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Message from Rev. Sharon

"Prayer is the peace of our spirit, the stillness of our thoughts, the evenness of recollection, the seat of meditation, the rest of our cares and the calm of our tempest; prayer is the issue of a quiet mind, of untroubled thoughts, it is the daughter of charity, and the sister of meekness." ~ Jeremy Taylor

Happy New Year! It's the beginning of Advent again, a time of hopeful anticipation.

We live our lives cycling through seasons of waiting, birthing, growing, death and resurrection.

My prayer is that we would find moments of stillness amidst the pre-Christmas buzz, to be present to God, who surrounds us always, everywhere.

For those of us remembering loved ones we have lost, God's companionship be our strength.

And for those for whom 2019 is filled with uncertainties, God's peace be our anchor.

Let us journey in hope together, keeping our spirits alight with Christ's love,

Blessings to you this season,

Rev. Sharon

Next Newsletter Deadline
25 March 2019

Please send items to

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

Services for Advent and Christmas

St. Catherine's Church Advent & Christmas 2018

Advent is a Christian tradition that can soothe the anxiety of the Christmas season. Instead of going faster, Advent calls us to slow down. Join us as we prepare our minds, hearts and bodies for Christmas.

Advent Saturday Series

Discover different ways to read
and pray the stories of Christmas.
December 1, 8, & 15 - 10:00 a.m. – Noon

First Sunday in Advent

Join us for brunch and learn to make your own prayer beads

December 2 - 9:00 a.m. Eucharist – note only one service

Advent Sunday Worship

December 9, 16, and 23

8a.m - Prayerful spoken service with Eucharist

10 a.m. - Family Service with music & Eucharist

(Sunday School for all ages)

Christmas Eve Services

Monday December 24th

3:00 pm - Family Service for young children

5:00 pm - Festive Service with Eucharist

11:00 pm - Candle Light Chapel Service with Eucharist



Regional Christmas Day Service – 10:30 a.m.

St. Martin's Anglican Church

195 E. Windsor Road, N.V.

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Blue Christmas service

St Andrews United Church

10th & St. Georges Avenue, N.V.

Dec 19 at 7:00 pm

St. Catherine's Day Celebration - Heather Luccock

On Sunday, November 18 the Parish of St. Catherine's Celebrated St. Catherine's Day with a visit from Archbishop Melissa.

We enjoyed a wonderful service, with good music and, of course, the sermon preached by Archbishop Melissa. It was a real treat to have Archbishop Melissa with us. We welcomed Jessica Wee, Ethan and Cody Spence as servers.

Having had this beautiful service, I wondered how many of us really know anything about St. Catherine of Alexandria.



Photo by Nicole Geha

St. Catherine of Alexandria From Wikipedia - The Editor

According to the traditional narrative, Catherine was the daughter of Constus, the governor of Egyptian Alexandria during the reign of the emperor Maximian (286–305).¹ From a young age she devoted herself to study. A vision of the Madonna and Child persuaded her to become a Christian. When the persecutions began under Maxentius, she went to the emperor and rebuked him for his cruelty. The emperor summoned fifty of the best pagan philosophers to dispute with her, hoping that they would refute her pro-Christian arguments, but Catherine won the debate. Several of her adversaries, conquered by her eloquence, declared themselves Christians and were at once put to death

In the 6th century, the Eastern Emperor Justinian had established what is St Catherine's Monastery in Egypt. Her relics include her left hand, often warm to the touch and her head. Her incorrupt body is not publicly displayed. Countless people make the pilgrimage to the Monastery to receive miracle healing from Saint Catherine.

Saint Catherine's Monastery still survives, and is a famous repository of early Christian art, architecture and illuminated manuscripts that remains open to tourists and visiting scholars. The site is sacred to Christianity Islam, and Judaism. Catherine is a young woman who can be an inspiration to us all in devoting herself to her faith and study and to follow her vision of what Jesus wanted her to do.



*Catherine of
Alexandria, by
Carlo Crivelli*

Message from the Wardens – Heather Peacock

The fall was a busy and exciting time for St. Catherine's. There was an office clean up one weekend and a Parish council retreat the next. The retreat energized and helped council to discern a new direction for St. Catherine's.

The end of September brought a lively pet blessing for our pets and for those pets we have lost. Parish council dealt with repairs to the rectory and the perimeter of the church.

October welcomed the Thanksgiving dinner for the community. There was also some training for parishioners who volunteer for various ministries in the church. It was a busy month for the council, with ongoing repairs to the rectory and the implementation of the annual Stewardship program.

In November our Vicar's Warden, Susanne Stockdill, was inducted into the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster. A number of parishioners supported her with their attendance.

John Luccock and I prepared for the well attended movie 'State Fair' with Sing Along captions. The movie and the pizza dinner that followed were very successful.

We welcomed Archbishop Melissa to celebrate St. Catherine's Day at which time the Stewardship campaign closed with the blessing of our pledges. The parish council met with her after church. She was impressed to see the progress that the Parish has made in moving forward. Archbishop Melissa was particularly pleased with the cohesiveness in Parish Council.

Just a reminder in my Envelope Secretary role, that if you have not returned your pledge, especially those on PADS, could you please do so.

70th Anniversary Celebration Lunch and Eucharist at St. Catherine's Heather Luccock

The feast of The Reign of Christ was an appropriate day to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the parish of St. Catherine of Capilano, in Edgemont Village. The service was festive with music from the Handbells, Joyful Voice and the Choir. The intercessory prayers invoked memories from the first meeting to discuss the establishment of a parish in Edgemont. The seven decades were each represented by the lighting of a candle, and a brief description of what was important in that decade. Rev. Sharon gathered with the children for a story time and we had a crucifer to lead in the choir. Things are very much looking up and ahead for St. Catherine's. Former rector John Mash and his wife Dorothy, Rev. Keith Gilbert and other visitors joined with us. Lunch followed the service, providing a good time to mingle and chat. See photos on page 10.

Susanne Stockdill awarded the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster

Congratulations to Susanne Stockdill on receiving the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster on November 3, 2018. Susanne has been a tireless volunteer at St. Catherine's for many years, and more recently in her role of Bishop's Warden. A reception was held for Susanne after the Sunday Service on November 4.

Also awarded the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster, was Bruce Alexander. Bruce is a son of St. Catherine's growing up in the parish in the 1970's and 1980's. Bruce was very involved in the Youth Group, a server and was Chair of the Youth Council, one of the first of such Councils to be formed in the Diocese. Congratulations to Bruce.



Susanne Stockdill



Bruce Alexander

Saying Good Bye to our Parish Administrator

Randy Williams, our Parish Administrator left us on November 27 after 4 years. He will be taking up a full time position at Trinity Western University.

We enjoyed an opportunity to thank Randy with a cake and card by our Vicar Sharon for his faithful service these four years. Randy worked in a multiple of roles in the office. He facilitated all the groups that use our building and worked closely with John Luccock on the various facets of maintaining the buildings and grounds. In addition, he managed to get the Sunday notices and the bulletin done each week along with all the other demands of the parish activities. May God bless you, Randy, in your new path.



Randy and Sharon
Photo by Janet Morris



Saying Good Bye to Keith and Sharon

Susanne Stockdill presenting gifts to Rev. Keith Gilbert and Rev. Sharon Salomons upon the occasion of their leaving us in June, 2018 after almost 2 years of interim ministry. Thank you to Keith and Sharon for their invaluable service.

Photos submitted by Sheila Baldock



St. Catherine's Preschool

Marion Porter, Developmental Resource Educator

October was exciting with all the sunshine and beautiful colours. The children painted leaves and we talked about the different types of apples. The teachers talked about Johnny Appleseed and the 4s sing the little grace song before snack time. As Halloween approached the children watched a Fire Safety video and practiced STOP, DROP & ROLL and CRAWL LOW UNDER SMOKE. We also had Elmer the safety elephant drop by to teach the children about road safety. The bulletin boards reflect our Transportation theme with buses, trains and traffic lights. At Thanksgiving the children were asked what they were thankful for, family was top of the list. Poppies were made and displayed in the hallway for Remembrance Day. There is a bear cave in the Discover 2s classroom and there was an airport in the 3's classroom. Tiffany Oakes, our new Music Consultant, is bringing lots of energy and song to her classes. The children love their time each week in her class. She is preparing for our Christmas Services which will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 12th at 6 pm and Thursday, Dec. 13th at 6 pm. The classrooms will soon be busy with angels and nativity scenes, such a special time of year.

Since September we have been up-grading the outdoor playground area. We have repaired the sandbox area where the back fence was falling in and replaced a number of rotten pieces of wood. There were a number of places where the plywood under the rubber tiles on the deck needed to be replaced especially by the door leading outside. We are hoping to completely resurface the deck area in the Spring.

Flowers for Christmas

Donations for flowers can be made by contacting Bonnie Grundy by December 10, at 604-988-7227. Christmas flowers will be acknowledged in the Christmas Service Bulletin.



**The next Coffee & Conversation will be on January
15, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. in the Mary Pellatt Room**

Christmas Bureau gift collection – Phyllis Mittlestead

On the first of December we will have the usual requests for our twelve Hamper recipients posted in the lobby. You may select a gift tag, make the purchase, and return it ASAP. If you prefer, you may leave a financial contribution in the office and we will shop for you! Thanks for your generosity.

Christmas Postage Stamps – a recycling opportunity – Lois MacGregor

With the ongoing postal strike, the amount of Christmas mail received this year may be much less than ever. Please do watch for and save any Canadian or international postage stamps, keeping in mind that they do have value for the Canadian Bible Society. The used stamps are sold by the Society to serious stamps collectors, there are still a few, and the money received is used for the Society's work in distributing bibles through the prison system.

Please remember to leave at least 1/4 inch of paper around the stamps so the perforations will not be damaged. Your envelopes or bags of stamps left in the bottom drawer of the wooden file cabinet outside the church office are collected on a regular basis. Your continued participation in this year round recycling project is appreciated. Thank you.



60th Anniversary of PWRDF – John Luccock

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund is celebrating its 60th year. While its beginnings in 1958, was to help out in a Mining disaster in Nova Scotia, it is now making a "World of Difference" in many countries. Always, the Fund works with various agencies already in existence, to support their work as it is usually most effective and cost efficient.

Go to pwrdf.org on your computer, to see the projects where the PWRDF is active today. If you are in the Lobby of St. Catherine's Church, please spend a moment to look at our display just across from the Mary Pellatt Lounge.

Once again, the PWRDF thanks you for your support over these last 60 years.

Why not take a moment to look at their website.

"Through the Years" at St. Catherine's

Reflections gathered from Coffee & Conversation with Rev. Sharon

Rev. Sharon held several Coffee & Conversation meetings during September and into October. These gatherings were in order for parishioners to get to know Rev. Sharon and to share memories and hopes for St. Catherine's. Here are some of the memories

1950 - 1957

- ❖ Baptised 1952
- ❖ Huge Sunday School
- ❖ So many groups downstairs
- ❖ All singing together
- ❖ Girls all in hats

1960 - 1969

- ❖ Came to St. Catherine's in 1965 - many happy memories
- ❖ Travelled to Cathedral Grove (Vancouver Island) by bus with the choir
- ❖ Member of Mary Pellatt's girls' choir, 9-10 years old
- ❖ 1967 joined St. Catherine's

1970 - 1979

- ❖ My 4 year old made me blush "Mum does he get all that money just for now"!! 1972
- ❖ Banner "Jesus is Lord" (Ian Grant)
- ❖ 1977 Baptized and confirmed by David Somerville
- ❖ Our daughter receiving Holy Communion for the first time
- ❖ Remembering so many faithful parishioners who helped St. Catherine's to grow
- ❖ 1970- Sunday School circles
- ❖ Annual Holly Fair, fund raisers, fun times, wine and cheese parties
- ❖ 1978 invited to join Altar Guild as youngest member

1980 - 1989

- ❖ 1983 Supper Club
 - ❖ Holly Fairs at Christmas
 - ❖ Significant part of my life as Pastoral Associate 1980-1988
 - ❖ Weekend Retreats with Sr. Rosemary Anne SSJD and Brother Jay Order of the Holy Cross
 - ❖ Husband dies but boat he was building was finished
 - ❖ Youth Groups and Youth Retreats
 - ❖ Fashion shows
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Memories cont.

1990 – 1999

- ❖ Parish Weekends at Chehalis
- ❖ Contrales (girls' choir) won the Kiwanis Music Festival
- ❖ August 18 happy memories of my daughter's wedding at St. Catherine's
- ❖ Christmas services
- ❖ Camp Artaban
- ❖ The blessing of having Wilfred with us
- ❖ Christmas Eve at St. Catherine's ; the packed church the beautiful music, all part of Midnight Mass Service with candles being lit
- ❖ Sermons by Archbishop Somerville, Rev. Desmond Kimmit and Rev. Fred Thirkel
- ❖ 1995 travelled to Seattle with the St. Catherine's Children's Choir

2000 - 2009

- ❖ Choir participates in Music Festival in Tallinn, Estonia with Siiri and the tours to St. Petersburg, Helsinki and Stockholm 2004
- ❖ Rejoined St. Catherine's after 16 years absent
- ❖ Visit of the Cambridge Choir from England
- ❖ Being on Council and 5 years Peoples' Warden
- ❖ Married in August 2001 – The Peacocks

2010 - 2018

- ❖ Joined the Men's Choir
 - ❖ Still the youngest member of Altar Guild
 - ❖ Interim ministry (the best) – Keith and Sharon; Vicar of Dibley
 - ❖ Became member of Parish Council
 - ❖ My first Thanksgiving Dinner
 - ❖ Easter egg hunt (eldest son)
 - ❖ MAP
 - ❖ Leading service
 - ❖ Visiting Mosque at St. Richard's site
 - ❖ 2018 Rev. Sharon's induction
 - ❖ Music is so important to the Church. Siiri keeps the music going and the Choir interesting and fun
 - ❖ First service here from St Richard's January 3, 2010
 - ❖ Sharon 2.0
 - ❖ Juggling books on the first Sunday
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saint-catherines.org – John Luccock

Our Website is a wonderful tool of information for St. Catherine's Church. It has up to date information on happening's, historical information, contact people, and inspirational messages.

Thanks to Susana, our sound engineer, each week's sermon is reproduced both in printed form and audio. Sometimes there is even a piece of music from our choir, recorded for your listening pleasure and inspiration. Just go to "Sermons & Messages".

Thank you to Brenda, Alison, Min & Susana for making it possible



70th Anniversary Service
photos by Susana Valente
and Phil Sunderland

