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It's funny how time creeps up on us. It sometimes comes as a bit of a shock to realize that I am, by common definition, an old person, a senior citizen. I've also reflected lately on the fact that I have become an "old timer" in the St. Dunstan's community. How did that happen?

There was a time when I knew pretty well every one who came in the church door on Sundays. Nowadays there are many people who are new to me. Of course this is all good. We want new people to join our church family. We welcome them with open arms and open hearts. We're all about "Open Hearts, Open Minds."

Yet, I sometimes feel a small wave of nostalgia for the "good old days," for "the way things were." Change, even the best of changes, often comes with feelings of loss, uncertainty, fear and maybe just a touch of resentment. We realize, especially as we get older, that we are

no longer the kingpins of our world, that younger, stronger forces are taking over what we once thought was our domain. In a way we want this to happen. We're no longer able or willing to do everything, and are glad to hand over the reigns. However, it can be a little hard to let go, especially if those new people decide to do things differently.

So, what to do? I guess we can start by acknowledging our feelings. I think that's OK. But having done that, it's up to us to do something about it. So, given that change is inevitable, given that change is good, and given our vast experience with change already, I guess what we need to do is embrace it. We need to get to know those new people, check out the new opportunities, and continue on that road we've been on since the Rev. Bev jolted us out of complacency and set us on the never-ending journey.

Hattie

A WORD FROM THE RECTOR

I am spending some time this summer in a place called Sorrento Centre. It is an Anglican Retreat and Conference Centre in the Shuswap area of BC.

I have been coming here for almost 10 years. At first I came because I was hired to lead worship one week each summer. It was here that I wrote music and shared it with people for the first time.

I continued to come to Sorrento because it became a place for family reunions. My parents, four sisters and brother have come here for the last six years to spend time together. It is my opportunity to see my 12 nieces and nephews.

I now come because it is here that I first took my children when they came to live with us. Nathan and Logan believe Sorrento to be the lost garden of Eden, and I am happy to let them

hold that perspective.

This summer I am taking a course with John Bell. He is a composer of music and a great story-teller. I am learning about the wide variety of music and images of God from around the world.

I will also spend a week on holiday here. I will play with my children and their cousins and drink wine with my siblings and parents.

I will also lead worship for a week. We will sing the music I wrote for morning and night prayer and wonder together about some of the stories in scripture.

I thank you all for allowing me to have this time at this place. I hope someday you'll join us out here!

With Love,
David.



David and Andrew at Sorrento in 2013

To see what Sorrento has to offer go to www.sorrento-centre.bc.ca

ST. DUNSTAN HAPPENINGS

ACTIVE PRAYER



The colour was purple for Lent. But it was the day after St. Patrick's Day, so the prayer was "green."

David led us in reciting St. Patrick's prayer with actions.

Christ Be With Me

“Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,

Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man
who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone
who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

THE LABYRINTH

St. Dunstan's Aldergrove has a labyrinth. Bringing the idea of a labyrinth to fruition has been a long

process. On March 18, David blessed the ground where the labyrinth would be, and work began.



The congregation gathers outside to witness David blessing the ground for the St. Dunstan's labyrinth.

The labyrinth in progress and completed.



FROM VISIONING TO REALITY

By Mary Gillanders

From the very first Visioning Day after our new church building was completed, the desire for a labyrinth has been present. During our first two or three years other projects naturally took priority, but as time passed, a small group of members, who were regular labyrinth walkers kept raising the topic. Maybe people just got tired of hearing “What about a labyrinth?” Or perhaps, like many other great ideas, its time had finally come, and in 2016 Parish Council approved the project.

Our committee, composed of rector David, Lorie Martin, and myself then began to investigate builders, cost, and possible sources of funding. We eventually chose Diana Ng from Surrey as our designer and builder. After two or three meetings with her, we settled on the design, and chose the stones. She and her crew began work as soon as the weather permitted in March, and we have all been able to watch the creation of this stunning new addition to our church grounds.

You have no doubt read that a labyrinth is not like a maze. There are no tricks, and it isn't designed to

create confusion. It's one path. You walk on the grass, and follow the path to the center. You are free to stay in the center for as long as you wish, then you walk out.

Personally, I have found it to be a different experience every time I walk. Sometimes it's joyous, sometimes calming. Best of all are the wise messages that seem to come out of nowhere. I've walked in slowly and out quickly, walked in quickly and out slowly. Sometimes I've felt reluctant to leave the center, and stayed there for quite some time. Be assured, there IS NO WRONG WAY to walk a labyrinth. (True confessions here, one very early morning over at Queenswood Center in Victoria, I even danced.)

A labyrinth is one of many tools we can use in our journey to draw closer to God, to grow into the person He would have us be in this world.

May this beautiful creation be a blessing to each of us, and may it reach out to our community as a place of peace.

LABYRINTH FUND RAISER CREPE BREAKFAST - MAY 2018

By: Lorie Martin

The Labyrinth is complete!!! Years of sacred desire, months of listening and planning, along with weeks of very laborious work amidst the rain and mud have birthed a remarkable Prayer Path at St. Dunstan's. How blessed we are!!!

France holds one of the most famous labyrinths in the world at The Chartres Cathedral... so let's have

CREPES! to celebrate and raise some funds to contribute to this beautiful project. We were so delighted to have Irene McGuinness say “yes” to bringing her foodie expertise and bubbly efficient energy to create a delicious meal. Lots of St. Dunstan's people eagerly jumped in to help in many ways.

We had the honor of hearing Dwight Martin share his experiences of walking a labyrinth and the surprising peace and clarity that he received while, step by step, he opened and

listened on the short meditation journey.

Some fun and meaningful opportunities to learn and practice the labyrinth are coming this Fall! Note: Funds still appreciated!!!



Welcomed by Mary & Katherine



The Happy Chef Irene



Hard Working Marilyn



Doug Somebody's food :)



Lesley's beautiful crepe breakfast !!!



Labyrinth Fundraiser Crepe Breakfast - May 2018



Editor's note: Thank you to Lorie Martin for her contributions, both written and pictorial, to this newsletter.

HOLY WEEK - 2018

By: Lorie Martin

“We are pilgrims on a journey...”

There is a first for everything! This was my first time attending all the Holy Week Services: **The Three Holy Days, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and The Great Vigil of Easter.** Day after day gathering in precious community to enter sacred songs by our beloved David and holy homilies by Brad Jersak who is a friend to many of us from Fresh Wind Christian Fellowship and now our brother from All Saints Orthodox Monastery.

The foot-washing and guitars, candle-light, prayer and the Eucharist surrounded us in God’s Loving Presence. Each day built on the last and we could deepen into the messages of Christ’s Journey of Love. There is something transformational that happens inside us when we repeat a song, a service, a ritual - we **REMEMBER** and the remembering deepens in us and out through our lives. Remember David’s songs... *Come, O God, to my*

assistance... The night is falling... That we may rest in peace... Hear our Prayer... God, keep your children in peace...

Brad’s opening message on Jesus cursing the Fig Tree is what he called a *strange story*. We are reminded of God not being a vandal, rather, the Arborist bringing us to fruitful and faithful lives and that the tree of life which is the Cross ensures that **Redemption gets the final word** from a better tree than the fruitless fig.

I have some of Brad’s notes if you are interested in reading the transcripts.

An impacting few minutes for me on Holy Saturday was Brad’s reading of St. John Chrysostom’s Paschal Homily, which the Eastern Church preaches every Easter Vigil. We were invited to the two great themes: Our radical inclusion and Christ’s great victory! May it be so for you, for me, for us!



Holy Week 2018





The Great Vigil of Easter 2018



BRAD JERSAK

“Brad Jersak is an author and teacher based in Abbotsford, BC, where he serves as ordained reader and monastery preacher at All Saints of North America Monastery. He also occasionally preaches at The Bridge, a church in Abbotsford. Through his books and seminars, Brad shares the good news that God is Love, perfectly revealed in Jesus Christ. He teaches others how to encounter God through the practice of “listening prayer,” through which God’s love heals wounded hearts and empowers us to heal this broken world.” From: <https://bradjersak.com>

If you would like to learn more about Brad Jersak, visit his web site.

EASTER SATURDAY - LOGAN’S BAPTISM

The Easter Saturday celebration was extra special this year. We not only marked the occasion with a fire and the lighting of the Paschal candle, but also celebrated the baptism of little Logan, son of David and Andrew, and Nathan’s little brother.

The community gathers outside the church.





Friends are greeted.

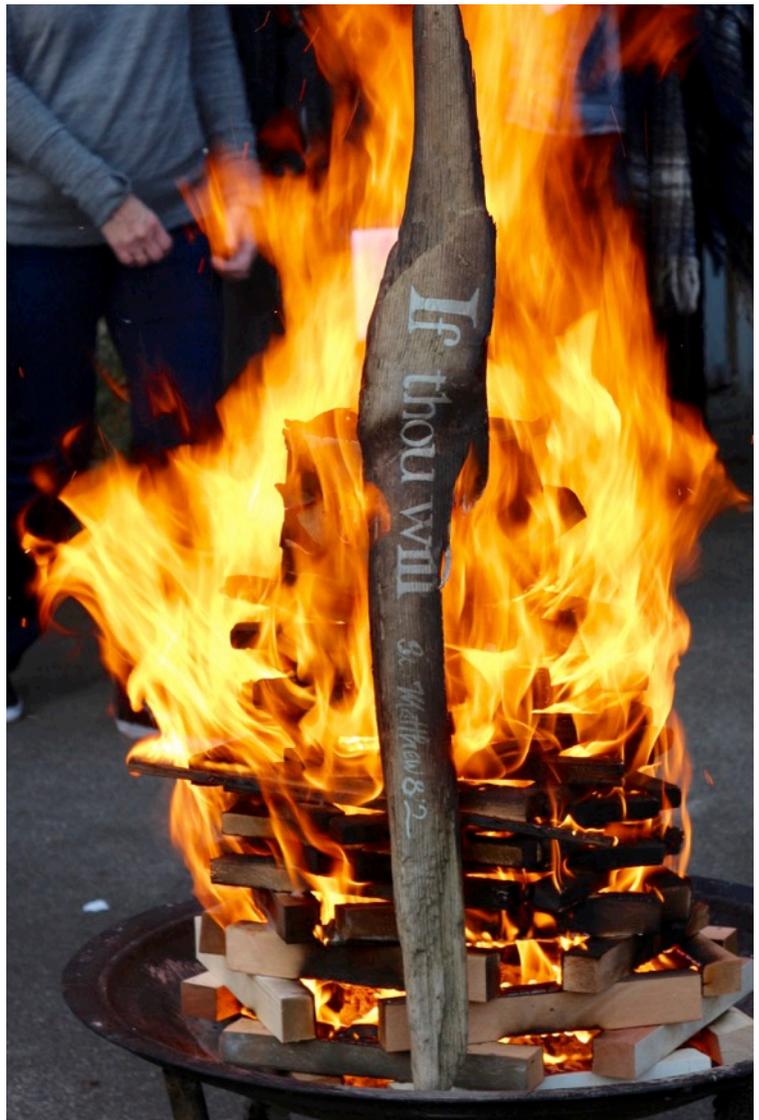


Candles are handed out.



Our fire builder, Bruce, lights the fire. (He must have been a boy scout in his youth.)

The flames shine bright in the gathering dusk.





David begins the service outside.



Children watch with candles ready.





The children help prepare the font, and Logan is ready to be baptized.



Logan is baptized by the Reverend Helen Tervo.

Holding on to Dad, while checking out the water in font.





And now the children get to sprinkle the congregation with baptismal water.

EASTER AT ST. DUNSTAN'S

Two days of celebration in a row. The special celebration started on Easter Saturday continued with the joy of Easter Sunday.



And Easter at St. Dunstan's is always a joyous affair, with balloons, flowers, singing and dancing as the hallelujahs are released and the resurrection is celebrated.





Photos taken by Brian Fox-Schmidt, Lorie Martin and Emily Krabbendam.

MARY GILLANDER'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mary Gillanders celebrated a special birthday with family and friends at St. Dunstan. It was a wonderful party, with family, friends, great food,

a lovely cake, speeches and a video of Mary's life, narrated by the birthday "girl" herself. Thank you Mary for sharing this celebration with all of us.



Friends and fellowship.



Great food.



Words that generated smiles and laughter.



Mary sharing the highlights of her first 80 years. Many highlights there were, with undoubtedly more to come. Wasn't there a story about an epic motor cycle journey?



The beautiful cake.



Mary, had requested "no gifts" but, every one knows flowers, wine and chocolate don't count.

PETER, PAUL AND MARY SING AT ST. DUNSTAN'S

The True North Troubadours, Wayne and Diane Rempel, Joel Dietrich and Steve Labish, on acoustic bass, are a tribute band for the famous 60's folk music group, Peter, Paul and Mary. They did a wonderful job of bringing us back to the 60s. Many of the folk songs they sang are part of our culture, as attested to by the many voices that joined in the singing.

I was sitting with a younger friend as we listened to The True North Troubadours singing those iconic songs. It brought her back to her childhood as a Girl Guide, sitting around the campfire, singing these ever-so-singable folk songs. It brought me back to my youth when the Viet Nam war was in our face, "the times they were a'changin'," and we were trying to figure out what the future would hold

for the baby boomer generation.

It was a trip down memory lane. For me, and many of the audience I suspect, these songs have a special meaning. They are our songs, reflecting our joys and struggles, while coming of age in the famous, or infamous, era of "sex, drugs and rock n' roll," but also the era of civil rights, women's liberation and the peace movement. I, for one, thoroughly enjoyed the show.

Once again, our amazing special events team out-did themselves. They not only provided us with some wonderful entertainment, but also fed us a great meal and tempted us with a varied, and interesting array of silent auction items. Kudos to Doug Tindall and the team for another great event. You folks are amazing!



Carol introduces the group.



Choosing from a delicious variety of food.



Just one of the beautiful and unique items in the Silent Auction.



The True North Troubadours - they were awesome!



The audience enjoying the music.



After the show people enjoyed a chat with the performers.

The Special Events team has let us know that, from here on in, the annual major special event will always happen on the first Saturday in June. Mark your calendars now, folks. You won't want to miss it, whatever it turns out to be.

COUNSELLING SERVICES TO COME TO ST. DUNSTAN'S

On Trinity Sunday, visitors from Fraser River Counseling. Dr. Janelle Kwee, program director, and Carolyn Kwiatkowski, program manager, for Counseling Psychology at Trinity Western University, came to speak to us about a new service that may be coming to St. Dunstan's.

In the Bulletin, David wrote "At St. Dunstan's, it is our bounden duty and service to imitate God in Jesus Christ. This is why we do the things we do. We

are a place dedicated to spiritual health (in prayer and worship). We are a place dedicated to physical health (by making and serving tasty food). And we want to become a place dedicated to mental health."

Our hope is to bring low-cost counseling services to St. Dunstan's and the Aldergrove community.

For more information speak to David, one of the Wardens - Theresa and Lois - or Gillian Drader.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

MEET LEO AND AUDREY BERGERON

By: Mary Gillanders

For as long as I've been attending St. Dunstan's, Audrey and Leo have been a quiet, faithful presence, in this place. Outwardly, they seem quite serious, but spend some time with them and you'll discover a whole different perspective.

Who would know for example that they were both born and raised in Langley, Leo on a farm over near 200th St., and Audrey on Livingston Road (now known as 232nd St.), south of Fraser Highway.



Audrey's dad worked for P.Y. Porter, (yes, Porter's Store and P.O.) until he bought his own store at Old Yale Rd. and 232nd, where he lived in the attached house with his parents. He married in 1928, and when Fraser Highway was constructed in 1932-33, he saw a great opportunity, and built a new store up on the corner of Fraser and Livingston where it still stands. Those who have lived in the Valley for a while will know the old building. To me it's always been "Berry's Store", with its signature white siding, and **WH BERRY** in large black letters above the front door. I remember how sad I felt when it was sold, a red awning went up, and it was renamed "Ye Olde Country General Store."

While Audrey was growing up and attending Murrayville School, Leo was living on the family farm, and going to Langley Prairie Elementary. He says his dad called their place a stump farm, as all the trees had been cut down, leaving only stumps. His dad was a WW I veteran and had some military experience with explosives, so he proceeded to blow all the stumps up, and burn the remains. Must have been quite the experience for a kid to watch.

The two didn't meet until they started high school and attended Langley Secondary School. Leo left before Audrey did to find work, and they lost touch. When Audrey graduated, she and three of her friends decided to go on a road trip to celebrate. She says that when she looks back on it, she's amazed that one of the girl's parents lent them the family car to drive of all places, to Francois Lake. That meant going up through the Fraser Canyon, in those days, a hair-raising drive. They camped along the way, and after visiting the Francois Lake area, they headed home via Prince George. To their surprise, who did they

run into but Leo, who was working in construction up there. Audrey says the highlight of the trip (other than meeting up with Leo), was having a flat tire way out on a back road, with no help in sight. Luckily, her dad had made her learn how to change a tire before he would let her get her driver's license.

When they came back to the coast, Audrey worked for the summer in her dad's store, before going into nursing school at VGH. Leo in the meantime had come back to the coast, and looked Audrey up. He went to work for BCTel, where he stayed until his retirement. When Audrey graduated from nursing in 1958, she and Leo were married. As they were both from Langley, and Audrey had attended St. Andrews, that's where the wedding was held. During the first meeting the rector asked Leo what religion he was. Leo said he kind of shrugged, so the minister said "No religion? I'll just put you down as Anglican."

After they were married, Leo continued to work at BCTel, and Audrey worked in the OR at Surrey Memorial. They lived in Surrey, bought a lot, and Leo's dad proceeded to build their first house for them. Once they were established in their home, they adopted two children, son Rod, and daughter Joanne. Tragically, Rod was killed at age 23 by a drunk driver. Joanne is married and has two sons. She lives close by, a few blocks from Willowbrook Mall.

After Audrey's dad passed away, they spent a lot of time helping her mother with the acreage, which meant driving back and forth from Surrey, so eventually, in 1967, they moved into the family home, and Audrey's mom built a smaller house for herself on the same property. They began to attend St. Albans, where Audrey had gone as a

teenager. Later, when the two churches amalgamated, they joined the St. Dunstan's family. Audrey was an active member of the Altar Guild in both churches for many years, and Leo is still kept busy with the Old Boys. Audrey laughs, and says well, you know what it's like. You do pretty much everything when you're younger. Altar guild, Sunday School, ACW... It's just part of belonging to a church family.

In about 1995, they sold the family home, and moved into a gated community in Abbotsford so they could do some travelling in their motorhome. They have happy memories of the many wonderful trips they've taken, and only just last year sold the motorhome. In

2013 they decided, as do many of us, that stairs are the enemy, so they moved back to Murrayville into a place that's easier to manage, and now live very close to Porter's Store. They walk pretty much every day, and often pass Audrey's old school, which to date, still stands.

Writing these articles always gives me a sense of gratitude, and getting to know Audrey and Leo has been no exception. So one of these Sundays, join them for coffee after the service. They know so much about our Fraser Valley history, and I guarantee you'll be just as fascinated as I have been.

SPECIAL FEATURE

CONFIRMATION DAY - 2018

By: Lorie Martin

April 21st, 2018 marks a memorable day for me! I was confirmed at Christ Church Cathedral!!! Funny thing is... Exactly 44 years ago I was baptized in Edmonton on April 21st!!! How Remarkable is that!?! It makes me smile that my Holy "Yes's" aligned so remarkably! Archbishop Melissa Skelton laid her hands upon my head, and in sacred silence, she offered special prayers.

Joy and gratitude overflow from my heart and life as I celebrated 2 years with you at St. Dunstan's on Pentecost Sunday, and learned so much from David about Anglican Formation, History, and Ethos on Study nights over the past year and a half. Cheers of thanks to each of you for being a part of my faith journey! Love to all, Lorie Martin



LOOKING AHEAD

READINGS FOR THE SUMMER

Even if you are “on the road,” at the cabin, camping or enjoying new places somewhere, away from home, you can still keep in touch with what is happening at your church. Pack your Bible and share in these readings for July and August.

Proper 8 (13) Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 1, 2018 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	<u>2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27</u> <u>Psalm 130</u>	<u>Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24</u> <i>or</i> <u>Lamentations 3:22-33</u> <u>Psalm 30</u>	<u>2 Corinthians 8:7-15</u>	<u>Mark 5:21-43</u>
Proper 9 (14) Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 8, 2018 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	<u>2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10</u> <u>Psalm 48</u>	<u>Ezekiel 2:1-5</u> <u>Psalm 123</u>	<u>2 Corinthians 12:2-10</u>	<u>Mark 6:1-13</u>
Proper 10 (15) Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 15, 2018 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	<u>2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19</u> <u>Psalm 24</u>	<u>Amos 7:7-15</u> <u>Psalm 85:8-13</u>	<u>Ephesians 1:3-14</u>	<u>Mark 6:14-29</u>
Proper 11 (16) Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 22, 2018 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	<u>2 Samuel 7:1-14a</u> <u>Psalm 89:20-37</u>	<u>Jeremiah 23:1-6</u> <u>Psalm 23</u>	<u>Ephesians 2:11-22</u>	<u>Mark 6:30-34, 53-56</u>
Proper 12 (17) Tenth Sunday after Pentecost July 29, 2018 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	<u>2 Samuel 11:1-15</u> <u>Psalm 14</u>	<u>2 Kings 4:42-44</u> <u>Psalm 145:10-18</u>	<u>Ephesians 3:14-21</u>	<u>John 6:1-21</u>
Proper 13 (18) Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 5, 2018 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	<u>2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a</u> <u>Psalm 51:1-12</u>	<u>Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15</u> <u>Psalm 78:23-29</u>	<u>Ephesians 4:1-16</u>	<u>John 6:24-35</u>
Proper 14 (19) Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 12, 2018 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	<u>2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33</u> <u>Psalm 130</u>	<u>1 Kings 19:4-8</u> <u>Psalm 34:1-8</u>	<u>Ephesians 4:25-5:2</u>	<u>John 6:35, 41-51</u>
Proper 15 (20)	<u>1 Kings 2:10-</u>	<u>Proverbs 9:1-6</u>	<u>Ephesians</u>	<u>John 6:51-58</u>

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 19, 2018 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	<u>12; 3:3-14</u> Psalm 111	<u>Psalm 34:9-14</u>	<u>5:15-20</u>	
Proper 16 (21) Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 26, 2018 <i>ART -- PRAYER</i>	<u>1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43</u> Psalm 84	<u>Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18</u> <u>Psalm 34:15-22</u>	<u>Ephesians 6:10-20</u>	<u>John 6:56-69</u>

WHAT I DID IN THE SUMMER

I know from experience that St. Dunstan folks are interesting people, who do interesting things. It would be so nice, if you would share some of those interesting things you do, in the Chronicle.

Send me a picture with a caption, or a story of something you did or saw. Maybe you can share an anecdote about something that caught your interest, or something that inspired you. Maybe you can share how

you relaxed in the sunshine at home. Maybe you would like to share an image of a beautiful sunset, a magnificent scene, a plant in your garden, or your children/grandchildren engaged in summer time fun. The possibilities are limitless and will make interesting reading for the Summer Chronicle.

Please send submissions to hattie.hogeterp@shaw.ca or hand me something at church.

Here is an example. Looking forward to seeing yours.



Little Ollie, Bruce and Hattie's grandson, having fun in the sun at the lake.