

The Key

Newsletter of St. Peter's (Lakehill) Anglican Church
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CLERGY SCHEDULE

Here is the schedule of when each of the clergy will be here at St. Peter's on Sunday mornings:

October 17: **Scott McLeod**

October 24: 9:00 a.m. **Diana Spencer**
 10:30 a.m. **David Howells**

October 31: **Scott McLeod**

News from the Three Saints Team Ministry

October 2010

Greetings from your clergy team –Chris, Scott, Lucy and Betty.

We are so grateful for the welcome we've received at St Michael's, St David's and St Peter's, as we've been making our way round, getting to know each church and the distinctive communities that they are. Thank you for your openness and warmth, and for your patience as we've worked on ironing out some of the wrinkles!

This letter is to give you an update on the events, programmes and groups being offered by the Three Saints team, and to tell you the progress being made *by us with you* in creating a strong team that can enable all three churches to flourish.

The original mandate of the team ministry was "to establish an evangelically-driven initiative of shared ministry between the three congregations" [wording from the motion passed at March 2010 Diocesan Synod]. This was not going to be business as usual, but a fresh experiment in reaching out, revitalizing and doing/being church differently.

What we've done so far

Thanks to the energy and commitment of many, we have:

- celebrated a new beginning with a special service and supper at Glendale Gardens attended by more than 100 parishioners from all three churches
- created a junior youth group, and worked to strengthen the existing senior youth group

- established a rotation of clergy around the three churches to lead services on Sundays and Wednesdays
- trained some 20 volunteers from all three churches at a Messy Fiesta, in preparation for offering monthly Messy Church gatherings
- hired a team office administrator, Lynda Dominy, to work in the church offices and establish a consistent, co-ordinated administrative arm to the team ministry
- worked on making community connections, e.g. with the Cordova Bay 55+ club

Coming up

For the future, we are working on the following:

- *Messy Church* gatherings at St David's once a month on Saturday mornings. This is an inter-generational, hands-on, creative approach to learning about the Christian faith, based on stories, crafts and songs, and ending with a shared meal. Instead of being in a formal church setting it is in a child-friendly hall where it's OK to be loud and messy. October 16 and November 20, 10 a.m. *Contact Chris or Scott for more information.*
- *Theology Pub* - meeting in casual settings for open-ended discussion of faith, the Bible, God and daily life. Again, the intention is to take the gospel outside the normal church setting, to meet people where they are. Begins on Wednesday October 13 at 7 p.m. in Beklens, 5166 Cordova Bay Road. *Contact Scott for more information.*
- *Spiritual retreat* – a day of quiet prayer, guided reflection, meditation and creativity, to nourish our contemplative side and find God in silence and stillness. Saturday November 27 at St David's. *Contact Lucy for more information.*
- *Meditation group* – a shorter, weekly opportunity to experience the richness of contemplative prayer. Thursdays, 7 p.m., in St Michael's church. *Contact Lucy.*
- *Spanish-speaking services* - supporting and developing the growth of a Spanish-speaking congregation at St Peter's. Saturdays, October 16 and November 13, at 6 p.m. *Contact Lucy, Betty or Scott.*
- *Bereavement support* – offering a supportive group for church members and others following the death of a loved one. The current group is ending its course, and after a special *Blue Christmas* gathering in December for those who find Christmas painful because of a loss (date and location to be announced), a new group will begin in January. *Contact Lucy.*

Office hours and contact information

Our team office administrator, Lynda Dominy, is the primary contact person for all three churches. Soon there will be a co-ordinated telephone system so that Lynda can answer calls to any church wherever she is. Her office hours are as follows:

Tuesdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. – St Michael's (250-479-0540)
 Wednesdays, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – St David's (250-658-5022)
 Wednesdays, 1:15 p.m. - 5 p.m. – St Peter's (250-384-7757)
 Thursdays, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. – St Michael's
 Fridays, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. – St Peter's

We also have a Three Saints blog! You can visit it at <http://3saintsanglican.blogspot.com/> and contribute to it. A team website will also be developed in the future, because we know that people go looking for a suitable church on their computers these days, long before they walk through our church doors for the first time.

As we continue to work on being a team, we need to keep our eyes continually on the goal of doing and being church differently, and looking beyond our church walls to the needs of the community around. We also need to remember that it is only through the workings of the Holy Spirit that we will accomplish anything!

We have the support of the bishop in this endeavour, and many in the diocese are watching to see what happens in the Three Saints team.

May the work that we have begun in faith be brought to completion through the Holy Spirit, in the community of Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Scott, Betty, Chris, Lucy

Clergy phone numbers:

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Betty McLeod Miller: 250-858-4930
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Dates For Your Diary:

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<p>13th Wednesday</p>	<p>Parish Council 7:00 p.m. in the Library Theology Pub 7:00 p.m. at Beklens in Cordova Bay</p>
<p>15th Friday</p>	<p>Parish Thanksgiving Dinner 5:45 p.m.</p>
<p>16th Saturday</p>	<p>Messy Church: St. David's, Cordova Bay in the morning Spanish Mass 6:00 p.m.</p>
<p>25th Monday</p>	<p>Faith Journaling for Women in the Boardroom. 7:00 to 9:00 p..m.</p>

Upcoming Events

“Thanksgiving Dinner”



Date is set for October 15. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Please sign up by this Sunday, Thanksgiving Day. If you sing; play an instrument; recite poetry or tell stories let me know as we will have a time of fun and entertainment after dinner.

Theology Pub Night - Pub Church

by Scott McLeod

Sitting in a pub/restaurant and drinking your beverage of choice: water, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, beer, wine etc. A comfortable atmosphere and conversation about spirituality, religion, politics and sex, or maybe at least one of or some combination thereof - and this is a spiritual practice? (no pun intended... no, really!) Yes!

Connecting our spirituality with our leisure time, connecting our spirituality with our every day life, connecting our spirituality with our friends, and maybe even connecting our spirituality with strangers.... yes this is a spiritual practice. And yes, dare I say it, this is part of church.

Why? How? Because it puts us outside the four walls of the church building, it puts us in places where we might run into and speak with other Christians, people who are not Christians, people who are seeking something, but they don't know what. Being 'out there' allows us to put into practice what we claim to be learning through studying scripture and paying attention in church - to the prayers we pray, and to the teaching we participate in.

Being in a more relaxed atmosphere we are more likely to ask and engage with questions and talk about things that we all too often mistakenly think are not appropriate conversations for church. And yet these same questions that we don't bring up at church are the ones that help us figure out our thoughts and opinions on issues related to morals, ethics, and daily life (including what we think about Religion, Politics, Sex and who knows what else!).

So why is this even important at all? Well a number of good reasons can be found in two articles online (type them into your web-browser) the first one here: <http://preview.tinyurl.com/26ht3hs> and the second one here: <http://preview.tinyurl.com/24zcp1>. The second article is longer than the first, but the crux of what they are getting at is this - largely (in the US) people who claim to be Christian believe "1. "A god exists who created and ordered the world and watches over human life on earth." 2. "God wants people to be good, nice, and fair to each other, as taught in the Bible and by most world religions." 3. "The central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself." 4. "God does not need to be particularly involved in one's life except when God is needed to resolve a problem." 5. "Good people go to heaven when they die.""

QUIET PRAYER

Wanting or needing time for Quiet Prayer. There are a number of opportunities here in Victoria to be a part of quiet prayers.

Thursday evenings at St. Michael's and All Angels. Read the brochure on the "Three Saints" programmes or speak to Jane Palliser. Meditations are led by Rev. Lucy Reid.

There are also quiet days led by the Sisters of St. John the Divine. Check their brochures here in the church or call St. John's House next door to St. Peter's.

Here is a web site where you can look at contemplative fire which began in Britain and has "chapters" in Ontario now. www.contemplativefire.ca

Also in our Diocese is "The Contemplative Society". Contacts are Christopher and Heather Page, St. Philip's Anglican Church.



CHURCH CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE!

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How many of you are already looking ahead to Christmas and wondering what you will get for a friend or family members? Have you ever considered buying a gift for others in your friend or family member's name. Both WORLD VISION AND THE CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S FUND put out Christmas Catalogues. Check the catalogues on the bulletin board – consider buying school supplies, buying a pig or chickens or goats for a family to start a business; you can help stock a medical clinic or buy warm blankets or mosquito netting to sleep under. The Christian Children's Fund has packages of women's hygiene kits plus other kits which we consider important items but are not freely accessible in third world countries. I have bought items from both catalogues for a number of years and I have experienced how appreciative family and friends are of these gifts.

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If you have any articles, poems, book reviews you wish to put in the key please contact Merle Campbell-Moore at 477-6255 or mcampbell-moore@shaw.ca.

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