

WELCOME

Today at the 11:00 am service we have 25 international students visiting from Trinity Western's Leadership Program. They are here to explore Christianity and church life. Please make them feel welcome!

LEARNERS' EXCHANGE

Every Sunday in the Cafe Room at 9:00 am, Learners' Exchange offers stimulating speakers and engaging discussions. It is the perfect opportunity to explore and grow in faith.

Upcoming Speakers:

Oct 2: Kyle MacKenney
The Desert Fathers and the Eucharist

Oct 9: Ven. Dan Gifford
True Unity in the Anglican Communion

KEEPING COMPANY WITH GOD

Join us for "Keeping Company with God: Rest, reflection and restoration at the end of the day" on Monday, September 26th. This worship service is held at 7:30 pm in the Chapel on the second and forth Mondays of each month. The service includes music, a short reflection on a Bible passage, prayers from across the centuries and around the world, and if you so desire, an opportunity to be prayed with by a member of our prayer team. If you have questions, please contact Manya Egerton megerton@telus.net.

COOKIES NEEDED ON OCT 4 FOR THE BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE DINNER

We would like to serve homemade desserts after the Building Update Dinner on Oct 4. We are asking for cookies and squares that are already cut and ready to serve — finger food only.

If you are able to bring two dozen cookies or squares on Sunday Oct 2, please bring them to the kitchen well wrapped or in disposable containers. We will plate them ourselves. Please remember to mark desserts containing nuts or any that are gluten free.

Please email donna@sjvan.org if you are able bring some cookies.

PRAYERS APPRECIATED

During the first week of October a group of six couples involved in church-planting from around North America are coming for a retreat to be held on Keats Island which is designed to encourage and strengthen them in their ministries.

Among them are: Alastair and Julia Sterne from St. Peter's Fireside, and Chris and Melissa Ley who are pioneering an English-speaking service in a Chinese Anglican church. Five of the six couples are in ACNA or ANiC churches and are coming from Texas, Maryland, Ohio, and Washington states – they all were students at Regent at some point and the retreat is being organized by Regent's Anglican Studies Program. Would you please pray for them and for those who will be leading the retreat – Walter and Anne Henegar from Atlanta, Georgia, and for David and Bronwyn Short.

SUNDAY CATECHISM COURSE

You are welcome to attend a 15-week interactive catechism class on Sundays at 11:00 am at the church starting on October 16. This class is open to everyone and will primarily use the "To Be A Christian" Catechism published by the Anglican Church of North America. Dr. J.I. Packer and Bronwyn Short were part of the committee that produced this catechism. People who took the catechism class last term said it was a great learning experience that helped them to grow deeper in their relationship with God, and that helped to strengthen their faith and trust in him. For more information and to register for the course visit sjvan.org/events. Please register by Oct 9.

RIDE FOR REFUGE — OCT 1

Ride for Refuge is a family-friendly cycling and walking event on Saturday, Oct 1 that raises awareness and funds for a number of agencies that assist those in need of refuge. Two of the agencies that St. John's supports are Ratanak and Kinbrace Refugee Housing and Support, and you are invited to participate in one of three teams this year:

At the Parish Retreat, Kallen Fong (kfong@accesslaw.ca) will lead a team called Camper Walkers in support of Kinbrace. For those who cannot attend the retreat, there will be two St. John's teams at the event in Richmond: Ray Dujardin (dujrm@shaw.ca) will lead a team of walkers and riders called St. John's Ratanak Riders, and Jonathan Baylis (jonathan@baylis.ca) will lead a team of cyclists called Easy Riders. If you are interested in taking part and would like to sign up, please visit with Kallen, Ray, or Jonathan. You can also sign up for the Ratanak team at ratanak.org/ride or the Kinbrace teams at kinbrace.ca.

DIVORCE CARE

For those who are going through divorce or separation, Divorce Care is a specialized 13-week course designed to provide support and encouragement that takes place on Thursdays from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. The course began Sept 15, but you can still register online (sjvan.org/events) or contact Margaret Wilson by email at margaret@sjvan.org or call 778 838-7400.

EVENING SERVICE DESSERT NIGHT

Join us for a time of dessert, coffee, and fellowship after the Evening Service tonight! Bring a dessert along if you are able.

ANIC SYNOD

The ANiC Synod will be held at Church of the Good Shepherd in Vancouver, Oct 25-28. St. John's has been asked to provide volunteers for the lunch on Tuesday, Oct 25. We need people to help set up and serve the meals, clean up, and provide donations of desserts. If you can help between 11:30 am - 2:30 pm, or if you can provide a dessert, please contact Cheryl Chang at 604-375-7358 or email cherylchang8815@gmail.com.

FLOWERS

The flowers on the Credence Table are given to the glory of God and in memory of Don Duane Eyford from his loving wife, Susan Eyford and family.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 7:30 AM Holy Communion
- 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 9:00 AM Learners' Exchange
- 10:25 AM Prayer for People in Authority (Room 107)
- 11:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 11:00 AM Junior Youth (Grades 7-9)
- 11:30 AM Connection Lunches
- 4:30 PM Senior Youth (Grades 10-12)
- 6:00 PM Evening Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 7:30 PM Keeping Company with God

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 5:30 PM Evensong
- 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 7:20 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study
- 6:30 PM Ekklesia (18 to 20 somethings)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 10:00 AM Women@10
- 7:00 PM Divorce Care
- 7:30 PM Parent Prayer and Support Group

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 5:45 PM Men's Bible Study (5926 Elizabeth Street)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 7:30 AM Holy Communion | **Revelation 2:12-29**
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COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community Groups are one of the main ways we care for each other here at St. John's Vancouver. Together they study scripture and pray for each other, learn how to care for each other well, and reach out to the world with Christ's love. The way these elements are carried out varies from group to group. Right now, 20 community groups are meeting at different times of the week all over Vancouver and in surrounding areas. Most groups will be studying Revelation this fall alongside the rest of the church.

This year, two new intergenerational groups are starting. Kimberley Graham, who is a part of an intergenerational group, said, "The body of Christ, our church family, brings together people of diverse ages, stages, and backgrounds. Our intergenerational family home groups seek to reflect that diversity in our weekly times of fellowship, prayer, and Bible study together. These groups are for anyone and everyone at St. John's. While they include one or two families with children, they are not exclusively for families with children.

Meeting earlier in the evening (directly after work), sharing a meal together each week, welcoming children into our midst during dinner, providing care for children during the adult study, and finishing earlier in the evening than most (by about 8:00 pm) all help us grow in Christ together while meeting some of the unique needs and desires of people who attend these groups!"

In a lonely city like Vancouver, belonging to a Community Group is a way to get to know other people, as well as be known. It is a place to be strengthened in your faith, to share life's joys and sorrows, and to reach out to the city, with the support of your group.

If you are interested in registering for a community group, or simply interested in learning more, please contact Lyn Unger, lyn@sjvan.org, or visit sjvan.org/community-groups.