

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Readings For Next Sunday: Candlemas & Deacon Sunday** - First Reading, Malachi 3:1-4 \* Psalm 84 \* Second Reading, Hebrews 2:14-18 \* Gospel, Luke 2:22-40

**Welcome Friends!** We welcome as our celebrant the Most Reverend John Stephens, Archbishop of New Westminster and Metropolitan of BC and Yukon and Archdeacon Nick Pang. Join us for lunch with them after the service in the lounge.

## Update on Rev. Patrick

As the months go by, we continue to think and pray for Rev. Patrick. Patrick has let us know that he sincerely thanks us all at St. John's for our continued prayers and well wishes. It has meant a lot to him. He wanted you all to know that he misses us dearly and we are very much in his prayers as well. He sends his love, hugs and peace. He also appreciated so very much all your messages of love and concern in the Christmas cards we sent to him in December with the basket of treats. The special prayer shawl that was blessed for him in December has been put to good use. It is with a sad heart that he has shared that under his doctor's advice, he is going onto Long-Term Disability for the months ahead. Please continue to keep Patrick close in your prayers for his return to health.

Kathryn & Alison, Church Wardens

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Feel free to join them every **2nd and 4th Tuesday at 1:30pm**, in the chapel or the lounge. They gather to pray, knit and gift. "Knit one, Pray two". Wool is provided. Please bring your own knitting needles.

## Rescheduled - Hospitality & Fellowship

**Meeting**- All are welcome to come and share your ideas at the next Hospitality & Fellowship meeting on **Saturday, January 31 at 10:00am** in the Church Lounge. Refreshments served. If you can't make it in person, join by Zoom.

## The 10th Annual Long, Long Night of Hope

**- Feb, 28, 2026** - We started with a handful of hopeful volunteers committing to sleep in their cars or on the church floor, raising awareness for those experiencing homelessness. That first year, against all odds, we raised over \$10,000.



To date we have raised over \$140,000 for the Lookout Housing and Health Society's shelter in North Vancouver. That shelter helps vulnerable people from Deep Cove to the Sunshine Coast. The need is greater every year, and we need your help to make this year's campaign our best yet! Whether you choose to fundraise and sleep in your car, fundraise and sleep in the church, or just fundraise, you can bring hope to people who really need it right now.

Register today at [www.longlongnightofhope.ca](http://www.longlongnightofhope.ca). If you have any questions, or you are interested in helping us, talk to Donna or Alison.

Homelessness is not Hopelessness. Be the Hope.

## Memorial Garden Service & Reception

**Committee** - This is a call out to those interested in joining the committee to help plan for the Memorial Garden Service and Reception, honouring the refreshed memorial garden. The celebration will take place Sunday, May 24, 2026. Help will be needed inviting people to the service and organizing ways to invite people, as well as determining who we would like to invite. We would also be organizing a reception to be held after the service. All ideas will be welcomed!

Let's make this important event special. Please call or text Leeann at 604-980-4001, or email her at [popcornbunny46@gmail.com](mailto:popcornbunny46@gmail.com) if you are able to help.

**Chair Yoga with Andrea** is a drop in by donation group **every Friday at 10 am in the Lounge**. No experience is necessary and all are welcome. Donations are kindly accepted at the door. Get started with those new year's resolutions in a fun and effective way! Come and get fit again with chair yoga!

### Jean's Box Outreach

Jean's Box collects all year long, supporting the North Shore Crisis Services Society and Lookout Housing and Health Society's Shelter in North Vancouver. We welcome donations of toiletries, snack food, blankets, and seasonal clothing items. Jean's Box can be found at the back of the church, near the big double doors.

**Vestry 2026 is coming!** - St. John's annual Vestry meeting is happening on **Sunday, February 22, after the Sunday 10:00am**

**Worship service.** Vestry reports are due in the church office by Wednesday January 28th. Please submit your report as soon as possible so Donna can get the full Vestry Report assembled, vetted, and printed in advance of the Vestry meeting.

**Call to Action - Men of St. John's** - We are just weeks away from **Shrove Pancake Tuesday, February 17, 2026**. We have a long-standing tradition of the men hosting the Pancake Tuesday Supper, and we need gentlemen to help with planning, set-up, cooking, serving, and clean-up. If you want to help, please speak to Warren Johnson sign up at the Welcome Table when it is open.

### Quote of the Week

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.

**"It feels like we are being bombarded with so many messages encouraging distrust of the stranger, the poor, the refugee, the immigrant, the one in need. Our faith calls us to something much different; to seek to love our neighbours, to seek to love our enemies, to seek to recognize the face of Christ in all those who hunger and thirst."**

*The Most Reverend John Stephens,  
Archbishop of the Diocese of New Westminster*

This is the message our world seems to need right now. How do Archbishop John's words speak to your soul?



### The Coming Week At St. John's

**Sunday, January 25** \* *Luncheon with Archbishop John Stephens and Archdeacon Nick Pang, Today (Lounge) After the service*

**Monday, January 26** \* *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm*

**Tuesday, January 27** \* *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm \* Prayer Shawl Ministry (Lounge) 1:30pm \* Alanon Meeting (Lounge) 7pm - 9pm*

**Wednesday, January 28** \* *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm \* Never Alone Meeting (Lounge) 6:30 - 8pm*

**Thursday, January 29** \* *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm \* Mother Goose Children's Program (Lounge) 1:00-2:30pm \* AA Meeting (Lounge) 7pm- 9pm \* Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 7pm- 9pm*

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

**Saturday, January 31** \* *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm \* Hospitality and Fellowship Meeting (Lounge and Zoom) 10am - 12:00 noon*

## ***Upcoming at St. John's***

Wednesday, January 28

### **Deadline for Vestry Report Submissions**

Sunday, February 1

### **Candlemas Service and Deacon Sunday**

Tuesday, February 17

### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

Wednesday, February 18

### **Ash Wednesday**

Sunday, February 22

### **Contemplative Service, First Sunday in Lent**

Sunday, February 22

### **Annual Vestry Meeting**

Saturday, February 28

### **The Long, Long Night of Hope (LLNOH)**

Sunday, March 1

### **Service Celebrating 10-Years of LLNOH**

Sunday, March 29

### **Palm Sunday (*Sunday of the Passion*)**

Thursday, April 2

### **Maundy Thursday Seder Supper and Foot Washing Liturgy**

Friday, April 3

### **Good Friday Service**

Saturday, April 4

### **Easter Vigil (*sitting vigil from home*)**

Sunday, April 5

### **Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day**

Sunday, May 24

### **Memorial Garden Celebration Service**