

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Next Sunday: The Service of Lessons and Carols.

Dear Parishioners,

This morning we are very pleased to welcome the Reverend Dr. Shawn Bullock as Deacon-in-Charge and Curate for St. John's on a 75% basis. Shawn (he/him) will provide pastoral, ministry, liturgical, administrative and Christian formation leadership to the parish. He was ordained by Archbishop John Stephens as a transitional deacon on Saturday, December 6th. We look forward to getting to know Shawn better in the weeks ahead and supporting him as he moves towards his ordination as a priest next year. Shawn will be working closely with the Rev. Georgina Harris who is the part-time Associate Priest to St. John's on a 25% basis for the duration of Patrick's medical leave. You will find more information about Shawn and Georgina on the bulletin insert.

We ask that you continue to keep Patrick close in your prayers and respect his need for quiet. We have heard that he has felt the benefit of our prayers. You are invited to sign a Christmas card for Patrick at the Welcome Table and we are putting together a gift basket of his favourite treats. There is no timeline for Patrick's return to work at this juncture and we, along with Georgina and Shawn, are keeping open minds and hearts as to what this will look like in the future. In the meantime, we feel very blessed to have the commitment of Georgina and Shawn to our parish and thank Archbishop John for his guiding hand over the past few months. If you need assistance or information, please contact the Church Wardens: **Alison Brookfield at 604 988-1805** or **Kathryn Atkinson at 604 985-1310**, or contact Donna in the church office at 604 986-1151 (Mon, Tues, Thur, Sat mornings).

Faithfully,

Alison & Kathryn

Update on Jill

Dear Parishioners,
You have been asking "What is happening with Jill?" This is top of mind as we transition into having Georgina and Shawn as our ordained clergy during Patrick's medical leave. We are all very grateful to Jill for faithfully volunteering on Sundays as liturgical assistant and occasional preacher for many years. She has also led the service several times, without the eucharist, at the last minute which has been great. Her calm and cheerful presence especially over the past few months of Patrick's medical leave has been much appreciated. Going forward, her role will be changing as Shawn steps into the role of Deacon alongside Georgina. Jill is currently classmates with Shawn at VST and she really supports him coming to St. John's. Jill has her own journey ahead in discerning the next steps in her work, studies and placements to become an Anglican priest; at some point she will be placed in a different parish. She has met with the Church Wardens and with Archbishop John and Archdeacon Nick this past week. She will be sharing more with us on her journey as it unfolds. For now Jill is happy to call St. John's her church home.

Faithfully,

Alison & Kathryn

Wintersong & Requiem - Dec. 20 3:00pm

Lynn Valley United Church, North Vancouver

Lynn Valley Voices & Maple Ridge Chorus present the Canadian premiere of **Sorenson's Requiem**. Be part of this joyful celebration and buy your tickets today - there might not be any at the door! \$25 for adults, sold through Eventbrite. See more details on our website, and go out to support the Reverend Georgina Harris as she sings with the choirs!

Five Weeks of Giving - Week 4 - ANYTHING!

On the Fourth Week of Giving
To help fend off winter's freeze,
Jean said, "Bring in ANYTHING!
Like jackets to block out the breeze!"

Pants and pajamas, for women and men,
Blankets and cozy scarves, as well.
Warm shirts, gloves, mitts and slippers too!
Your gifts will be received so well!"

These are the most-needed items, specifically chosen by Jean Welsh. Watch for our announcements in the newsletter to see what to bring each week - once announced, we will keep accepting items through the campaign.

Week 1 - Nov 16-23 - SOCKS

Week 2 - Nov 23-30 - TOILETRIES

Week 3 - Nov 30-Dec 7 - UNDERWEAR

Jean's Box collects all year long, and you are always welcome to bring in other new clothing items and toiletries.

Quote of the Week - Advent 2- Peace

Here is this week's quote that provides food for thought or inspiration, or, better yet, both. If you have any suggestions for quotes please pass them along to Donna in the office.

**"Imagine all the people
living life in peace...
Imagine all the people
Sharing all the world"**

-John Lennon

This second week of Advent, we light the candle of Peace. John Lennon's song "Imagine" has met with controversy over the last 55 years, as some say he disputes the existence of God and His heaven. That is not how I hear this song. To me, the words challenge us to live up to our faith; to realize that if you set aside our religious and political differences, we are all the same. We are all God's children, we all want love and peace. We all hope for a better world. As we travel through Advent, let us pray for Peace - Peace within us, Peace in our homes, Peace in our World.



The Coming Week At St. John's

Sunday, December 7 * Tea and Coffee Fellowship (Lounge) After the service * Private music recital (Sanctuary) 4pm-7pm

Monday, December 8 * Church Office is Open 9:00am-12:00pm

Tuesday, December 9 * Church Office is Open 9:00am-12:00pm * Alanon Meeting (TBA) 7:00pm - 9:00pm * Choir Practice (TBA) 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 10 * Church Office is Open 9:00am-12:00pm * Mother Goose Nursery Program (Lounge) 1:00-2:00pm * Never Alone Meeting (Lounge) 6:30pm - 8:00pm *

Thursday, December 11 * Church Office is Open 9:00am-12:00pm * AA Meeting (Lounge) 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Friday, December 12 * Church Office is closed * Chair Yoga with Andrea (Lounge) 10am * North Shore Young People AA Meeting (TBA) 8:30pm - 9:30pm

Saturday, December 13 * Church Office is Open 9:00am-12:00pm



GETTING TO KNOW....

The Reverend Georgina Harris

Associate Priest, St. John's Anglican Church

Greetings to the faithful parishioners of St. John the Evangelist. While I have regularly been the Celebrant and Preacher among you on a number of occasions and our faces are familiar to each other there is probably some gaps that need filling in as to who I am (besides a priest) and my journey that has brought me to you in this liminal time due to your Rector's medical leave.

I am a lifelong Anglican – or as my mother would say – Church of England. I was born in England as were my older brother and identical twin sister. As kids growing up in Fort William, Ontario, we were “sent” to church, quite normal for the time, I sang in the junior choir was active in CGIT, and completely in love with the idea of joining a cloistered community!

After a move to BC and settling in the Lower Mainland I continued to attend church and be as involved as I could while completing my education, getting married, moving to Williams Lake, and raising 2 wonderful children. It was in Williams Lake I first felt the call toward something more than being in the choir, participating in church activities, etc. It was a wonderful Parish Priest who nurtured my exploration and who encouraged me to have conversations with the Examining Chaplain and the Bishop for our Diocese. My journey toward ordination was not without hiccups as I felt I was being led towards the Vocational Diaconate, but that door kept closing! It was another priest who encouraged me to explore the Priesthood and attend Seminary with the goal of becoming ordained a Priest. ACPO was completed first and VST followed. It was an experience that will stay with me forever. The whole campus was under construction but “we survived” “we convocated” and “we became ordained.” Your Rector Patrick was a classmate, and I have fond memories of the time we spent as students. The best was the production of Godspell, put on by staff and students. A first for VST!

I was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate in 2007 and priested in 2008. My first 2 years were spent on the Island. In 2009 I accepted a position in the Diocese of New Westminster and have been in various positions ever since. I took a short break from Parish Ministry to become one of the Chaplains at George Derby Care Centre. I loved my time there. Interim Ministry has been a calling of mine for some time. It is wonderful to work with parishes in Transition as they navigate the space between their former and their next incumbents. In between Interim positions I've been available for Sunday Supply and medical leaves like this one, which enable Parish Priests to take their much-needed time away.

It is my privilege to journey with you during this liminal time.

Rev. Georgina Harris

Priest Associate



Advent - Christmas Services



**Lessons And Carols Service
& Festive Coffee Hour**
Sunday, December 14 10:00am - 11:30am

**Blue Christmas Service
at St. Andrew's United Church**
1044 St. Georges Ave.
Wednesday, December 17 5:00pm

Christmas Eve Family Service
Wednesday, December 24 6:00pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Wednesday, December 24 8:00pm

**Christmas Day Service
at St. Agnes Anglican Church**
530 East 12th St.
Thursday, December 25 10:30am