

Coming Up This Week

Sunday (Jan. 13):		
7:30 AM	Holy Communion	<i>Meeting God</i> (Exodus 19:1-25) Rev. Dan Gifford
9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	<i>Meeting God</i> (Exodus 19:1-25) Rev. David Short
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) Rev. David Short
6:30 PM	Evening Service	<i>Meeting God</i> (Exodus 19:1-25) Jim Salladin
Monday (Jan. 14):		
7:30 PM	Prayer Service	In the Church.
Tuesday (Jan. 15):		
5:30 PM	Evensong & Supper	Evensong in the Church. Supper in the Trendell Lounge. All are welcome.
7:00 PM	Central Focus	In the Trendell Lounge. All are welcome.
Wednesday (Jan. 16):		
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.
Thursday (Jan. 17):		
10:00 AM	Women @ 10	In the Trendell Lounge.
Sunday (Jan. 20):		
7:30 AM	Holy Communion	<i>The Life of Love</i> (Exodus 20-23)
9:00 AM	Holy Communion	<i>The Life of Love</i> (Exodus 20-23)
9:00 AM	Learners' Exchange	<i>Climate Change: the Great Distraction Part B. Implications for Christian Conduct.</i> Olav Slaymaker
11:00 AM	Holy Communion	<i>The Life of Love</i> (Exodus 20-23)
6:30 PM	Evening Service	<i>The Life of Love</i> (Exodus 20-23)

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

Friends,

Welcome to St. John's as term gets under way in earnest. We return to the Exodus and to Mount Sinai where God reveals more of who he is and who we are and what that means. We also go back to our usual service times [7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 6:30 pm] and today we are hosting a Welcome Lunch. If you have begun attending St. John's in recent months and would like to find out more about how to connect and belong, please come to the lunch.

Between the 9 am and 11 am services we hold a time of coffee and gathering in the Trendell Lounge. Today we say farewell to Rev. Dr. Neil Mancor and his family. Neil has been with us since 2002, through an enormously difficult time, and has brought a delightful creativity and energy to everything he has done. We will miss him as he moves to Montreal so the Mancor family can be together.

It is exactly a month until our Vestry (annual general) meeting February 13th. We have been offered Episcopal oversight by Bishop Donald Harvey of the Anglican Network in Canada on behalf of the Primate and Province of the Southern Cone. We need to make a decision regarding this offer at our Vestry meeting. If you are a member of St. John's and care about our future direction I want to request you do three things.

1. Beginning last Sunday there is a special DVD available for each St. John's household to watch prior to our information meetings. The purpose of the DVD is to summarize something of the churchly and faith issues which have brought us to this point. Dr. Packer and I look back over the past 6 years and try to condense our current situation and what the key factors were in how we got here. This is not a decision you can leave to everyone else and a DVD is an excellent way to become informed and ready for the information meetings, so please watch the DVD.

2. Plan to attend at least one of the Town Hall meetings. As the DVD looks back to where we have been, the Town Hall meetings will look forward to consider our options. You will need to have seen the DVD to make sense of the Town Hall meetings as they are focused on the future. 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

3. Pray for the wind of God's Holy Spirit to blow on us and on the other congregations in Canada who are facing the same decision. We have been bought at a great price and made a royal priesthood, God's own possession so that we might bless our city and our nation. Pray that God would enable us to be faithful and bold.

David Short

PARISH FAMILY NEWS

Condolences.

Our condolences to Heather Cannell, her mother and sisters, on the death of her father, Dr. Ludlow (known as "Beam") Beamish on Sunday January 6th. Heather is thankful to God that her father, a long time member and warden of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, New Westminster, died peacefully in his sleep.

PARISH ACTIVITIES & INFORMATION

Sanctuary Guild Lunch.

Sanctuary Epiphany Lunch and meeting January 14th in the Trendell lounge at 12 noon. Communion in the church at 11am

A New Bible Reading Guide.

Today in your bulletin, you will find a copy of the Bible Reading Guide for the next 9 weeks (January 13th to March 15th).

This guide is an abbreviated version of the Book of Common Prayer *Table of Lessons (pp xvi to xlv)*, which was written with the assumption that a person would pray and read two passages from the Bible morning and evening. We choose one of those four readings for this little Guide. If you don't have a Prayer Book, Norah Johnston (224-8986) would be glad to provide you with one at cost. Besides the reading from the New Testament, there is a reading from the Psalms. May God bless you as you read His word.

Lost and Found Table.

A Lost and Found table will be set up outside the Trendell Lounge for the next three weeks. Please claim your lost belongings as soon as possible. Any remaining items will be given to charity.

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. Bobotie recipe included!

Spots open in Children's Choir.

The St. John's Children's Choir begins winter rehearsals on Monday, January 14 from 4:30-5:30 and has spots available for children who wish to join. This choir is open to children aged 7 and older who are independent readers. We rehearse Monday afternoons from 4:30-5:30 pm. Contact Amber Salladin with any questions and to register your child at amber.salladin@gmail.com or 319-6048.

Women at Ten begins again this week on Thursday Jan. 17th at 10 am. We will be studying Exodus 20 which is Study 12. All enquiries can be made to Jan Hobbis in the church office.

Want to watch the DVD and don't have a player?

The DVD, *A Crossroads: St. John's and the Anglican Realignment* will be shown at 11 am in Room 100 on Sundays, January 20th and 27th. We may also set the DVD up to run while Town Hall meetings are taking place, so that you could come and watch the DVD one day and attend a Town Hall meeting another day.

New Year's Resolution.

Was one of your New Year's resolutions to spend more time in prayer? Be sure you have one of the prayer cards which was distributed last fall. People are still talking about how helpful they are! Pick one up at the door...

Marriage and Parenting.

Our next evening will be held on Friday, Jan. 25th at 7 pm. Our speaker will be Beth Allen, a community health nurse for many years, giving her Part 2 discussion on "Managing Misbehaviors in Young Children". Beth will present strategies to help you cope with challenging behaviors in children ages 6 and under. Childcare is provided. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. For more info please contact Elizabeth Siemens at 222-4901.

Baptism.

The next Baptisms will be held on February 10th at the 9 and 11 am services. All interested parents and available godparents also need to attend the Baptism prep class that will be held Monday Feb. 4th at 7 pm in Room 100. For more information please contact Diane at ext. 19.

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@livingwaterscanada.org. Spaces in the program are limited. Applications are available, either from Manya or the church office.

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@stjohnsshaghnessy.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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Faith in the Marketplace.

Jan. 16th – Feb. 6th Psalms for a New Year and Psalms for Life. In this four week series, Harvey Guest, student of Theology and Bible teacher will be focusing on Psalms 90 - 93 to make personal and practical applications.

The 12:15 - 12:45 pm Wednesday noon FIM sessions are held in the Hong Kong Bank Building, 885 W. Georgia, (enter at 650 Hornby Street, 50 steps north of Georgia). Come downstairs to the meeting room, just before the 885 Fitness Centre. No reservation is required. For more information, herb777@lightspeed.ca or 224-5245.

Missions Fest 2008

January 25th–27th 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:
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