

Coming Up This Week

Sunday (Jan. 6):

8:00 AM	Holy Communion	(Luke 1:26-38)	Rev. David Short
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6:30 PM	Evening Service	(Colossians 2:1-12)	Ken Moser

Tuesday (Jan. 8):

5:30 PM	Evensong & Supper	Evensong in the Church. Supper in the Trendell Lounge. All are welcome.	
7:15 PM	Parish Prayer Meeting	In the Trendell Lounge. All are welcome.	

Wednesday (Jan. 9):

7:20 AM	Men's Breakfast	In the kitchen. All are welcome.	
6:30 PM	Ekklesia [18-20 - something]	In the Lower Hall (includes supper). All are welcome.	

Sunday (Jan. 13):

7:30 AM	Holy Communion	<i>Meeting God</i> (Exodus 19:1-25)	
9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	<i>Meeting God</i> (Exodus 19:1-25)	
9:00 AM	Learners' Exchange	<i>Climate Change: the Great Distraction Part A. The nature of the distraction.</i>	Olav Slaymaker
11:00 AM	Morning Prayer	<i>Meeting God</i> (Exodus 19:1-25)	
6:30 PM	Evening Service	<i>Meeting God</i> (Exodus 19:1-25)	

DISCOVERING CHRISTIANITY PRESENTS

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

a course for the curious, a place to ask questions

The Christianity Explored course meets every Wednesday night at 7 pm in the Trendell Lounge for a meal, short presentation and discussion. The course runs for 7 weeks and is designed for those who are curious about Christianity or are new to the Christian faith. Christianity Explored provides a warm, pressure-free environment to explore questions of faith and life.

Please register by emailing dc@stjohnsshaughnessy.org or phoning the church office, ext. 25.

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Parish Life Notes

Dear Friends,

Welcome to St. John's this January 6th. Next Sunday, January 13th we return to our usual service times of 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 6:30 pm. Sunday school and youth group will be in full swing, and we will say farewell to Neil Mancor as he leaves us for Montreal.

2008 is going to be a very significant year. In May we welcome Rev. Rico Tice for a week of mission. Rico is from All Soul's Langham Place in London and the author of Christianity Explored—a superb video course, which takes you through the basic gospel outline.

As you know, we have an important Annual Vestry Meeting on February 13th where we need to make key decisions regarding our future as a congregation. There is a great deal of information (and misinformation) about the unhappy situation in the Anglican church and it is nearly impossible to keep well informed and to keep the main thing the main thing.

If you are a member of St. John's, there are two vital pieces of communication, which we hope will help do both.

1. A DVD to watch

This Sunday we want to give to each St. John's household, a free DVD which outlines the church and Bible issues surrounding the Anglican realignment. The DVD is called *St. John's and the Anglican Re-Alignment*. Dr Jim Packer and I sat down with a professional reporter and gave detailed answers to the key questions about our current situation, (what we are doing, and why we are doing it). We want to give you this DVD so that you might understand the issues more clearly and pray in a more informed way. The DVD is recommended (even required) viewing for all those who will come to the town hall meetings and to the Vestry Meeting.

2. Town Hall meetings

For all those who have seen the DVD, you are invited to come to one of the town hall meetings where we will address our future options and the implications of our Vestry decisions. The times of the meetings are:

- Sunday, January 20th, after the Evening Service approx. 7:45 pm
- Monday, January 21st, 7:30 pm
- Thursday, January 24th, 5:00 pm
- Monday, January 28th, 5:30 pm
- Tuesday, January 29th, 7:00 pm (especially for Evensong & Central Focus)
- Sunday, February 3rd, 1:00 pm

David Short.

PARISH FAMILY NEWS

Birth.

Congratulations to Kira and Dean Auger on the birth of their son Caleb John Auger, born on Saturday, December 29th. Mom, Dad and Caleb are all doing very well.

Thanksgiving to God and Congratulations to Lyndsay Fukushima on the birth of her third grandchild and first granddaughter, Naomi Rachel, who was born to (daughter) Wendy and Alex McMillan in Victoria on December 23rd.

Condolences.

Long-time member of St. John's, Edina (Eddie) Parker passed away on January 2nd at the grand old age of 101, surrounded by family and friends at Blenheim Lodge. Eddie was a well-loved and active member for many years until increasing infirmity required that she stop. She requested that there be no service of remembrance. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers

PARISH ACTIVITIES & INFORMATION

All In Youth

This afternoon all youth and parents are invited to gather together for a time of fellowship to kick off the year: 4-6:30 pm in the Trendell Lounge (food provided!)

2008 Malawi Partnership Calendars Available.

Prayer calendars for the Upper Shire and St. John's for 2008 are available for \$10 at Coffee Hour in the Morning and Evening and at the church office.

January Parish Prayer Meeting

Parish prayer will be on January 8th at 7:30 pm in the Trendell Lounge. Please join us as we bring the ministry of our parish and the wider church before the Lord and seek his leading.

Learners' Exchange talks will resume January 13th at 9 am in Room 100. Newcomers are most welcome to come and join us. Inquiries to Bill Chandler at 987-5445.

Goodbye to Neil Mancor.

On January 13th, we will be saying goodbye to Neil Mancor as he and his family leave for their new home in Montreal. If you would like to make a contribution (non-receipted), please give it to Linda Hewitt or leave it at the church office for her. Cheques should be made payable to "Linda Hewitt in trust". Contributions may also be placed in the offering plates, but must be in a separate envelope and addressed to Linda Hewitt. Contributions will be accepted until Jan. 11th.

New To St John's?

If you are new to St. John's, we would like to get to know you! Please join us for our 'Welcome lunch' after the 11 am service in the Trendell Lounge on Jan. 13th.

Mission '08.

Mark your calendars! Rico Tice, from All Souls Langham Place, will be joining us from May 1st-4th.

Employment Opportunity.

If you are interested in applying for or want to encourage someone to apply for the following position please look at the full description on our website, under General Information/Employment Opportunities. Applicants should forward a resume and cover letter to employment@stjohnsshaughnessy.org.

Ministry Support Coordinator - The ministry support coordinator will have three primary responsibilities: Support Ministry Staff, Event Coordination, Donor Administration & Communication.

Used Stamps.

Thank you to all those who generously donate their used stamps to the Arctic Fellowship. Please continue to give. If you would like more information, please call Grace Turner at 872-6031.

Living Waters at St. John's.

You may have been reading about the upcoming introductory program of Living Waters, called CrossCurrents, and wondered if you should apply. Here are some actual examples of issues participants brought before God during the past year, either in the Cross Current Program (held last winter at St. John's) or the 25 Week Program.

- A sense of emptiness in relationships and longing to experience God's love.
- Neglect in childhood and many losses and failures which made it hard to claim identity as a child of God
- Struggle with same sex attraction/shame/fear. Longing to acknowledge struggles and seek help from God's family
- Wounded relationships due to own or spouse's use of pornography
- Feelings of unworthiness before God because of past sexual activity

If you have any questions about the 8 week program, which will start on Thursday, Jan. 24th. Manya Egerton would be happy to answer them (confidentially). E-mail or call her at megerton@telus.net or 261-7785 or contact the Living Waters office at 301-1470 or lwc@livingwaterscanda.org. Spaces in the program are limited. Applications are available, either from Manya or the office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Missions Fest 2008 January 25-27, 2008 Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre

Volunteers: Come & Join the Team

At Missions Fest we will learn what it takes to get involved with the Great Commission. Through our plenary speakers, seminar presenters and missions exhibits we will be encouraged and inspired by God's calling to all of us to reach our world, to eagerly seek what still needs to be done and realize how we have just what it takes to serve our Lord.

Volunteers are the heart of Missions Fest Vancouver. We need your participation in order for this conference to happen!

Go to the website and register online: www.missionsfestvancouver.ca/mfvolunteers.cfm
For more information, call 524-9944 or email at: office@missionsfestvancouver.ca