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Reconnecting this autumn...

- by Terry Roberts, People's Warden

Now that summer is winding down, Chenda and I are looking forward to reconnecting with the parish and our church friends this fall. There will be information elsewhere in this edition of the Lamplighter about the start up of in-church services in September and the fall lineup of parish activities. What may not be covered is a summary of what the Wardens, Parish Council and many helpful volunteers have done to get the church ready for a busy and successful fall.

The following is a brief list of some of the projects that were accomplished this summer:

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Reconnecting... (cont'd from first page)

- Our COVID Safety plans updated to ensure they were consistent with the latest advice and requirements from the provincial Ministry of Health and the Diocese.
- St. Mark's Garden of Remembrance expanded to the north of the columbarium to allow for additional interments on the church property
- Roof and gutters cleaned and the bell tower section of the roof repaired
- Fencing around the Meditation Garden and along the north side of the upper parking lot replaced
- The emergency exit stairs on the north side of the church strengthened and painted
- Flooring in the office and reception centre replaced
- WiFi signal in the church improved to allow for better sound and video quality for our online Sunday Services and the transmission of the service from the sanctuary to the hall for overflow situations
- Church and hall deep cleaned and all of the windows with the exception of the stained glass windows cleaned
- Storage area in the hall cleaned out
- Hand rails between the upper parking lot and the office parking lot painted
- Weeds and soil between the upper parking lot and Laurel's Cottage removed and replaced with a weed barrier and clean river rock
- Gardens improved by adding additional topsoil, painting the wooden edging, and replacing the hedge in the front of the hall
- And last but not least, communication maintained with the congregation through the summer to keep everyone informed of new happenings at the church and to ask if there is anything the church or Elizabeth could do for them

I am looking forward to seeing you in church this fall to renew our worship together and to begin to explore and discern God's plan for us for the future at St. Mark.

COVID PROTOCOLS

We look forward to our gathering together again in our church. The following Diocesan protocols will be adhered to for the safety of all. Online services will remain for those who are unable to attend. For our opening services **Sunday September 5** and **Wednesday September 8** and until we can reassess as diocese regulations change we will follow these protocols.

1. Please do not attend if you are sick or have been in contact with any COVID cases.
2. Socially distanced seating is limited to 43. Couples may sit together. Please phone the office during the week to register and ensure yourself a seat. Registration is not necessary for the Wednesday service.
3. Please arrive and exit through the upper parking lot entrance to the narthex only.
4. Please wear a mask at all times.
5. Sanitizing hands at the door is mandatory.
6. You will be directed to the first available seat.
7. We recommend that, if you are not fully vaccinated, you choose to view the service online.

A small team of volunteers will oversee and direct these protocols at every service and sanitize the space after each service.

ELIZABETH'S QUIRKS & QUARKS

Many years ago now I was employed by the Nova Scotia Forestry Association. This non-profit, “education-based” organization was focused on teaching about the care and stewardship of the earth. Whether it was Smokey the Bear, warning about forest fires, or Woodsy Owl who proclaimed, “Give a hoot! Don’t pollute”, I worked to promote and encourage people to care about the environment.

It seemed fitting, given the news of people losing their homes to forest fires to remind us of the tragedy that can be realized when nature lifts her powerful head.

But then I began to think about Smokey’s message, “Only You ... can prevent Forest Fires!”

The message given by Smokey was, perhaps a message that we all need to hear once again, allowing of course for some literary license. Could we perhaps say, “Only you can make a difference?” Would Jesus proclaim, “only you can do the work that God has set for you... so don’t hide your gifts under a bushel?” Or perhaps even, “only you (and you, and you) are called by God’s love to love one another!”

It seems to me that it’s only my choices and attitudes that I can change - so that my caring for God’s creation, my neighbour and my love of God will bring about the kingdom for which God longs. Loving and caring is what Smokey was really all about... and just to prove it – here’s a picture of me at the Isaac Walton Killam hospital in Halifax, children’s unit. “Only you” ... can share the love, because you are loved by God.



PARISHIONER PROFILE: **BILL & JILL ATWOOD**

- by John Smith

When you hear their British accents, you might think William – Bill to most of us – and Jill were born in England. Not so! That said, however, both were born in far-flung territories of the British Empire – Bill in Quesnel, BC, and Jill in Rangoon, Burma (now Yangon, Myanmar, though the Atwoods still refer to it as Burma). Moving around seems to be in both of their DNAs – Bill and Jill have each lived in over 20 different places – but for 22 years now, they have been well settled in their Parksville home.

William's father was a conservation officer in BC's interior. The job involved moving, so Quesnel was followed by Lillooet, and then Victoria when Bill's father re-joined the army to go to war, and Bill went to Glenlyon School. You also move when you're an army brat, so Bill spent school years in Saskatoon, Barrie, and then back to Glenlyon. After the war, the family returned to BC's interior, and Bill went to High School in Vernon. He learned the benefits of conservation when, near Cosens Bay on Kalamalka Lake, he found a truckload of dumped garbage, and used the \$25 reward to buy a 12 year-old cowpony (his father figured from its teeth that it was more like 20).

Bill followed in his father's and his older brother's footsteps, and joined the Navy, spending two years at the Canadian Services College, Royal Roads. Engineering was his passion, so a natural follow-up was the Royal Navy Engineering College (RNEC) in Plymouth, England.

As for Jill Bolton, she was born and baptized in Rangoon, where her father was a harbour master. In 1940, with Burma under threat, Jill and her mother sailed to Melbourne, followed shortly by her sister. In 1942, after he navigated the last ship out of the harbour before the Japanese arrived, her father joined the Australian Navy. When the war in Europe was coming to an end, Jill and the girls went to Bermuda by ship where, with Admiral Doenitz's submarines making their final foray, it joined a convoy to reach England. After the war, Jill's parents returned to Rangoon and the girls went to a boarding school in England. Jill particularly enjoyed the sports there, especially field lacrosse, in which "young ladies can be quite vicious!"



April 26th, 1956, Bill and Jill tied the knot in St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, with full Guard of Honour.

At 16, Jill started her Chartered Accountancy training with a firm in Berkeley Square – she claims she never did hear a nightingale sing there! – living at a 'Residential Club for Ladies' in London called Hopkinson House. One snowy weekend, some lads from the Plymouth College were in London and arranged to meet with friends from Hoppy House for an evening out; and so Jill and Bill were introduced. (The full story involves a South African lass, a New Zealand engineer and a snowball but that will have to wait for Bill's memoir). Then Jill heard through a friend that "that young Canadian you liked" had just bought a Triumph TR2 sports car. Well, you can't have a TR2 without a girl, so what more needs to be said? In 1956 they were married at Margaret's Church, Westminster, where the Guard of Honour for Sub-Lieutenant Atwood and his bride was so big they ran out of ceremonial swords!

Soon after, Bill and the TR2 sailed to Montreal and Bill drove it to Esquimalt to join HMCS Ontario. Having written her CA Finals, Jill followed by way of the Empress of Scotland to Montreal, the CPR train to Vancouver, then over to Vancouver Island. Their Victoria apartment was across from the Royal Jubilee Nurses Home, which meant that Bill's visiting naval friends spent time at the window 'admiring the

mountains' until the curtains got drawn! When Bill returned to RNEC for a specialist course, followed by Jill after she had sold the TR2, they bought a Jaguar to accommodate a third passenger, Miranda, born in 1957. The Atwoods settled for several years in Dartmouth, NS while Bill served in Halifax, and they were blessed by the arrivals of Serena, Richard and Lucinda.

Bill's specialty in Aeronautical Engineering took the family to Washington DC where Bill was posted to the Canadian Defence Liaison Staff at the Canadian Embassy, and the family took up residence in Bethesda, MD. They attended the Bethesda Naval Hospital Chapel, where Jill was commandeered by one of the chaplains to teach Sunday School, which she found she quite enjoyed. She took the children into church for part of the Sunday service, to the discomfort of one of the chaplains who was also the father of one of the little boys.

In 1968, upon the Unification of the Canadian Armed Forces, where 'one uniform fits all', Lieutenant Commander (AE) William Atwood said, "Green is not my colour", so he resigned, even though it meant no pension. Entering the civilian business world had its challenges. After jobs with General Electric and Avco Lycoming, Bill joined Westinghouse Canada's turbine and generator division's International Marketing Department, where he worked for 24 years, and the family settled down in Burlington, Ont. But Bill was never home for long – his work took him on over 50 business trips all over the world. Jill says she never knew how long Bill would be away – his plans would constantly change. Jill joined an accounting firm in Hamilton but became rather bored, especially with taxation, and the ease with which the wealthy avoided taxes!

So, not to be outdone by Bill's traveling, Jill became a travel agent, a job which included familiarization tours ranging from a one-day dash to Bermuda and back through to more extensive trips to Mexico, Spain, Morocco, Greece and – her favourite – Burma.

Finally retirement beckoned (though Bill continued to do some consulting), and Bill and Jill, with so many places to choose from, decided to return to Vancouver Island. When they saw this Parksville house, with just a short walk to a stairway with 112 steps to the beach, the decision was made, and they've been there for 22 years.

After several years as parishioners at St. Anne and St. Edmund in Parksville, in 2013 Bill and Jill moved to St. Mark's when Alan Naylor was the rector. They became

faithful attendees and greeters at the regular Sunday service, and also attended Evensong, where they often provided pre-service refreshments. Bill is a Men's Club member, and, for the St. Mark's Fair, could be found directing traffic. During Covid times, you will see them attending services Zoomily.

Bill and Jill are both proud of their Scottish ancestry. They have lived in, or visited, so many places that it would seem that they put into practice an adage Bill is fond of: "England had an Empire for the Scots to administer". They did Scottish country dancing, both in Burlington and here in Oceanside. They also enjoy ballroom dancing, and miss the regular Parksville and Qualicum Legion dances, both on hold due to Covid.

And then there's their involvement with Elder College. Over the years they claim to have taken more than 100 courses! Have a look at 'Around the Parish' for more on this!

Despite their many moves, Bill and Jill still enjoy travel. When asked for her favourite place to visit, Jill says, "Burma". She went there in 1982 when one was only allowed to be there for a week, but she still loved it. In 2014 she finally persuaded Bill, and they have wonderful memories of their Irrawaddy River Cruise, which included Rangoon, Mandalay, gold-encrusted temples and pagodas, and, for Bill, a hole in one (was that on a mini-golf course?).

We are fortunate to have Bill and Jill as part of our congregation, and look forward to seeing them again when Covid restrictions permit.



EDUCATION: MESSY CORNER



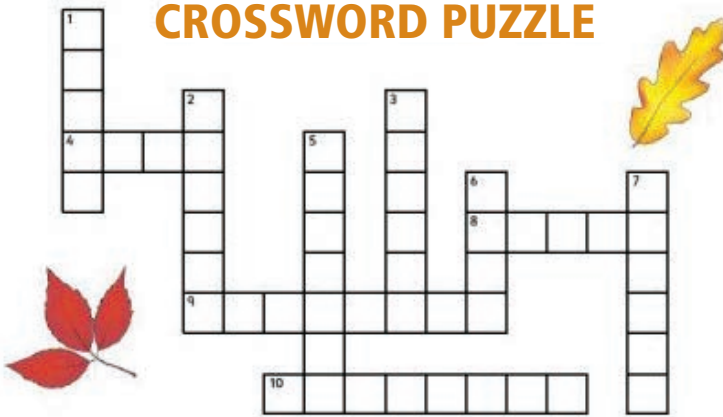
As the fall approaches quickly, we are gearing up for a new season for Messy Church. As we began last year with our "seasons of the Church Year" this year we're going to be thinking and learning about the many people who live in our neighbourhoods and live out their Christian faith through their work. We'll be visiting bakers and firefighters and police and farmers, just to name a few.

We'll also be sending a short video - via facebook, (www.stmarkqb.ca) and our St Mark web page - to tell the bible stories of people with whom Jesus walked on their daily lives. We hope that you all tune in.

Saturdays at 4 pm - September 25th, October 30th, November 27th and then (hopefully) our Pageant on Christmas Eve December 24th at 4 pm.

Come and journey with us.

AUTUMN CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

4. Use one of these to tidy up fallen leaves.
8. Orchard fruit.
9. Furry animal with a bushy tail.
10. Spiky animal who can roll into a prickly ball.

Down

1. The seeds of oak trees.
2. They fall from the trees in autumn.
3. They fall from horse chestnut trees and are fun for games.
5. You might light one of these to burn leaves and twigs.
6. Another name for autumn.
7. One of the colours you might see autumn leaves change to.



AUTUMN WORD SEARCH

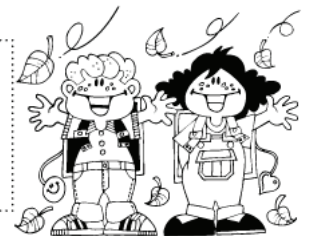
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COMMUNICATIONS: THANK YOU



“Our music director Andrea Lahmer is presented with a garden chrysanthemum at her last service.

Thanks from Andrea

I remember my first Sunday at St Mark’s just over 2 years ago. There was a corn roast and a huge cake – what a welcome for my kids and I! Things certainly have changed, and the majority of my time here ended up being on Covid restrictions. Until then, for seven months, the choir met twice a week to rehearse; what a wonderful group of dedicated musicians. It felt like we were just hitting our stride! We went from our wonderful weekly choir practices, guest musicians and planning our musical offerings for Easter to being at home. Church became Barb, Elizabeth and I over Facebook live. Fast forward over a year and the doors are about to open again to welcome in-person worship. I have so appreciated the support of the congregation, Elizabeth, Pam, Barb, Chenda, of the wardens and of the choir members. My kids and I felt welcomed and supported from the very first moment to the last into the St Mark’s family and, though I’m returning to school full time at VIU to become a Social Worker, I will be back to play on occasion and as a member of the congregation. Until then, take care and see you soon! - *Andrea Lahmer*

Thanks to all the helpers!

Many thanks to all who showed up to help clean and prepare for services starting September 5th.



MUSIC REVIEW

- by Dave Hitchcock

St. Mark's uses the music of the Taizé Community in its worship and the quiet chants are ideally suited to the meditative aspect of an Anglican service. The fact that more than a few Taizé chants are to be found in our "Common Praise" hymnal bears testament to that.

The Community had its roots in the early years of World War II in the tiny French rural community of Taizé, where Brother Roger, the community's Swiss founder, purchased the small house which was eventually to become the brother-house. Brother Roger had been led to consider what it meant to live a life in accordance with Holy Scripture, living out "the spirit of kindness, simplicity and reconciliation".

The community has grown in influence around the globe particularly with regard to its leadership in ecumenism. Somewhat counter-intuitively given its contemplative style, it has become a place of pilgrimage for youth. Week-long retreats feature a thrice-daily call to prayer and song led by the brothers.

The unique multi-lingual music which is the essence of Taizé worship has been captured in any number of recordings. These can be found from many sources for direct download. I would recommend the older recordings which were taped during worship services at Taizé and which are still available through the Taizé website (www.taize.fr/en). The later recordings are more professionally produced featuring four-part choirs and instrumentalists, still beautiful, but for my taste, lacking "atmosphere".

Before the Covid pandemic forced everything to close, St. Mark's had for several years hosted a Taizé service one Sunday evening per month. True to the spirit of Taizé the attendance of 15-20 is ecumenical with somewhat more than 50% coming from congregations other than St. Mark's. We hope that it will not be too long before we can again "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Ps.29:2) which the music of Taizé seems to epitomize.



GUESS WHO ?!

This young man on the left is checking out his future wife... who is this well loved St. Mark couple?

If you'd like to submit a photo of a younger you, please email Barb at bhgs54@gmail.com.

Answer is on page 16.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

- by John Smith

From Early Church History, to be found in our church archives, there is a reference to the Men's Club during the Rev. Best's rectorship in the '50s.

There was a keen-minded men's club during the Rev. Best's incumbency. A guest speaker appeared once a month. Two outstanding workers in the group were Mr. Harry Large and Mr. Jack Smyth. The men's group made kneelers, repaired chairs, and laid concrete steps from the road to the lych-gate. The fine cedar hedge, given by Gen. Money, has been carefully tended Mr. Jack Smyth for many years.

Now, there's a tradition to keep up with! Today's Men's Group also has regular guest speakers (except in Covid times), and tackles upkeep and maintenance projects. And, of course, it goes without saying that its members are 'keen-minded'!



The "Elderly Brothers" were one of many guest speakers/performers at Men's Club meetings.

FROM THE KITCHEN

Thanks to Jennifer Roberts for this recipe using zucchini, an abundance of which we can often harvest from our gardens (or have given to us!).

Zucchini Fruit Bar

Ingredients and directions

3/4 c. margarine
1/2 c. brown sugar
1/2 c. white sugar
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
Beat well.

Add 1 3/4 c. flour
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt

Stir in remaining ingredients:
3/4 c. unsweetened shredded coconut
3/4 c. snipped/chopped dates
3/4 c. raisins
2 c. grated zucchini (squeezed)

Spread on large greased jellyroll pan & bake at 350F for 35-40 minutes.

Ice with lemon glaze while still warm (juice of 1 lemon & 1 c. icing sugar)

Cut into squares when cold. Freezes well.

Enjoy!

From The Editors

We have heard that Lamplighter readers find our parish news enjoyable reading. We're so glad it's helping to keep us all connected. Thanks for the great contributions from many of you and to Barb Hicks, whose skills make everything look so good. Comments and suggestions are always welcome.

- John and Sue Smith

AROUND THE PARISH

- by Sue Smith and friends

Following yet ANOTHER three months of COVID restrictions, we're all really looking forward to getting together in person. Until then, we'll share some more news and stories from several of our St. Mark's parishioners. Again, many thanks to all who have contributed their news and photos for this issue of Lamplighter. We welcome your news for our next edition coming out in December. Please contact Sue Smith (sueandjohn@shaw.ca or 250-594-3750).

David and Ursula Hitchcock enjoyed a wonderful celebratory long weekend to mark their 50th wedding anniversary in late May in Ucluelet. All three of their children, with their families, were able to join them. A highlight of the weekend was when their eldest granddaughter, Liesl, modeled Ursula's wedding dress and other outfits from 50 years ago!



Louise and David Kelsey have a new 'family' member - Fergus, a long haired miniature dachshund puppy which they hope to bring to the *Blessing of the Animals Service* in early October. His sister lives with their daughter and family in Nanaimo, so they play together often. Their grandson, Daniel turned 3 at the end of July and is a delight. He watched one of St. Mark's services in which Louise did a reading and was fascinated to see his Grannie on the computer!



Both Dave and Louise have enjoyed cycling, walking and swimming and have a paddle board that converts to rowing; now the whole family can enjoy it. Dave had the trip-of-a-lifetime opportunity doing a week-long boat trip around the north and northwest coast of Vancouver Island; he saw puffins, sea otters, albatrosses, whales, and many sea birds. Louise's garden has produced pounds of broad beans and other vegetables, tomatoes in her new mini greenhouse, raspberries, and soon she will harvest grapes, peaches and a few figs.

They feel truly blessed to have avoided many of the nasty happenings and look forward to seeing fellow parishioners soon, maybe at the sale, if not before. In the meantime, they're glad to have the Lamplighter to bring parish news as well as the mailbox on the parish office door for ease of communication and to drop off the much needed offertory envelopes!

AROUND THE PARISH

Simon and Rosalyn Burn say hello to you from their farm in Hilliers where they've weathered the heat and the COVID restrictions on their 10 acres of dry pasture and woodland. Daughters Sarah and Philippa and their partners have visited from the mainland and son Alistair has helped out after working at his job.

This COVID year has been a strange one. Their daughter Sarah had left New Zealand to meet them in Hawaii for a proposed family holiday. But New Zealand closed its borders and restrictions for Canadian travel also came into effect. Luckily, they were able to book an earlier flight home with Sarah who had to leave all her possessions and car in New Zealand. She subsequently found a position at Kwantlan College in Surrey, living there for the past year. She will be getting married this Sept. 4th on the beachfront in Qualicum with Alan Naylor officiating. Their daughter Philippa has been teaching in Surrey and their son Alistair is doing his practicum in teaching at VIU.

Both Rosalyn and Simon went through their academic years at their respective schools, working in cohorts, wearing masks and hand-sanitizing frequently. That practice was effective as neither of them were sick this year, but felt a great sense of relief when all were double vaccinated.

Their chickens are doing fine! 40 laying hens provide the eggs, 110 little chicks will become meat birds for sale in the fall, and 3 little pullets are being

kept for our Syrian family. Because they weren't able to sell eggs at church this year, they've delivered them to customers in Qualicum and Parksville, a great way of catching up with some parishioners. But they miss sharing garden vegetables at the back table of the church.

Unfortunately, they have a limited supply of water and have been severely affected by the drought with yield way down from other years.

In the early spring, Elizabeth and Barb came out to see the sheep, filming for Messy church. Shortly after, the ewes started lambing, blessing the Burns with a 200% lambing average - 20 lambs from 10 ewes and their ram!! The best they've ever had! There were 2 sets of triplets and Simon was able to foster one lamb from one triplet set onto another ewe whose lamb didn't make

it. Ros supplemented the other set of triplets by bottle feeding them. A couple of lambs will be replacements for the flock, but the rest will be market lambs.

The Pandemic has affected their farming in different ways, but despite droughts, restrictions, and lack of social interaction, they feel that God is with them. They miss attending services and singing in the choir, but hopefully things will be back to normal soon. Meanwhile they send their best wishes to all of you and hope to see and worship with you in person soon.



AROUND THE PARISH

Our sincere congratulations go to Janet Dol who turned 90 in July 2021!

So many celebrations! Her bible study friends - Vera, Avis, Michele and Cynthia - crowned her beautifully! and they all enjoyed a lovely lunch at the airport lounge on August 6th, 2021 to help Janet celebrate a truly auspicious 90th birthday.

Brown Bag #1 ladies were meeting on Janet's actual birthday, and her dear friend Liz Peterson made a beautiful, absolutely scrumptious lunch (including wine) and birthday cake, for seven ladies, at her house.

Caroline and Chenda took her out to a magnificent luncheon at the Bayside where she was thrilled to find Kathy (her dear friend from Port Alberni) sitting there. Then in came Peggy (whom she had not seen for 27 years). At first Janet did not recognise her with her mask on, but nearly flipped when she realized who it was. It was a wonderful lunch, with long time friends, and a wonderful birthday start.

After staying close to home for months because of COVID, John & Janet had their shots and were glad to see family and friends again. On the 31st of July, one of their granddaughters hosted an afternoon tea, outside at her parents' home in Parksville, for family and friends. What a wonderful event it was, with many children, grandchildren and 'greats' attending. Janet's granddaughter Nicholle dressed up as Bonnie Henry, and was very convincing! (Don't know where she gets these ideas from.)

As John had celebrated his BIG birthday in February, behind closed doors, so to speak, they decided to celebrate together at the Tsa Kwa Luten Resort at Cape Mudge, Quadra Island where some of their family were camping and joined them for dinner.

We should all look so fabulous at 90!!!



AROUND THE PARISH

Jennifer and Terry Roberts hope everyone had a chance to catch up with family and friends this summer. They had visitors from Smithers in the beautiful Bulkley Valley where they lived for 23 years, enjoying a few days of fishing with Ron and Elaine near Bamfield. Following this, they had 10 days with them in Smithers, fishing and visiting old friends. After returning from Smithers on a lovely ferry ride through the Inside Passage aboard the Northern Expedition, they spent a couple of weeks with daughter Rebecca, son-in-law David and their grandchildren Bea and Steffan. Now they are very ready for a rest!



William (aka as “Bill”) & **Jill Atwood** have lived in Parksville for 22 years. In April they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with a family party - on Zoom! Not as much fun, but they didn’t have to share the cake, and more family members could join in.

Shortly after their arrival in Parksville, Bill & Jill both joined Elder College, the brain child of 3 or 4 retired professors in the PQB area, now administered by VIU. Over the years, they have each taken a vast variety of courses, from “Classical Greek” to “Exploring the World of Wine”. Bill especially enjoys the painting classes. For the present, courses are ‘Zoomed’.

Another favourite activity, dancing, is sadly still on hold due to COVID. However, the QB Legion resumed their Saturday pancake breakfasts in June, and the Atwoods have found it a good place to meet friends & acquaintances, several from St. Mark’s. Living close to stairs to the beach, Bill & Jill enjoy swimming – luckily, no jellyfish so far this year! And they’ve had lots to do in the garden. When none of the above appeals, chocolate & a good book always provide the answer!



Barb Hicks enjoyed a long awaited visit from her grandson Liam from Winnipeg. They packed a lot of activities into the two weeks he was here.

WORSHIP: FALL CALENDAR

Here's a peek at what's coming up this fall...

Sunday, September 5 – in person **10:00 am** services recommence – **phone 250-752-5414** to reserve your place.

Wednesday, September 8 – in person **11:30 am** Eucharist services recommence

Thursday, September 9 – Induction of Alastair Hunting as Priest Incumbent in Courtenay at St John the Divine

Sunday, September 12 – *Ordination of Deacons* at Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria at **4 pm**. Elizabeth has the honour and delight of “vesting” Marion from Courtenay, so that morning Alan Naylor will be the celebrant at the **10 am** service.

Wednesday, September 15 – Elizabeth will be at the *Cathedral Chapter* meeting in Victoria, so Rob Hutchison will be the celebrant at the Wednesday **11:30 am** service.

Saturday, September 25 – From **9 am to 1 pm** the Fall Sale will be held. See next page for details.

Sunday, September 26 – at **7 pm**, we will have the first Mindful Vespers. See next page for details.

Sunday, October 3 – at **4 pm**, we will have the Blessing of the Animals. See next page for details..

Wednesday, October 6 – the Wednesday service will be followed by a brown bag lunch and, at **1:00pm**, the first of four Christian teachings, “*Animate your Faith*”.

Sunday, October 10 – the regular service at **10 am** will be our Thanksgiving celebration.

Friday, October 22 – there will be a *Clergy Day* in Victoria. The next day, **Saturday, October 23** is the celebration of the *Order of the Diocese* at **10:30 am**. John Dol is the recipient from our Parish, and Cynthia Preyser will also be awarded the Order, as she was nominated from the “Bishop’s list”. Elizabeth will stay in Victoria for Sunday, so Archdeacon Alan will be the celebrant at the regular **10 am** service on Sunday **October 24th**.

Sunday, October 31 – our regular service will be at **10 am**, and at **2 pm** friends and families will gather at a *Memorial Service* to remember and give thanks for all those who have died during this CoVid time, for whom we did not have the opportunity to properly say good bye. We’ll be remembering people like Scott Tanner, Bill Adkins, and others who have died in God’s peace over these past many months. At **7 pm** that evening there will be a second “*Mindful Vespers*”.

Sunday, November 7 – the **10 am** service will be our Remembrance Day service.

Sunday, November 28 – at **7 pm**, Mindful Vespers will continue with the theme “Longing for the Light”.

At this point, Christmas seems a bit far away, but soon it will come racing along. So, with fingers crossed, on **Saturday, December 24** we’ll have a *Christmas Pageant* at **4 pm** a *Family Service of Eucharist* at **7 pm** and a “*Midnight Mass*” at **11 pm**. There will be a simple said service on **Christmas Day** at **10 am**.

Please use the next page as a poster and hang on your fridge or somewhere visible to the public.

**COMING UP AT THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. MARK
HOYLAKE AT MEMORIAL, QUALICUM BEACH - stmarkqualicum.ca**

FALL Sale

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 25th
9am to 1pm**

**St. Mark's Church Parking Lot,
Hoylake at Memorial
Qualicum Beach**

**Books • White Elephant
Men & Women's Clothing**



Mindful Vespers

Beginning this fall, the Parish of St. Mark is hosting five evenings of 'Mindful Vespers', starting at 7 pm. **Jenny Vincent**, organist, will be playing selections set to a theme, while reflections will be read by the



Venerable Elizabeth Northcott. Mindful Vespers is open to all who are seeking a quiet moment for thought, prayer and music. We hope that you may come as you are able to 'sit for a spell' and let both the music and words wash over you and bring you comfort.

Sunday - September 26th, 2021 - 7pm
"Season of Creation" Music to include:

Prelude - "Autumn" from Vivaldi's Four Seasons

Water - Hebrides Overture by Mendelssohn

Animals - Carnival of the Animals by Saint-Saens

Space - Venus (bringer of peace) - The Planets by Holst

Trees and Forest - Tales of the Vienna Woods by J. Strauss

Earth - What a Wonderful World by L. Armstrong

Sunday - October 31, 2021 - "For all the Saints"

Sunday - November 28, 2021 - "Longing for Light"

Sunday - December 19, 2021 - "Celtic Christmas Vespers"

Sunday - January 23, 2022 - "Mary, Mother Mary"

LIMITED SEATING. CALL 250-752-5414 FOR RESERVATION.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 3, 2021, 4:00 - 5:00 pm
St. Mark's Anglican Church, Hoylake at Memorial

Archdeacon Elizabeth Northcott will offer music, readings from scripture, and prayers. Each animal will receive a personal blessing and a signed Blessing Certificate.

For safety reasons, please ensure all dogs are on lead. Cats, rabbits, birds and other small pets must be in a cage or crate. Please NO snakes or spiders

All donations will go to the Parksville Branch of the SPCA

In Memoriam

Pamela Watler

Pamela passed away peacefully on May 20, 2021 at the age of 86. Renowned for her hats and stylish attire, her interests included cooking, gardening, knitting and tapestry as well as entertaining. She loved fashion, jewellery, the arts, music and being involved in her community and St. Mark's. During her long lifetime, Pamela was always pleased to greet others with a smile and will be missed by family and friends.



Scott Tanner

Following a 7-year battle with brain cancer, Scott died peacefully on July 24, 2021. He possessed a passion for preserving Qualicum Beach's heritage and natural environment and, throughout his 35+ years in Qualicum Beach, Scott served on many committees and societies including QB Council, as founding president of the Brown Property Preservation Society, Qualicum Beach Stream Keepers and worked toward the preservation of Cathedral Grove. Scott cherished his connection with St. Mark's Church and was a faithful worshipper at the 8:30 service. He will be missed by his wife, Annette, and family as well as many friends.



ANSWER TO **GUESS WHO** from page 8: *David and Ursula Hitchcock*



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