

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Readings For Next Sunday: * First Reading, Gen 1:1-5, 12-19 * Psalm 92:1-3, 11-14 * Second Reading, 1 John 1:1-9 * Gospel, John 20:1-8

Rev. Georgina's Time Away, Welcome Rev.

Dr. Rob James— We hope the Rev. Georgina Harris has a relaxing week away. Please note, Rev. Georgina will also be away May 17 and 24, and we will welcome back the Reverend Kevin Hunt.

In Rev. Georgina's absence today, we welcome the **Reverend Dr. Rob James** as our guest celebrant and preacher. The Reverend Dr. Rob James has been a parish priest for 20 years and was a Cathedral Canon and theology teacher in the UK before coming to Canada four years ago. He taught theology here for three years, and more recently has been the interim priest in charge at St. Paul's, Vancouver. He enjoys rewriting Bible stories into an interactive storytelling format, and then telling these stories. A collection of his New Testament stories have been published, and an Old Testament collection is on the way.

Jean's Box Outreach Jean's Box collects all year long for North Shore Crisis Services and the North Shore Shelter. Needs include seasonal clothing, toiletries, treats and more. Leave your donation in Jean's Box, at the back of the church near the main doors.

Our appeal for items for **Missions to Seafarers** is continuing on through the Easter Season. Each ship that visits our port has 20 to 30 seafarers and many struggle financially. Items needed for seafarers are warm toques, socks, medium sized body wash, tooth-paste, toothbrushes and reusable shopping bags.

Soup and Buns and Conversation - Wed.

May 6 - at 11:30am in the downstairs lounge. Please feel free to invite friends and family.

We will be warmly welcoming the Rev. Peter Smyth, Senior Port Chaplain for the Missions to Seafarers. He will be speaking about the ministry to those working on ships in the Port of Vancouver.

While it is a drop-in program, please let Donna know if you plan to come and how many might be coming with you (email stjohnnv@telus.net or call 604-986-1151). We look forward to seeing you.

Celebration of Renewal for the Memorial

Garden - Your help is needed as we plan a special service and reception honouring the people laid to rest in our refreshed memorial garden. The celebration will take place **Sunday, May 24, 2026**. Help is needed inviting people to the service and organizing ways to invite people, as well as determining who we would like to invite. We are also organizing a reception to be held after the service. Please contact Leeann at 604-980-4001, or popcornbunny46@gmail.com if you are able to help.

If you know of someone who should be invited to this special service, please let Leeann know, or send the information to Donna in the office.

A Plea to be Scent-Free - Our congregation is filled with so many wonderful, caring people with allergies, asthma, and serious lung conditions. We respectfully ask for your understanding, and ask that you avoid wearing strong scents to church. Thank you so much.

May 10 - Mothers' Day and St. John the

Evangelist Day - Bring a picture of your mother for the altar, and join us as we honour our Patron Saint during the service. Then help us celebrate all the mothers and motherly-type people in our lives during coffee hour.

Spring Rummage Sale - May 9th 10am-12pm

Hospitality & Fellowship will be holding the annual Spring Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 9th from 10am to noon. As you are doing your Spring cleaning, please save your household treasures in good condition for the sale.

Popular items include:

- Dishes and glassware
- Jewellery
- Housewares
- Wall art and figurines
- Books, DVDs, puzzles and Games

Not accepted:

- Clothing, furniture, junk-drawer items

Bring your donated treasures to the church between 1-5pm on the afternoon of Friday, May 8th - no storage at the church before that date. Thanks!

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. Come and fit in a fun and effective way with chair yoga!

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.

**“O God,
Grant unto me
a courageous song for a weary throat,
that in my singing,
amidst the divisive and
discordant symphony of this time
I may yet hold fast to hope. Amen ”**

*- Bishop Deon Johnson
The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri*

Alexander Pope once said “Hope springs eternal”, and these words from Bishop Johnson reflect that spirit. The human soul endures many hurts and challenges along the journey. What does Bishop Johnson’s prayer say to your heart?

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.

The Coming Week At St. John's

Sunday, May 3 * *Coffee Hour Today (Lounge) After the service*

Monday, May 4 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm*

Tuesday, May 5 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Alanon Meeting (Lounge) 7pm - 9pm **

Wednesday, May 6 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Soup & Buns & Conversation (Lounge) 11:30am * Never Alone Meeting (Lounge) 6:30 - 8pm **

Thursday, May 7 * *Mother Goose Nursery Program (Lounge) 10:30-11:30am * Church Office is Open 12pm-3pm * AA Meeting (Lounge) 7pm- 9pm * Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 7:00pm*

Friday, May 8 * *Church Office is closed * Chair Yoga with Andrea (Lounge) 10am * Drop Off & Set up for Rummage Sale (Lounge) 1pm-5pm*

Saturday, May 9 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Spring Rummage Sale (Lounge) 10am-12pm*

Sunday, May 10 - St. John the Evangelist Day and Mothers' Day