



**THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST MARK & ST PHILIP**  
**FALL NEWSLETTER**

Time is running fast. Spring and summer of 2018 seasons are gone, and now it's fall and almost winter. Time and seasons change, but the faithfulness of our loving God is endless. We also reached more than two years of worship, fellowship and faith journey here in the Anglican Parish of St. Mark and St. Philip. We had lots of challenges as to how our faith journey will go on. We had lots of fun too specially when we welcomed new faces who eventually signed in to join our parish. This is a result of our continuous prayer that we may be an inviting, welcoming and embracing parish. Pastoral Care Ministry is also playing a big role in improving our relationships with each other. It's a way of true ministry that is coming from the heart. I feel and see all your participation in this ministry, you involve yourselves by giving, calling and sending me emails informing me of congregation members who are sick and who will need Pastoral Care. I continue to pray that we will improve. We need to continue to pray, show our perseverance, trust and be true to our faith. The future of our faith journey depends on our faith and perseverance. Faith and action go together; offering our time, treasure and talent is the KEY to keep the operation and works of our church. As St. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver". Finally Jesus Christ said "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33) May God shower His blessings to us and to His church.

Padi Joey Vallejo, Parish Priest

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

It's that time again - time to regain that hour we lost in the spring! Daylight Savings time starts at 2 AM on Sunday, Nov 4th, so please set your clocks BACK one hour on Saturday night, Nov. 3rd, so you aren't an hour too early for church the next day!



**JINGLE BELL POTLUCK**

The "Planning the Future" working group is living up to their name, by planning a parish Christmas potluck on Saturday, Dec. 1st from 12 - 3:00 PM. In addition to the usual array of delicious potluck entrees and desserts, there will be a bake table for those wanting to stock their freezer with Christmas goodies. Monetary donations will be collected for the Bankview Apartment building tenants, whom we have supported with gift cards for the past three years at Christmas time. Donations of non-perishable foods for the Calgary Food Bank will also be collected. We hope to have some games for the children attending, and some good Christmas music as well. Please mark your calendars for Dec. 1st, and if you would like to help with set up, games, music or clean up, please speak with Padi Joey or Donabel Vallejo.

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

November is traditionally the kick off month for our annual Stewardship Campaign. The concept of Stewardship involves asking parishioners for a financial commitment for the coming year, which greatly helps with financial planning. Pledge forms and a letter about the Stewardship campaign will be available shortly. Please think about what level of financial support you can offer St Mark & St Philip, and about what talents you could share with the parish by making important contributions to the operation of the parish in various volunteer roles.

## UPCOMING SERVICES

Some important upcoming dates:

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Sunday, Nov. 11th - Remembrance Day

Sunday, Dec. 9th - Advent Carols & Lessons

Monday, Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve Service - 6:00 PM

Tuesday, Dec. 25th - Christmas Day Service - 8:00 AM

Sunday, Dec. 30th - Christmas Carols & Lessons

## VOLUNTEER ROLES

We have seen some new volunteer faces for the collection counting task, and for the Treasurer role. Thank you!

We would still love to have some new readers, and sidespersons who greet everyone coming to our services. Also, our Annual Meeting is coming up in February, and new Parish Council members are always needed as existing Council terms expire. In order to serve on Parish Council, you must have been an active member of the congregation for at least one full year.

Please think about all these needs and whether they are a match with your own interests, skills and energy!

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Donations to the Altar Guild for flowers are always welcome, particularly at Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving. Donations can be made at any time to honour a loved one or commemorate a special occasion.

The SMSP Flower Chart is on the wall outside our church office beside our bulletin board. Once signed up, please put your donation in a special Altar Flowers envelope found in a pouch on the bulletin board, fill out the information requested, and place the envelope in the collection plate. Cheques can be made payable to The Anglican Parish of St. Mark & St. Philip.

Please notify the church office ([office@parishofsmmsp.com](mailto:office@parishofsmmsp.com)) or Katherine ([khippe@telus.net](mailto:khippe@telus.net) or (403) 248-8733) ten days prior to the Sunday you wish to have a special dedication in the bulletin.

Sample dedication: The flowers placed in front of the Altar today are given to the glory of God and 'in loving memory', 'in thanksgiving for the Baptism of', 'in celebration of' by...

Donations for Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving may be of any amount. We request a donation of \$60 for 2 vases of flowers, and \$30 for a single vase. All donations are gratefully accepted.

Marilyn Croot, Altar Guild President

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School, under the coordination of Donabel Vallejo, has started up for 2018-19. All children are most welcome to attend Sunday School sessions run by Donabel and the Sunday School volunteers. Not only do children learn about our faith, but they get valuable experience in speaking in front of the congregation and describing what they have learned, thereby sharing the benefits of Sunday School with all of us. Thank you to Donabel and the Sunday School team for providing this important ministry!

*Parish Priest: Rev.(Padi) Joey Vallejo*

### Parish Officers

*Incumbent's Warden: Leslie Miles*

*People's Warden: Marilyn Croot*

*Treasurer: Vacant*

*Envelope Secretary: Andrew Daye*

*Organist: Mary Ross*

*Sunday School Coordinator: Donabel Vallejo*

*ACW: Joyce Setters*

*Prayer Partnership: vacant*

*Altar Guild President: Marilyn Croot*

*Parish Council: Sharen Stevenson, Carolyn McLennan, Donabel Vallejo, Mary Smith*

*Lay Delegate to Synod: Donabel Vallejo*

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## GOING INTO HOSPITAL??

If you are, it is helpful for the parish and clergy to know so that you can be remembered in prayer and visited. If you can't send a message yourself – let a family member, friend, or a member of the nursing staff know that your faith family is important to you and get them to phone and leave a message at the church: (403) 244-0198.

Don't forget- Automatic Debit is now available for your offerings. Please let Andrew Daye know if you wish to set up this automatic service.

The deadline for submissions for the Advent issue of the newsletter is Nov. 25, 2018. There is a submission box outside the church office, or you can e-mail your submissions to [murmor01@telusplanet.net](mailto:murmor01@telusplanet.net) - (subject line: "SMSP Newsletter"). Thank you!