



St. Hilda's By the Sea PARISH COMMUNIQUE

26 APR 2020

From Your Wardens

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We feel so very fortunate to be able to connect via this weekly communique and also see and chat with many of you on Sundays through Zoom!

This Sunday was supposed to be the week that we were going to have the teachers from Kenya visiting us for our service. Sadly, of course, this trip had to be cancelled, but we are thrilled to have James Musyoka joining us (via zoom!) from Wamunyu near Ndandini. James is the head of Wamunyu field operations of Kenya Connect. He will be joining us at the end of the service for some chat time! Our local Rotarian friend, Terry Umbach, will also join us and introduce James. We really hope you will all stay online for a while following our service, in order to take advantage of hearing more about the schools in this rural part of Kenya, that we are blessed to be able to support through the Scholarship fund. He will also talk a bit about the teacher exchange that took place and some information about how the COVID pandemic is affecting rural Kenya. We will also have some time for questions and answers. While it is very disappointing that the return teacher trip is cancelled, Terry Umbach assures us that the money raised to bring the teachers here will definitely not go to waste! He will rework the distribution so that it will assist the Kenyan teacher training in the technology field in other ways, and, it may even have a greater impact in the long run on the education of the students. Many times the children, parents, teachers and principals have sent their deep gratitude for all that St Hilda's Parishioners continue to do in our support of the scholarship fund over the years. Let us give James Musyoka a big welcome this Sunday! In the Worship on Zoom there is a link to James' bio and the Kenya Connect website. In the announcements there are more links as well to hear the Kenyan National anthem! Please take a look/listen.

This past week, Archbishop Melissa announced that she is extending the church closures till June 14th and will continue to monitor the situation and advise us. We continue to pray for all those affected by COVID 19 in many ways, including those working on the front lines.

Some have asked about the 'Hergy sermons.' Rev Richard Hergesheimer (known to all as Rev. Hergy) is an Honorary Assistant Priest at St. Hilda's. He has not

preached here recently, but his ministry and friendship is valued by many. We thank him for sharing his gifts with us.

As we celebrate Earth Day this week, we pray that our world will become a better place as an unplanned result of the COVID pandemic. May we seek to find ways to live, that are healthy for us all globally.

Praying that you all stay healthy and sending Love and Blessings to you all,

your Wardens,
Carol, Mike and Jill

Worship on ZOOM!

For parishioners who have downloaded the Zoom app to their computer or mobile device, simply choose "Join" and type in the Meeting ID.

Otherwise, click on the link under the words: "Join Zoom Meeting"

April 26 at 10:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96180878432>

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Kenyan visit Please remain on zoom following the service to hear from James Musyoka. He is the Executive Director of Kenya Connect. This is the organisation that Terry Umbach of Sechelt Rotary works with, to assist certain education opportunities in part of rural Kenya, including the schools in Ndandini. For more information click on the link below.

<https://www.kenyaconnect.org/team/james-musyoka/>

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!



Message from Fr. Ayob

for the 3rd Sunday of Easter Luke 24:13-35.

How can we be heading one direction and end up in another? I consider the disciples in the scripture from Luke for today because these disciples thought they were going to one place and ended up in a totally other place, literally and metaphorically.

The two disciples are walking on a road to a village called Emmaus. A stranger walks up to them and asks what they're talking about. They don't recognize him. The two disciples tell the stranger all about how they hoped Jesus was going to redeem Israel, but now he's been killed, and the tomb was empty, and they went to check it out and Jesus wasn't there.

The disciples don't recognize Jesus on the road. That these disciples had a map they expected the Messiah to follow, a map that had been given to them by history and tradition. Their old way of thinking is keeping them from getting to the new place Jesus wants them to go.

Today, it's possible that this happens because Jesus needs to reveal himself to us in a new and unexpected way.

They sit down at the table. And it's at the meal, when Jesus takes the bread, blesses it, and breaks it, where they get the "big reveal": they finally recognize him because it's the same gesture as he did at their last meal together.

In walking with the disciples to Emmaus, Jesus gives the disciples two ways to find him. He opens up the scriptures for them and he breaks bread with them.

We are people of word and sacrament. We are called to Jesus by the central acts of our worship, by hearing the word preached and breaking the bread.

Musical Musings

Earth Day is a wonderful occasion to enjoy the natural beauty around us. I wanted to share the music and lyrics to the hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* by John Rutter and sung by the Cambridge Singers with the City of London Sinfonia.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1bDoMflYErE>

I hope you enjoy this selection. Rutter's gift of melody really brings out the beauty of these words.

A silver lining to this pandemic crisis we are experiencing is a renewed appreciation for the natural environment and the balance between human and other species. We have seen reduced air pollution in Vancouver and other major areas where it has been even more dramatic, like China and India. Wildlife has reemerged into urban streets and there have been sea turtles hatching on empty beaches. What can we learn from these observations and what world do we want to see post-crisis? Most importantly, what are we willing to do about it?

Blessings, Katherine

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.
2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.
3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.
4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.
5. For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

Text: Follitt Sandford Pierpoint (CP 429)

Announcements

Zoom Morning Prayer & Coffee at St. Hilda's

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, regular activities enjoyed by our parishioners were cancelled until further notice. We invite you to join a virtual Morning Prayer with BAS followed by a virtual coffee time to foster the fellowship among parishioners. The meeting will be on Tuesday April 28 from 9-10 am. Parishioners can chat and be in touch with the priest and every one else, using the ZOOM ID below

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99210585350>

Meeting ID: 992 1058 5350

Kenya: For added enjoyment click on these links to hear the East African National anthem sung in two different situations! The first video is of children from the Kibra slum singing just one verse and the chorus and the second is an adult choir singing all three verses with both Swahili and English words.

Kibra Children

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d4oUgN4Y9vI>

Adult Choir

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

Office Update: Office is closed to the public, but you can reach Karen by phone or email. If you have an announcement for the communique, please submit it by Thursday. Next week she will be in the office Wed to Fri from 9 am - 12 noon.

Adopt a Pot: To help Bonnie Garden garden (she is temporarily incapacitated), pick a pot(s) or a small garden area, and tend to it (potty training) at your convenience. Will be therapeutic in this time of houseboundness. Thank you to those of you already doing it.

Need instructions or help, — call Eric Paetkau

Grounds Minister 604-885-5636

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The knitters and crocheters are still busy in isolation, so there are prayer shawls available. If you or someone you know is in need of extra comfort, especially at this time, please contact Janet Tufnall at 604-885-1994, or Corrinne Newman at 604-885-0944 and we will make sure one gets to you.

PWRDF News: The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund directs \$200,000 to COVID-19. Click and read about what is being done and how you can help: <https://pwrdf.org/pwrdf-directs-200000-to-covid-19/>

VST Morning Prayer: For anyone interested, there is a group of VST students that meet Monday to Friday at 8:15 am for Morning Prayer via Zoom. Please contact Kevin Rolston if you are interested and he will email you the Zoom link.

Please note correction on Virtual Clinic: This was recommended by David Rushton, not David Moul. www.virtualclinics.ca

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Plants for Sharing... a project in conjunction with the Sunshine Coast Food Banks. This project encourages gardeners to grow a few extra seedlings of their 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 of the four Food Bank locations. Donations will be accepted from April 29 - July 1. Specific dates & times will be announced for each location. For more details, email plantsforsharing@gmail.com

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

Check out our new **Virtual Votive Candle Lighting**
<http://www.sthilda.ca/news/light-a-virtual-candle>

or Facebook

https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fgratefulness.org%2Fflight-a-candle%2F&h=AT1zb7whEzVPFz3ASBveM_v7vnW5g84qlzmPXi-aljecU6zU0eB2OhUv-lkdgvuM6-mLsm7DKP5BGL5k9bhEp-puLJw4dS0sh53GMhUGQoA_hpxhOTTzuGMfaY9PV191H5Zx7Q&s=1

Offering Options

Thank you for your continuing financial support at this time. May you be blessed in your giving. Here are 3 options to maintain your givings:

- 1) If at all possible, we encourage you to start using the pre-authorized giving option. You can download the pre-authorized donation form (PAD) 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 charges 3.75% of one-time donations / 3.5% of monthly donations for administration fees.

If none of these offering options work for you, or you need some help, please contact Janet McIntosh, who will be happy to assist you in finding a solution.

The Earth Does Not Belong to Us

by Kristopher Linquist

The Earth does not belong to us,
But we belong to Earth,
This radiant Sphere of green and blue,
Our home and place of birth.
The Web of Life connects us all,
Each strand its vital role,
For what affects a single one,
Affects the Living Whole.



Pope Francis's Prayer for the Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.

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