



# THE *Lamplighter*

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## Annual Vestry Meeting Report

- by Terry Roberts, Rector's Warden

*Glory to God, whose power working in us...*

One advantage of writing this at the last minute is the opportunity to report on our Annual Vestry Meeting on Sunday, February 26th. The meeting, attended both in person and by Zoom, presented some technical challenges, and was nevertheless ably chaired by our Rector Elizabeth with Pam Brown as the Recording Secretary.

Elizabeth read the names of those parishioners who died in 2022. They were: Joan Bodie; Kenneth Brambell; Joan Brambell; Ronald George Brewer; Yvonne Mary Poole; Denys Peter Monk; Marjorie Stephenson; Alphonsine Clowes; Gladys Naomi Henderson.

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*Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

After dealing with the formalities of the meeting, Sandy Morter updated us on the preparations for St. Mark's Fair on July 22nd. The Farmers Market has graciously agreed to move to a location across from Quality Foods for the day, which will help to make the Fair a success. The Gardens has agreed to participate in the Fair, and Sandy has also invited the Legion and the Qualicum Beach Curling Club to participate. The Knights of Columbus have agreed to help us with traffic control again. Sandy reported that about half of the booths have already been reserved. Amazing this far ahead of the Fair!

The next item on the agenda was a motion by Carolyn Adam that \$6,000 of the 2023 Fair revenue be given to the Young Life Ministry. Carolyn gave an overview of Young Life's programs in Qualicum over the past 15 years. It was estimated that the Fair would generate approximately \$8,000 in revenue including the booth rentals and revenue from the sale of books and pies. After a good discussion from the congregation the motion was approved unanimously.

The next agenda item was the Nomination Report by Terry Roberts. All members of the present Parish Council have agreed to stand for another year and I have also agreed to stand for Parish Council for one year. There being no nominations from the floor, the Parish Council is as follows: Wendy de Candole; Barbara Hicks; David Hitchcock; Diane Hutchison; Marion Jagger; David Kelsey; Cynthia Preyser; John Smith; Terry Roberts.

Richard de Candole will continue as the People's Warden and Sue Smith was appointed by Elizabeth to be the new Rector's Warden.

Delegates for the Synod in May are Wendy de Candole and Diane Hutchison. Cynthia Preyser and Terry Roberts will serve as Alternate Synod Delegates.

Anne Field, our Financial Statements reviewer, reported "that the figures shown in the church's year-end financial statements for December 31, 2022 accurately represent the financial status of the Parish of St. Mark." Anne has agreed to review our books for 2023.

The last item on the agenda was a presentation from our Treasurer, Wendy Carriere of our 2022 year end results and the proposed budget for 2023. The financial statements for 2022 showed we had a deficit of \$18,078.

The 2023 budget, already approved by Parish Council, was submitted to the meeting for discussion and adoption. The budget included the transfers of \$11,500 from the Residential School Settlement Fund, the Spiritual Development Fund and the Sabbatical Fund. Even with these transfers, our anticipated deficit is \$34,959, of which a substantial portion is the increased cost of music ministry. Elizabeth reminded us of our Journey in 2022, when we held cottage meetings with over 75% of our congregation, and took careful records about what was said, so as to determine what we think God is calling us to do. You said we want to reconnect with each other in the congregation and to reconnect with the Oceanside community. We have made great progress in the areas of pastoral care, fellowship and outreach but we have not made substantial progress in our music ministry. We have relied heavily on David Hitchcock's wonderful talents and he is ready to retire and just sing in the choir. The Music Committee interviewed two strong candidates and recommended that we hire a two person team, which you can read about elsewhere. In her presentation Wendy Carriere reminded us that if we had all given an extra \$2.54 per week in 2022 we would not have a deficit this year. John Smith introduced the idea of a Ten Percent Team, where, if everyone increases their annual donations by 10%, we can go a long way to eliminating the deficit. After discussion the congregation voted unanimously to adopt the 2023 budget. May 2023 be our transforming music year!

This is the last year of my term as the Rector's Warden. It has been an honour and a pleasure to have been given the opportunity to support Elizabeth over the past two years. As the Bishop said when she last visited St. Mark, Elizabeth is one of the best and we are lucky to have her.

And thanks to all of you for persevering through the dark times of COVID. It is great to see the church filling up again, and to see us welcoming many new faces as well. I look forward to many more opportunities that God will provide for us to serve each other, our community and the world in the years ahead.

*... can do infinitely more than we could ask or imagine.*

## ELIZABETH'S QUIRKS & QUARKS

### *Notes from Annual Vestry Meeting:*

A snowy day has come to St Mark! A snowy Vestry day and yet we gather in order to praise God and give thanks for all the gifts of God's love for us.

In this past year, we've been busy planning and returning to a somewhat renewed life – "post Covid" – and yet the virus is still around us, and today we think of some of our friends gathered at home because of illness – and pray for their speedy recovery.

A Vestry day though, is a day for remembering the past year's ministry, and then to reflect on the path forward to continue to answer God's calling.

Last spring there were a number of Cottage Meetings when we asked the people of St Mark, "What do you think God is calling us to do?" At the end of the day, the Transforming our Future Team (Cynthia Preyser, John Smith, Wendy de Candole, Terry Roberts) reviewed every comment and teased out a common thread.

That thread was two-fold – to renew and reconnect – within the Parish and secondly within the community! And that's what we've been up to – Renewing and reconnecting, both within the parish and within the community. Ministry Activities such as fund-raising for the people of Ukraine, and for those affected by the recent earthquake have had an amazing response from the St Mark community and the wider community of Oceanside. We're even in the PWRDF news!

The Transforming team also saw that the importance of music was a key theme and was found "spoken" at each meeting.

From this idea, the Parish Council commissioned a music committee to examine and look for a music director who would meet our needs to enhance and add vitality to our worship. The committee has been diligent and found a suitable candidate to fill this role amongst us. After



meeting and holding a mock choir event for each of our two candidates, the music committee recommended to Parish Council that an offer be made to Ron Klusmeier and Lonnie Moddle to fill the position of Music Director. Although they are "two" musicians, they will share the ministry and cost of one position.

The next challenge before us is the second step of the Cottage meeting process – now we must count the cost of carrying out the ministry that we believe God is calling us to accomplish.

A vibrant music ministry to continue to brighten our worship, the opportunity to engage in music within the community through choir and concert work – will come at a cost. That cost will come from us, if we are willing and engaged in answering God's call.

Today in our Vestry meeting we will be asked to support a vision budget that sees us engage in the community –

- Through our efforts in the 50th Anniversary of St. Mark's Fair.
- To enhance the ministry we share with the Elders of our church community
- Through our support of Youth Ministry, Messy Church and the Young Life program
- Through an enhanced music program that will see us hire a music director and choir director.
- Through celebrating our Diocesan partnership with others who gather for Synod and the Order of the Diocese of BC. I am pleased to let you know that although there are many worthy recipients, Ryan Geboers has been nominated to be our Parish candidate for this year.

These are challenging times, but like Jesus in the desert, we have decisions to make in order that we answer God's call. Let's be affirming in our ministry, and follow as Christ would have us go.



## PARISHIONER PROFILE: RYAN & ANN GEBOERS

- by John Smith

Seventy years ago this month, Holland experienced the flood of the century, and Ryan's family lost everything. Relations in the Ottawa Valley sponsored them to emigrate to Canada – Mum, Dad, Ryan, his two sisters and three brothers. They sailed to Halifax, landing at the famous Pier 21 as did so many immigrants, then went by train to Petawawa, Ryan celebrating his 10th birthday on the train. “Don’t bring anything” they were told. So things were pretty sparse for the parents and six kids crammed into a two bedroom house. School wasn’t much fun either, especially as Ryan didn’t speak English – it was a two mile walk to a Catholic school run by some rather unkind nuns.

After the family moved to Bowmanville, Ryan, aged 16, worked briefly for a bricklayer, and then in 1961 applied to GM at their huge plant in Oshawa. He got in at the lowest level – the boy’s group at the lowest pay and the hardest work. When it was found that Ryan had an aptitude for mapping, a colleague taught him about graphs, charts and autoCAD. Before long he moved up the ladder, first working for a supervisor, then the supervisor’s superintendent, then that man’s boss, and so on. The Plant consisted of a number of units, covering 648 acres - “Everybody did their own thing – there was no overall picture”. Ryan developed a comprehensive autoCAD Plan, complete with internal routes. Over the years, Ryan was put in charge of more things, like office supplies, then pool cars, and then conducting tours of the Plant. Once, Ryan and Ann used one of the pool

cars – a prototype Chevrolet Lumina - to go on a trip, and got stopped by the police in Detroit because they wanted to look at the car!

After 38.5 years with GM, 20 of them in the Engineering office, Ryan retired – in all those years he only took one day off for a doctor’s appointment! He was given two clocks, one at 25 years, and a second one upon retirement, with ‘38.5 years’ inscribed on it. He also has a leather jacket everyone got when the Plant was named Number One in North America.

Ann was born in Leicestershire. She didn’t meet her father until he arrived home from the War when she was eight; she was with a group of girls, and he didn’t know which was his daughter! “I asked if I was adopted!” For the duration of the War, Ann’s mother had a boarder for company, Velma, from Saskatchewan. Velma became Ann’s lifelong friend and spiritual mother - she encouraged Ann to “give some of your life to the Lord”. It was through Velma that Ann became involved with the Canadian Sunday School Caravan Mission. She learned about being a ‘vanner’ – a volunteer Mission van driver, learning vehicle maintenance and how to do minor repairs, as well as how to drive! After a brief time at a Teacher’s Training College, Ann sailed to Canada to work as a vanner for the Mission. Never having driven “on the wrong side of the road”, Ann drove a Ford truck from Windsor to Peace River Alberta, with a block to reach the pedals. She took on the job of a vanner up the Mackenzie Highway (then a dirt road), bringing Church services, Bible Vacation School and Sunday School to the families and children in settlements and First Nations communities scattered along the Highway. Vanners were meant to work in couples, and were not to go to or stay in people’s homes, “but I broke all the rules as I was alone so much of the time.”

After two summers, and one winter in Stewart, including interaction with a Prince Rupert evangelical group, Ann sailed back to England from New York with the Vanner Mission founders, Eva Hasell and Iris Sayle. Once home, Ann briefly worked for a vet; then she returned to Canada, where she found a position with a vet in Oshawa.

One New Year’s Eve, this worried young man came in to the clinic with his German Shepherd, ‘King’, who had sustained a bad cut. Ann found that her boss, the vet, was well into the New Year spirits, so she did the necessary stitching herself. Well, the young man was Ryan, and within a year Ryan and Ann were engaged. They were married in November, 1964 – not December, as Ryan knew he could claim Ann as a tax deduction that year as long as they were married before December!



*Ryan and Ann enjoying life on the island.*



*Ryan and his dog King and daughter Claire*

Not that getting married was all that easy. Ryan comes from a strongly committed Roman Catholic family – he was an altar boy in his youth – and Ann’s family was equally strongly Anglican. Ryan and Ann were going to services at the Anglican Church, where there was a wonderful minister. It turned out that Ryan’s mother was the house cleaner for this minister, so things got sorted out, and with everyone’s approval they were married at St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church.

For their first 40 years of married life, Ryan and Ann lived in Courtice, a rural area of Bowmanville, now obliterated by the 401/425 interchange. Their neighbours had acreage and a large house, where Ann kept her horse. When the neighbours went to Mexico for ten years to establish and run an orphanage, they rented their property to Ryan and Ann for a dollar a year, and another neighbour bought their house for cash. How sweet a deal was that! And they had a place for Pippa the horse, Dusty Rose the donkey, and later, another donkey, Dolly. Nine years later, the neighbours returned from Mexico, and Ryan and Ann, who had always wanted to live in the West, took the donkeys to an animal sanctuary in Guelph and moved to Peachland. They enjoyed lots of things about Peachland, including golf, tennis and Bishop Crawley, but Qualicum Beach was in their dreams.

Early in 2000, Ryan and Ann were house sitting in Qualicum Beach, with their furniture in storage, when their real estate agent drove them along Quatsino Road where there was a big gap caused by a fire, and flooring for a new house under construction. Ryan got together with the builder and ended up buying the property and helping to build the house! It was finished just in time for the arrival of their furniture in April, and they’ve lived there ever since.

It was not long before Ryan and Ann became involved with many aspects of the activities at St. Mark’s Church, where they

were so warmly welcomed. Ryan was Alan Naylor’s Warden for four years, then the Treasurer for three years - he still is the Envelope Secretary. He has been, and still is, involved in a myriad of church activities, including: St. Mark’s Fair – Site Manager (including repainting the lines for the booths at 4 am the one year it rained the night before the Fair); the Property Committee – Chair (he has a detailed plan that tells him where everything is – sprinklers, computer cables, heat pumps, where the raccoons get in, where the bats get out, etc. etc.); Men’s Group; the weekly Garden Maintenance Group; the Men’s Golf Group (now defunct? – Ryan is still playing regularly); and he’s the guy you go to when you need to find out how the coffee machine works.

Over the years, Ann did “most of those things the ladies do”, including taking Council minutes despite rudimentary computer skills; the Garden Maintenance Group, including looking after the Garden of Remembrance; the Shawl Ministry; singing in the choir; and participating with a Church outreach group, the Eagle Park Singers.

Outside of all these church activities, both Ryan and Ann have been enthusiastic tennis and golf players (Ann wishes she had moved from tennis to golf earlier than she did) and just to cap all this off, both of them were with the Hand Bell Ringers – maybe they will be again! And – you read it here first – Ann is a virtuoso at cryptic crosswords!

What would we do without this energetic couple? Following the advice of her friend years ago, they both continue to this day to give some of their life to the Lord.



*Ann in the Sunday School Caravan Mission van.*

# EDUCATION: MESSY CORNER



## Messy EASTER!

After his baptism in the river Jordan, Jesus went on a long journey through the desert. Can you imagine how hot (in the day-time) and cold (in the night-time) it might have been? Did you know that there are people in our own neighbourhood who journey without a home to go to at the end of the day? These folks are people who need our help and support, so there are places like "Food Bank", and Manna Ministries who provide services and food. Our church helps to pay for these places to stay open - perhaps in March we could each bring a can of food (beans or chili or pre-cooked food) to give to the work of Food Bank.

In March, we're going to have a feast of pancakes and sausages? Well, we planned on having some for our February gathering but have had to postpone our "messy pancakes" until Saturday March 25th at 4 pm. Let's continue to watch the skies at night, and play in the snow - and all the while, giving thanks to God for the wonders of creation all around!

Don't forget to invite your friends, parents and "grands" to Messy Church on Saturday March 25th and on that day we'll be able to see pictures of our newest Messy Church member ... Aiden, Daniel's little brother! Congratulations to the whole family!

### SPRING WORD SEARCH



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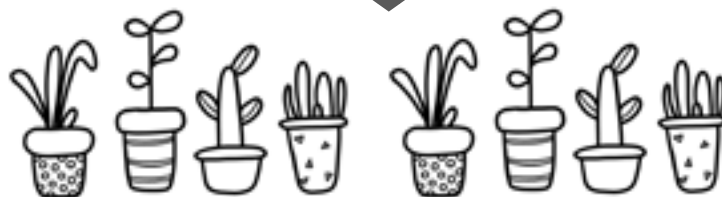
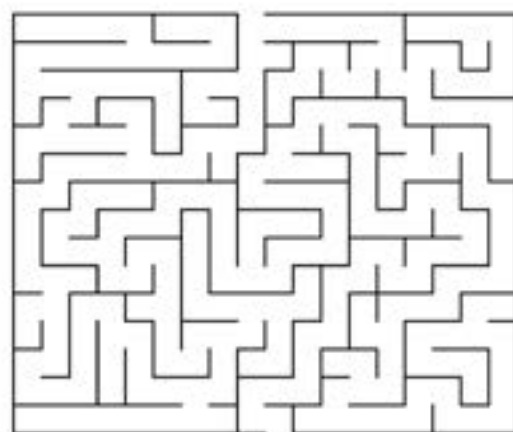


BUDS	GREEN	MELT	SPRING
BUGS	GROW	MUD	TREE
BIRDS	KITE	NEST	WARM
DROP	LEAF	RAIN	WIND
FROG	MAY	SEEDS	WORM

### SPRING MAZE



Can you find the way through the maze to water the plants?





## WORSHIP: MUSIC MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

We are excited to welcome **Ron Klusmeier and Lonnie Moddle** to St. Mark's to continue our Church's tradition of providing outstanding music leadership. Subject only to some fine tuning (pardon the pun) we expect to have Ron and Lonnie join us in a month or so.

Ron and Lonnie come as a team, Lonnie to be in charge of preparing and leading the choir, with Ron playing the piano and/or organ - but they can each do the other's job as well! They have been a music leadership team for over 25 years, most recently at Brechin United Church in Nanaimo and, for Ron, at St. Anne & St. Edmund Anglican Church in Parksville. They also have the Director/Accompanist role with the Craig Bay Choristers.

Thank you, all you 'mock choir' participants who came out to help in the quest. And a huge thank you to Dave Hitchcock, who, despite efforts to retire and just sing, has continued so capably to prepare the choir and play the piano beautifully.



*The Parish of St. Mark welcomes Ron Klusmeier and Lonnie Moddle as the music leadership team.*



### GUESS WHO?

**Who are these two lovely young women who were destined to become a QB power couple?**

Looking for photos for the next few issues of Lamplighter...If you'd like to submit a photo of a younger you, please email Barb at [bhgs54@gmail.com](mailto:bhgs54@gmail.com).

*Answer is on page 16.*

# MUSIC NOTES

- by Dave Hitchcock

I had driven as far as I could along the south coast of the island of Mull on the west coast of Scotland and was now waiting patiently for the dinghy over to the dot of the island of Iona that lay so close. I could already see my goal sitting squat on the mid shore opposite; the Benedictine Abbey.

Fifty-five years ago there were none of the tourist-trap buildings and acres of parking lots that now disfigure the area, nor any of the hordes of people that in the present day mill around that place. The sight of the abbey across the narrow channel was all that filled my sight and it was arresting though seemingly out of place in this lonely spot.

Yet this was where Christianity took foothold in the British Isles. Its Christian witness was also the reason I was there. Had it not been for the faithful missionaries coming from Ireland, founding the abbey on the island, and influencing and challenging my own forebears to follow Christ, I would not have found that day to be an important pilgrimage. Thankfully I was following “the faith of my fathers”, made my homage and gave thanks.

The island of Iona and its abbey continue to influence our worship, and the music of the Iona Community, which I will write about in the next edition of “The Lamplighter”, can be found in our Anglican hymnbook.



## THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



was held on a snowy Saturday at the beginning of December. Despite the challenges brought by the weather, shoppers made their way on foot or by vehicle to snap up bargains in Books, Christmas-related merchandise and a great variety of inviting and tasty baking. The hall looked attractive and the faithful stall coordinators warmly welcomed our visitors and ensured the sales went smoothly. Proceeds of \$4250 were apportioned between St Mark's operating expenses (\$2500), Messy Church (\$50) and Youth Ministry/Young Life (\$1250). Thanks to all who donated items, spread the word to their friends, and helped out in any way.





# FROM THE ARCHIVES

- by John Smith

Elizabeth recently reminded us that we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of St. Mark's in 2026. It was Brigadier General Money who donated the site for the church.

It replaced a church on Fern Road which, although described as temporary, was used from 1913 to 1926. The land for St. Mark's was cleared by voluntary labour, and the church was evidently completed in 16 weeks! Bishop Charles Schofield opened the Church on St. Barnabas' Feast Day, June 11, 1926. General Money was a powerful influence in Qualicum Beach. Between the two World Wars he was the owner and manager of the Qualicum Beach Hotel, simply known by QB residents as 'The Hotel'. It and the Golf Course attracted many well-known tourists. His wife Maude, described as a sweet, kind woman, was active in the church, and of course there is a church window commemorating the Moneys.

In 1931 the position of rector was vacant, so Colonel Alan Playfair, owner of the Sunset Inn, (and People's Warden for 23 years!) filled in until a replacement minister was found. Well, that's one way to fill a vacancy!



## FROM THE KITCHEN

Here's a multipurpose recipe from Camp Caledonia sent to us by Jennifer Roberts. It makes a huge batch and can be used for many different recipes – muffins, biscuits, pancakes or waffles (or all at the same time!!!!!!).

### MONSTER MIX

*(makes approx 34 cups)*

20 cups flour                      3/4 cup baking powder  
2 tbsp cream of tartar    2 lbs vegetable shortening  
3 tbsp salt                      1/2 cup sugar  
2 1/2 cups powdered milk  
Mix together, rubbing until crumbly like pastry  
(It's helpful to freeze and grate the shortening)

#### Muffins

3 cups mix                      1 egg  
3 tbsp sugar                      1 tbsp oil  
1 cup milk or water              add blueberries,  
raspberries, cinnamon, lemon zest as desired  
Pour batter into buttered muffin pans  
Bake at 400° F for 12-14 minutes

#### Biscuits

3 cups mix  
3/4 cups water (can add grated cheese)  
Space out 12 - 15 scoops onto parchment paper  
lined cookie sheet  
Bake at 450° F for 10 -12 minutes

#### Waffles *(makes about 10)*

3 cups mix                      1 1/2 cups water  
2 eggs

#### Pancakes

3 cups mix                      2 eggs  
2 cups water

*Bon appetit!*

# AROUND THE PARISH

- by Sue Smith and friends

*Here's the latest news from several of our parishioners. We're always glad to hear from you, keeping us connected and closer together. Many thanks for your contributions!*

Many thanks go to the members of the **Quilters Guild** who constructed and donated 64 Christmas placemats to give to our guests at the Christmas Elders' Tea. Giving back to the St Mark community is one of the pleasures of the group who visit the Parish Hall every Tuesday to work on quilts, big and small. (Presenting placemats to Elizabeth are Arlene Lessard and Kat Morrison from Seaside Quilters)



Our Christmas Elders' Tea, held especially for many in our parish who find it difficult to attend regular services, was held on December 28 following the mid-week Eucharist. Visitors included residents of Berwick House and The Gardens as well as parishioners. Tables were set with fine china and brightly coloured placemats gifted to our church by the quilters' group. Attendees were served a delightful array of fancy sandwiches and sumptuous desserts prepared by a team of St. Mark's parishioners and family and friends. It was a wonderful event, very much appreciated by all. (And we look forward with anticipation to the Easter Tea which will be held on April 12!)





# AROUND THE PARISH

**Gill and Paul Connor** enjoyed two weeks in Kauai in February. Known as the Garden Island, it is certainly the greenest, with lush foliage and flowers that take your breath away. It rained every day, but only ten minutes at a time, then the sun shone and everything sparkled.

They explored every back road, with amazing vistas, beautiful forests and farmland, and some houses that would make a realtor drool. An interesting stop was

at the Kauai Coffee Plantation; the largest plantation in the USA, with over 4 million trees. The 3,100 acres are drip irrigated with water from Mount Waialeale which has an annual rainfall of 500 inches making it one of the wettest places on earth!



While the **Brown Bags Group Two** was cautious in recovering from the Covid lockdowns, their little group is now getting back into the swing of things. They have welcomed one new member - Eileen Gormley - and hold the door open for anyone else who might like to join the group. They meet on the third Thursday of the month. December saw a break with tradition; instead of a potluck get-together with Group One, they decided to treat themselves to a lunch at the Bayside Inn. Here they are (-2) just about to leave after a luncheon which included fellowship and mutual support.





# AROUND THE PARISH

*In the past few months, it's been wonderful to see several new faces in our St Mark congregation!*

**Lorne and Faith Brace** greatly enjoy being part of the Christian community at St. Mark's. Lorne, a research scientist retired from the Canadian Forestry Service, and Faith, retired Lutheran pastor and for the past 10 years, Honorary Assistant at All Saints Anglican Church in Cochrane, Alberta, have been spending the winter in Parksville. (Their oldest son lives in Qualicum Beach.) They will be returning to Alberta in early spring but hope to return from time to time. Says Faith, "Thank you for your welcome and your kindness."



**Bill and Heather Gilbertson** moved to Qualicum Beach from South Surrey in the fall of 2020. Since that time they have continued to worship at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Surrey, via livestream. But now they felt it was time to join real people, and are enjoying Sundays at St. Mark's under the amazing guidance of the Reverend Elizabeth. Bill is a retired financial controller and Heather a retired teacher. In the winter months they enjoy traveling the world via cruise ship and, in the summer, exploring the Island in their trailer.



**Bob, Janet and Laura Goos** have found a spiritual home at St. Mark's, thanks to Elizabeth and the welcome given them by everyone here. Janet grew up in an Anglican home so it was a natural fit. She is a retired teacher and Bob is a retired Lutheran pastor. Laura is involved in Inclusion Parksville. They moved to Oceanside in 2019 and got involved in Knox for the music program under Jenny Vincent. Then Covid hit and they went online; but, when they visited St. Mark's on Christmas Eve, they knew they were home. Janet has been invited to conduct the handbell choir and Bob got to serve pancakes! Elizabeth has a nice way of getting you involved! They look forward to getting to know more of us in the days ahead.

# AROUND THE PARISH



NEWS FROM THE

**ANGELICAN DIOCESE**  
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

In April, **Stephanie Wood** will be moving to Campbell River to become the incumbent at the Anglican Parish of St. Peter. Members of the parish await her arrival with anticipation and excitement. Stephanie has served as Assistant Curate at St. John the Divine in Victoria since June 2020.



Deaconed in 1980, and priested in 1981, **Dean Ansley Tucker** was amongst the first generation of women to be ordained in the Anglican Church of Canada. After 42 years of ordained ministry, the last seven at Christ Church Cathedral, she could hardly believe



that the time had come to step aside. She had been so engrossed in what she was doing, and taking such joy in it, that she simply didn't notice the time fly. But she is still full of big ideas and still ruminating about big questions. A wonderful teacher, Retired Dean Ansley will be with us at St. Mark on Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week (April 3/4) for Evensong and teaching. *Please join us!*

The first of the three **Lenten Bible Studies/ Teachings** that follow Wednesday Eucharist was entitled "Exodus".

Led by the Ven. Elizabeth, this session taught about the special foods, symbols and rituals of the Seder meal prepared for the annual celebration of Passover, the Jewish Festival of Freedom. Pesach (Passover) recalls the oppression of the Jews and slavery in Egypt under the Pharaohs and their escape and exodus, led by Moses, to the Promised Land.



# AROUND THE PARISH

## Successful Campaign Delivers Immediate Support to Children

For many years the Parish of St Mark has been sponsoring refugees from Syria. On Wednesday evening, February 15, one of our families, Sumar Al Hbayo and her husband Bader Al Faraj received news that sixty children living in camps near the Turkish border had been orphaned by the recent earthquake. Neighbours and villagers who have very little themselves are caring for the children until permanent arrangements can be made for the children. Shocked and concerned, Samar sprang into action, approaching Jennifer and Terry Roberts and the Ali Al Faraj Refugee Sponsorship committee about setting up an event to raise funds needed to help buy diapers, milk, clothing and other essentials.

Three days later, St Mark's hall facilities had been secured; our congregation was rallied and volunteers spread the word at the Saturday morning Farmers Market. Samar, her husband Bader, her brother Hesham Alhbiyou and his wife Nour Alebaid cooked for two days!! and prepared mountains of savoury Syrian dishes and treats such as hummus, baklava and date filled cookies. By Saturday, February 18, the church hall at St. Mark's was 'humming' with people coming and going, meeting our Syrian friends and their children and finding out more about the current conditions in the camps.





# AROUND THE PARISH

Donors gave generously to support the efforts and partake of the feast.

While it is very difficult to get humanitarian aid to those in need in Syria right now, the refugee committee has a long-established lifeline to get the funds to the people who need them. To date, more than \$9,000 has been realized, including the money donated at the church service the next day and other donations that came in after the event!! 100% of the money raised will go directly to support the orphans. We are indeed blest by our Syrian friends and by our generous and caring congregation and community. Thanks be to God!

While all of the money raised can't be sent in a lump sum, some has already been received. It was a wonderful day in the camp when the first instalments arrived and went to purchase food and wood for fuel. If you still wish to contribute, please speak to Terry Roberts.



## Holy Week and Easter at St Mark 2023

March 1st	Bible Study - "Exodus" following the 11:30 am Eucharist
March 4th	Regional Meeting for Synod Delegates and Clergy
March 5th	Lent 2 - "Trust"
March 8th	Bible Study 2 - "Exile" following the 11:30 am Eucharist
March 12th	Lent 3 - "The Woman of Samaria" <b><i>Daylight saving begins - Spring forward!</i></b>
March 15th	Bible Study 3 - "Everyone around the Table"
March 19th	Lent 4 - "The Blind Man"
March 25th	Messy Church - 4 pm - "In the desert"
March 26th	Lent 5 - "Lazarus"
April 2nd	Palm Sunday
April 3rd	Evensong with Teaching by the Very Rev Ansley Tucker - 7 pm
April 4th	Evensong with Teaching by the Very Rev Ansley Tucker - 7 pm
April 5th	Evensong with teaching by the Ven Elizabeth Northcott - 7 pm
April 6th	Simple Supper at 6 pm followed by Eucharist at 7 pm
April 7th	Good Friday Service at 10 am
April 8th	Easter Vigil Service at 7 pm - with the Lighting of the New Fire and Eucharist
April 9th	Easter Day - The Sunday of the Resurrection
April 12th	Easter Tea following the 11:30 am Eucharist

### Please note:

The Bible studies will commence following the Eucharist and everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring your own brown bag lunch.

The Sunday services are at 8:30 am (BCP) and 10 am. We are thrilled to have a visit and teaching by our newly retired Dean, the Very Rev. Ansley Tucker. She will be sending along her "titles" in a few days, and will be teaching as a part of the Evensong on the 3rd and 4th of April.

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