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Spring 2018

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## *Services during Lent and Easter*



March 25 8:00 am and 10:00 am  
*Passion/Palm Sunday*  
with blessing and  
distribution of palm crosses

March 28 Week 10:00am Contemplative Service  
Wednesday in Holy Week

March 29 *Maundy Thursday*  
Maundy Thursday Service – 6:00 pm.

The service will begin over a simple supper in the Hall  
and move to the Sanctuary for the Celebration of the  
Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar.

March 30 *Good Friday* 10:00 am  
Readings, Solemn Intersessions and  
Stations of the Cross

April 1 *Easter Day* 8:00 am and 10:00 am  
Resurrection of our Lord

Next Newsletter Deadline  
**May 30, 2017**

Please send items to

Heather Luccock at  
[hjluccock@shaw.ca](mailto:hjluccock@shaw.ca)

Services at St. Catherine's  
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Eucharist  
Mid-week – Wednesday Contemplative Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

## **The Reverend Sharon Salomons - Interim Priest in Charge**

As you read this, we will have entered into the liturgical season of Lent. I grew up in a non-liturgical tradition that did not acknowledge Lent so when I became an Anglican I found myself especially drawn to this season. An opportunity for a time of quietness and prayer, a time of deeper reflection on what it means to follow in the way of Christ. I learned also that Lent was a time to particularly focus on the suffering of Jesus. I don't believe this makes the season "a downer" although I do know of some who avoid Holy Week and Good Friday because they see it that way. Lent invites us not to shy away from, or avoid the suffering of Jesus, of our own lives and in our world, but to face the darkness with courage and supported by the sustaining love of Jesus. And that in this process we learn to trust in a deeper way that the darkness does not overcome us, but that through it, we find the path of new life. I commend to you the opportunities in our parish to invite you into this kind of deeper reflection this Lent which you will find described elsewhere in this newsletter.

This season of Lent continues to be a time of transition for our parish. Please continue prayers for the canonical committee as they work with the bishop in seeking a successful appointment in the near future. Please also continue to keep the Reverend Keith Gilbert in your prayers during his leave of absence.

In the peace of Christ, Sharon+

## **Pastoral Care - Tony Dodd**

The Pastoral Care Team has been active in visiting at home parishioners. Communion was taken to a few of these. Evergreen House has two permanent residents that are doing well. Again thanks to our Pastoral Care volunteers. If you know someone who needs pastoral care, see one of our team - Tony Dodd, Heather Luccock, Phyllis Mittlestead, Janet Morris, Lois MacGregor

### **Coffee & Conversation**

**Tuesday, March 20,  
April 18**

**10:30 a.m. Mary Pellatt Room**

**Everyone welcome**

## **Mark your Calendar**

**April 15 Special Service  
Sacred Meets Secular in Music**

**Following the service there will be a  
Parish Town Hall meeting to discuss  
Parish Development**

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May 6 - Preschool Sunday - music  
celebrating children

May 20 - Royal Luncheon celebrating  
Royal Wedding and new baby

## Lenten Study Opportunities

### Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

This study booklet is highly recommended by Bishop Melissa for all the parishes in the Diocese. It includes a Prayer Journal, Facilitation Guidance for Groups and Resources for Communicators.

**Meeting Jesus** is a six-week journey and reflection on the Gospel According to John. To learn more visit [www.meetingjesusinjohn.org](http://www.meetingjesusinjohn.org)

After the Wednesday Eucharist (10:00 am) there will be an opportunity to reflect on and discuss the readings from John with the Study Guide.

### Highlands United Church Speaker Series: Tuesdays 7:00 pm

February 27: Tzeporah Berman: Climate Leadership in BC

March 6: Tsleil Waututh representative: The Burrard Inlet Action Plan  
And Saying Yes to Renewables (not yet confirmed)

March 13: Christine Boyle: Fossil-Free Faith & Climate Justice

Check out Highlands web site for other programs

## North Van Deanery Lenten Book Study 2018 Phil Sunderland

**"The Great Spiritual Migration - How the World's Greatest Religion is Seeking a Better Way to Be Christian"** Brian D. McLaren, Convergent Books, 2016

**Monday evenings beginning February 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Catherine's Church. 7:00 p.m.**

Brian McLaren, was formerly a member of the Plymouth Brethren Church, a conservative denomination. Since then, has progressed through the evangelical arm of our communion, and is now identified by his former friends as a quote, progressive".

McLaren's latest book, 'The Great Spiritual Migration', explores ways in which our faith may be revitalized, and refocused on living well in this life and world, rather than focusing on what may be the life beyond.

The study will take four 1 ½ hour sessions, which will include a brief introduction, a roughly 15 minute video showing McLaren interacting with other concerned people, then a discussion of the week's reading in reference to a number of Scripture passages.

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### **Spiritual Migration Cont.**

Missionally, the faithful are identifying less with organized religion and more with organizing religion - spiritual activists dedicated to healing the planet, building peace, overcoming poverty and injustice, and collaborating with other faiths to ensure a better life for all of us.

With his trademark brilliance and compassion McLaren invites readers to seize the moment and set out on the most significant spiritual pilgrimage of our time: to help Christianity become more Christian.

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### **Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines. – Tony Dodd**

An informal meeting was held at the Synod office on Saturday January 20th at 9:30 am with liaisons with the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines.

As I am the representative for St. Catherines, I attended with 30 others from 21 different parishes. It was an open discussion on connecting with a partner parish in the Episcopal Diocese of North Philippines. There is additional information on the Diocese website on the EDNP.

Our partner in the Philippines is St. Catherine of Sienna Mission, Cavantes, under Jerry Sagayo, whom I will be corresponding with in the next few weeks. . I have had numerous emails from the EDNP and am impressed with their development in the community

This will be our first step and I will keep you informed of our progress. Keep our Brothers and Sisters in our prayers as we move forward.

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### **Used Stamps – Always welcomed – Lois MacGregor**

A sincere thank you to everyone who continues to bring in packages and envelopes of used stamps for the Canadian Bible Society. They appreciate receiving them throughout the year – not just at Christmas time, as they continue to sell them to serious collectors, using the monies received for their work in distributing bibles.

Please be sure to leave at least 1/4 inch of paper around the stamps so that the perforations are not damaged. Your envelopes or packets of used stamps may be left in the small box in the bottom drawer of the wooden cabinet outside of the church office. They are collected on a regular basis.

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## **Property Development Task Force Update**

### **Gary Stewart Chair, Property Development Task Force**

During the Annual Vestry Meeting on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, John Luccock and I gave a short presentation to update the Parish with the information that we shared with both A & F (Administration & Finance) and Parish Council in early December:

- High level overview of Simon Lemare's report on the estimated cost of bringing all of our structures (Church, Gym and Rectory) up to current building code
- Overview of the five options/next steps that Simon included in his report
- Review of the 'proof of concept' (feasibility study) provided by Marcon Developments Ltd. near the end of October
- Information regarding the Nanaimo Ecumenical Society, which serves as an excellent example of the many parishes across the country actively involved in an agreement whereby they share/co-habitat with a common set of Church buildings. See a full report in St. Catherine's website at [www.saint-catherines.org](http://www.saint-catherines.org) or contact the office for copies.

The intent of our presentation was to provide the Parish with some key information prior to the Parish Town Hall 'Property Development' Meeting scheduled immediately following the 9:30 am worship service on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be facilitated by Tasha Carrothers from the Synod Office. We look for strong attendance at this important meeting as part of our FUTURE WITH HOPE!

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## **St. Catherine's Preschool**

### **Marion Porter, Developmental Resource Teacher**

It is nice to be back into a routine. On the last day of school before Christmas break, the 4s walked through the Village singing Christmas carols. We are now back and ready to learn new things. The 2s and 3s are talking about winter activities. There are lots of snowmen, mittens and hats on the boards. The 4s have taken off into space this month and have been busy making a rocket ship in the classroom. They are learning about the planets and the solar system. In February we will be talking about friendship and celebrating Valentine's Day and Chinese New Year's. The 4s will be having their annual Skating party on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Harry Jerome Centre. It is a fun time with parents and children and of course hot chocolate with marshmallows. The 4s will be working on their Kindergarten readiness skills through many play activities. Rachel will be teaching the children new songs for our Easter Services on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> followed by a tea for the families. Some of the other classroom themes will be about the farm, transportation, planting in the springtime, colours and shapes. We will once again experience the transformation of the caterpillars into butterflies in May. Cheryl Hebb and I will be running our Summer Program in July. This year's theme is Down on the Farm, "Oink! Moo! How Do You Do! Please take a moment to check out the bulletin boards down the preschool hallway.

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## Welcome to the Sunday Services -The Cast

Who are the cast of players who star in the Sunday Services each week and make it run?

7:30 a.m. Eucharist – Altar Guild member arrives to set up

8:00 a.m. The rector arrives to lead the service

Reader arrives

9:00 a.m. Enter the coffee makers

9:15 a.m. Enter the Altar Guild member who prepares the Altar for the service

9:15 a.m. Enter the Choir members for pre-service rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Enter the sidespersons and greeters to turn on lights, open doors, welcome people and hand out service leaflets

9:50 a.m. Choir assembles in the Narthex with the rector

10:00 a.m. The Rector, Choir, and readers process into the Church

The Service begins

10:30 a.m. Enter the intercessor

10:45 a.m. Enter the priest and sub-deacon to set up the Eucharist

Enter Eucharistic administrators

11:15 a.m. Closing hymn and dismissal.

11:30 a.m. Altar Guild clears away the elements and vessels from the Altar

Sidespersons clear away used leaflets, close windows, turn out lights and lock the doors. The counters take the offering for counting

Congregation goes for Coffee

It's a fairly large cast of characters but only a few people to take on the roles. When you attend church on Sunday look around and see who are carrying out the tasks each week. The truth is that a few people look after the service each week carrying out these duties. The Altar Guild, Weekly Coffee Makers, Greeters and Sidespersons, Readers and Intercessors all need extra people. As our congregation ages they cannot carry out the commitments each week. Please consider who the cast of characters is at the service you are attending. Is there a role for you?

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## Milleraires Benefit Concert

Tuesday April 24th at 7 pm St. Catherine's Church

Proceeds to Primates World Relief & Development Fund , Canadian Foodgrains Bank to end global hunger.

The music of Duke Ellington and Glenn Miller as well as others will be featured.



### **PWRDF and Foodgrains Bank: 'Together we are Strong'**

Member agencies of the Foodgrains Bank respond to global hunger crises, but they also respond to other global issues like health care and education.

One benefit is how the work of the Foodgrains Bank is focused on food aid, food security and nutrition. The Foodgrains Bank is able to provide that expertise.

It was the combination of working together alongside other Christian denominations and of having expertise on food security that ultimately led PWRDF to join the Foodgrains Bank in 2007. Today, their commitment to the partnership remains strong.

A farmer named Jane Wanjiku in Kenya, learned new ways of farming through an agriculture project funded by the Foodgrains Bank. At first, Jane's neighbours teased her about adopting these new farming techniques because they were different than the traditional techniques common in her community. Despite this, Jane's crops were successful.

Jane noticed that her neighbours were watching the techniques she was using, and that opened up the conversation for her to share her techniques with others.



Not only had Jane learned more efficient farming practices to better provide for her family, but she was sharing that knowledge with others in the community as well, giving them an opportunity to benefit from the Foodgrains Bank-funded project.

That's where the partnerships with local groups and members like PWRDF are so critically important because we can make a difference and inspire communities overseas to work together.

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## Church Services in 2018 -- Without Paper

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

CONGREGATION: And with your spirit

PASTOR: Will everyone please turn on their tablet, PC, iPad, smart phone and Kindle Bibles to 1 Corinthians, 13:13.

And please switch on your Bluetooth to download the sermon.

Now, Let us pray committing this week into God's hands. Open your Apps, BBM, Twitter and Facebook, and chat with God.

As we take our Sunday tithes and offerings, please have your credit and debit cards ready." "You can log on to the church WiFi using the password 'Lord909887.'

The ushers will circulate mobile card swipe machines among the worshipers:

- a. Those who prefer to make electronic fund transfers are directed to computers and laptops at the rear of the church.
- b. Those who prefer to use iPads can open them.
- c. Those who prefer telephone banking, take out your cell phones to transfer your contributions to the church account.

*The holy atmosphere of St. Matthew becomes truly electrified as all the smart phones, iPads, PCs and laptops beep and flicker.*

Final Blessing and Closing Announcements.

- a. This week's ministry cell meetings will be held on the various Facebook group pages where the usual group chatting takes place. Please log in and don't miss out.
- b. Thursday's Catechism Study will be held live on Skype at 1900hrs GMT.
- c. Please don't miss out.
- d. You can follow your Pastor on Twitter this weekend for counseling and prayers.
- e. God bless and have a nice day.

And Jesus wept.

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