Action Week, a good time to reflect on St. Philip's action on behalf of the homeless through the Westside Anglican Neighbourhood Ministry (WANM).

The WANM started more than 12 years ago in the spring of 2008, the brainchild of Pitman and Vicki Potter. Teams made up of members of St. Philip's, St. Anselm's and St. Helen's (in recent years joined by St. John's Shaughnessy) went out on the street to encounter the homeless in our area with packets of non-perishable food and with the intention of establishing relationships. I went to some of the early planning meetings, but did not participate initially.

I became excited about this ministry in 2011 when the city was about to open two supportive housing buildings in our area. I learned that the Neighbourhood Ministry, especially Vicki Potter and the late Don Lamb, had undertaken to identify those of our street friends most in need of housing, and were helping them with the needed paperwork. My first ever volunteer effort

with the NM was to help cook a breakfast to encourage people to come for a final blitz of form filling with city workers at the old St. Mark's Church. Through this WANM effort about two dozen homeless people found homes at 17<sup>th</sup> and Dunbar and at 7<sup>th</sup> and Fir. Volunteers with the WANM have continued to volunteer at the Dunbar building since then.

Shortly after this experience I joined one of the outdoor teams and have continued ever since. The distribution of packets, and sometimes clothing, sleeping bags, etc. continues. We meet old friends who are now housed but come out in the hope of finding us. We meet many who are still homeless. The outdoor team remains the first point of contact of the WANM with new people that move onto the streets of our area.

The work of actually connecting the homeless with housing has continued and expanded with the 2017 launch of the Mobile Care Unit, a collaboration of the WANM with the UBC Schools of Medicine and Social Work. Medical and Social Work services are offered at settings of existing community meals. A major focus has been form filling for replacing lost ID and accessing housing. The Mobile Care Unit has not been operating in recent months because of Covid 19. We miss being able to refer those we meet on a Saturday morning outing who express an interest in moving indoors.

After closing down in March, we resumed our street outings with Covid precautions at the end of August. It was so good to be able to go out again. It was great to see some of our old friends, but unfortunately there seem to be more people than ever in need on our streets. This year marks a time of change for the WANM with the retirement of the Potters and the appointment of a new Volunteer and Program Manager.

### **Request for donations**

Thanks to everybody who made donations in the past week. We are currently looking for:

#### Food

Canned meat/fish, soft cereal bars, soft protein bars Ensure type drinks, puddings, fruit cups

#### Clothing and camping supplies

Rain gear, fleeces, long underwear, socks, underwear, gloves, boots, tarps, sleeping bags & pads  
You can drop off your donations in the bins at the church anytime. Or if you would like someone to pick up your donations please email Rhona Thornton at [rhonat@telus.net](mailto:rhonat@telus.net).

### **ST. PHILIP'S RINGERS**

The St Philip's Ringers are calling every parishioner to chat, ask if you need a hand, and let you know that we are thinking about you all. If you can help us call parishioners in the future, please volunteer with Suzi Noetzel: [spnoetzel@me.com](mailto: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.**



**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.

**MILESTONES: Congratulations to Ken and Edith Bernard!**

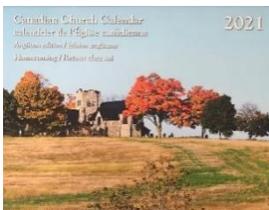
Edith and Ken Bernard attended Evensong with two of their daughters on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, the date of their **71<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary**. Stuart announced the occasion at the start of the service and the congregation erupted into sustained, loving applause.

As Edith told a Ringer earlier, she was very keen to see the pews and the new locations for the Wardens' Wands which were given to St Philip's by her family in honour of her father who died, too early, at age 56. She had been very touched by Pat sending her photos of the wands, and was very pleased with their new location flanking the entrance doors.

A little known bit of St. Philip's trivia about Ken and Edith is that they were the first couple at St. Philip's to celebrate their wedding reception in the Fireside Room. Chatting in the front garden after the service, Edith reminisced that it had teemed rain on their wedding day. Stuart replied that it seemed that the sun had shone on them since then.



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



**CHURCH CALENDARS**

The 2021 Church Calendars have arrived. We have acquired 30 copies this year. The cost is \$6.00 per calendar. This year's calendar highlights church exteriors each month. Please contact Beth Vondette ([manager@stpdonbar.com](mailto:manager@stpdonbar.com)) to reserve your copy.

## **GRATITUDE CONFETTI**

Let's toss gratitude confetti on all the Gardeners and the Altar Guild who provide natural beauty for our eyes to enjoy both inside and outside the church every week. Thank you for the special arrangements at Thanksgiving that showcase the fruits of our gardens, fields and orchards.



### **Staying Close While We're Apart,**

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