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Worship Services

Sundays

9:00 am, Choral Eucharist & Sunday School
1st Sunday, Service of the Word

Third Sunday

7:00 pm Evening Prayer in the style of Taizé

Wednesdays

10:00 am Holy Eucharist
10:30 am Friendship Coffee
11:00 am Bible Study

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Sundays

11:00 am Holy Eucharist
and Church (Sunday) School
4th Sunday, Praise & Worship in the Hall

Mondays

7:00 pm Bible Study

Tuesdays

11:00 am Prayer Group

Thursdays

Praise and Worship every fourth Thursday

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“Gospel Shaped Worship”

When we talk about “worship” we usually mean what we do at church on Sunday morning. “Worship” means the liturgy we use, the hymns we sing, the musical style of the service (organ, piano, praise band) and whether or not we have communion. But the original word as it’s used in the Bible means something more. It means an act of bowing in reverence and falling at the feet of God in adoration and praise. By doing this, by worshiping God, we’re declaring that He is worthy of praise. But this is something that isn’t limited to our Sunday gatherings. An attitude of reverence and adoration of God in Christ is crucial as we enter the sanctuary on Sunday morning, but it’s equally crucial as we leave the Sunday gathering and go back to our daily lives.

As you leave the building each Sunday, you hopefully leave with your faith in Christ strengthened and your sense of mission strong. As you leave, I wonder if you also feel a strong calling to worship on the other six days of the week? I don’t mean worship in the sense of coming back to the building with other Christians, but worship in the sense of using your day’s activities as your response to the grace of God. For example, as you go through your day interacting with friends, family, neighbours and strangers, how about seeing this as an opportunity

to worship, to express your adoration for Christ? As you reach out to another person in love, remember how Jesus came among us to serve, not to be served. If you have a sense of his boundless love and mercy working in you personally, your service to others is your tangible expression of your faith. Another way to worship is to intentionally make time for quiet Bible reading and prayer, for which there is no substitute. Such an attitude of humble worship will enrich your daily life and the lives of those you interact with. Such an attitude of worship will spill over and bless others, and might lead them to wonder why you believe and behave the way you do.

To learn more about worship, plan to attend the 7-week course called “Gospel Shaped Worship,” beginning the week of October 19th. For more details, go to: ParishCS.ca

Quoting from the course material: “In each session, our aim is to refresh our sense of God’s love for us in Christ, so that every aspect of our community life would be shaped by the gospel and lead us to

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glorify the God who supplies his grace so abundantly in Jesus.” If you're unable to take the course, a companion sermon series will be preached at the same time.

I look forward to seeing how the Lord uses this course and sermon series

to deepen and extend the life of this parish community, as we worship the Risen Christ and share his love with others.

In his name,

Rev. Rob Szo
Rector, Parish of Central Saanich

Our Parish Vision



Over the past year some of your leaders have been working on a vision statement and strategic plan for the parish. We started with a survey of parishioners, and you gave us thoughtful and honest input. From the survey we distilled key themes into a couple of short statements. The first is called “Our Parish Identity and Mission,” which says we are:

- Committed Learners – We nurture our faith and display the joy Christ gives us (Discipleship)
- Friendly Inviters – We invite our ‘neighbour’ to experience our parish family (Evangelism)
- Sacrificial Givers – We reach out to others (Outreach)

The second statement is called “Our Strategy for Growth” which says over the next five years we will strive to:

- Advance our spiritual growth through worship, teaching and Bible study
- Strengthen our relationship with the community (local, national and international)
- Increase the number of engaged parishioners

In support of this five-year strategy, we'll focus on various events that will help us grow and mature as a Christian community. Some of them

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are ones you'll recognize; we'll build on these existing events so that they'll help us reach new people and also help current parishioners go deeper in their faith. Some of the events will be new and tried for the first time.

Regardless of whether an event is new or has existed for a while, we'll begin to evaluate all of them to ensure that they're helping the parish grow in the areas we've identified as important to us. Evaluating these events will prove challenging; change like this is always challenging, as you identified in the parish survey.

However, keep in mind that the main goal of this parish plan is to equip us to grow in our own faith and to help others become growing followers of Jesus, too. God's church should be growing in both spiritual depth and in numbers. All our events should serve the spiritual life of our parish in some way. These events can be serious, fun, short-term or long-term. But they all must contribute to our parish life in a meaningful way. In order to ensure that they do further our spiritual growth and health, we'll need to be willing to change events if they're not helping us.

On September 13th and 20th at our morning worship you'll have a chance to hear more about our new parish vision. I hope and pray that you'll find it as helpful and encouraging as I do. I thank you for the input you've given and I ask for your continued prayers as we implement this plan. I ask you to read it and think how you might be involved. In the words of Ephesians 4:12-13, may this plan help "prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up, until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

In His name,

Rev. Rob Szo
Rector, Parish of Central Saanich

Parishioner Profile: Diana Abbott

by John Smith

At Mike Abbott's Memorial Service, a map of the Saanich Peninsula had a myriad of pins showing the houses Mike had built or renovated. One of them is the lovely, comfortable house Diana has lived in since 1967, built, added to and renovated by Mike and Diana several times during their marriage. Diana's companion there is now her impressive cat Clancy, along with renters from time to time.

Diana was born in Duncan and went to Queen Margaret's School. Her father died when she was 14, and finances became tight, so university wasn't possible. Not wanting to be a teacher or a nurse – a young woman's traditional options in those days – Diana went to Sprott Shaw Business School to learn typing and shorthand. In Victoria she boarded with the Penn family, looking after their children. She also worked at Montague Bridgman's China Shop, and so got to go to a Scottish Dancing Party at the Bridgmans', where she met Mike. He was 12 years her senior, and Diana wanted to travel before settling down - she had only left the Island twice to go to pony club shows in Vancouver.



So in 1958 Diana left for England to take a position as a Mother's Help, or Nanny, which worked well financially as board and lodging was included. She started with a family with 2 ½ children (one born while she was there) which had a stud farm in Newmarket in horse racing country. Then she was an au pair for an English/French family on an island off Sardinia, followed by working for two US families in Rome.

In 1962 it became time to return home for her brother's wedding (and to escape an over-attentive suitor). Diana sailed to New York on the Queen Elizabeth, arriving with only enough money to go up the Empire State Building and to buy some roasted chestnuts before taking the train to Ottawa and then home. She had stayed in touch with Mike, and had met some of Mike's family in England, and he had waited for her.

Mike's family owned a general supply store business in Suffolk. His mother was an Oldfield, so he was a cousin to Herb Oldfield. In World War II, Mike joined up illegally at

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age 16, trained as an aeronautical engineer and then was sent to Rhodesia for flying training. Subsequently he worked on the RAF Crash Tenders – not something he wanted to talk about. After the war he went to Australia, but returned to England when his dad died, with the idea of running the family business. This was not his cup of tea, and he decided to return to Australia, but via Victoria to meet his Uncle Clarence, Herb Oldfield's father. Well, he never went on to Australia, and after some odd jobs, Mike got into the house building and renovating business and found his life-career.

Diana and Mike were married at St. Mary's Church in Duncan, and after brief periods in a house on Bardsey and one in Brentwood Bay, they wanted to buy a lot on Mt. Newton Cross Road where they planned to build their permanent home. The trouble was that Mike was a hopeless book keeper. He had stacks of paper in cardboard boxes which he took to an accountant for help. But nothing could help when Revenue Canada asked how they could buy a house and a car and yet claim business losses. So things got sold to pay the tax man.

Then things got better – there was a tax refund of \$4, then one for \$40, and Mike started waiting for the one for \$400. They bought the lot on Mt. Newton, and Mike started to build. They found a truck-sized boulder at one corner which they couldn't

afford to blast, so the size and shape of the house got “modified”. Diana, already with one child, was pregnant, and suggested they stay in the Brentwood Bay house for another year. But then Slegg's offered Mike a load of lumber for \$100, so the house was built and finished and occupied in three months! “It was a glorified chicken house, really,” recalls Diana, before the many additions and renovations made it into the lovely home it now is.

An important feature of lots of houses in this area is the source of water, and many rely on wells. Mike had the gift of water divination. He could do it with a forked stick of ocean spray. Diana says it would exhaust him.

Diana started her association with St. Stephen's while living in the Bardsey home. The neighbours, some of whom went to St. Stephen's, were welcoming, and the ladies would meet when the Bookmobile came calling. Although Mike took Sundays off as a day of rest, Diana became a parishioner, both her children were christened there, and Karen was married there. Karen lives nearby on McPhail, and Tom lives even closer, on Alec Road – in one of the many houses in the area Mike built, enlarged or renovated.

So Diana became part of the team to start a Sunday School, along with Ivan Futter's wife Brenda, Joan Gilbert and Sally Wait. They started from scratch at the old St. Mary's church, with three or four classes in the hall,

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with room dividers made by Dick Jackson, and later moved to St. Stephen's. Diana also sometimes played the organ at services at both churches. Eventually Diana's children outgrew Sunday School, (and there had been a kerfuffle over the "correct curriculum"). In 1978 Diana took a full time position with Food Services at the Saan Pen Hospital (she had been a part time volunteer there, but had grown tired of macaroni and cheese lunches), and her shifts made it impossible to undertake church activities. She had so much fun working there that she didn't "retire" until 2001.

In 2002, Diana's life changed when Mike had a stroke and Diana became a full-time care giver for him. His inability to do even the simplest things was a challenge for both of them. Mike didn't lose his speech, but other functions became more and more compromised over the years – years that Diana bore with great fortitude and exemplary cheerfulness. When Mike died in 2013, the memorial service was followed by something dear to Mike's heart, a sing-along led by Louise Rose.

So the two things Diana didn't want to do when she left school were teaching and nursing, and yet she ended up doing a bit of both—Sunday school and looking after Mike!

Despite a hip replacement and subsequent knee arthritis, Diana has resumed a central role at St. Stephen's. Way back she

had taken on grass cutting, and was to be seen wheeling a hand mower and wheelbarrow along Mt. Newton to the church – the field didn't need cutting because the Futtters' ponies grazed there. Now, armed, thanks to Rick Townsend, with a powerful mower, Diana is once again the grass lady. She sings with Louise Rose's Good News Choir – they sang at the Hymn Sing - and with St. Mary's choir at Thursday practices. She is an indefatigable member of the kitchen ladies, helping at Friday Soup's On, the Summer Camp, the Wine Festival and many other events. As if that wasn't enough she attends Stroke Recovery Club gatherings on Mondays, and, of course, church on Sundays! Diana points out that all her activities are people oriented.

It seems ridiculous to ask Diana what she does in her spare time, but she does admit to "reading mysteries like you wouldn't believe" and the magazine "This England", and watching the PBS, Knowledge, Smithsonian and BBC channels. As to travel, "my gardener gets my travel money".

How do you sum up all this? What we all see in Diana is genuine, heartwarming cheerfulness and love of people – she always has a smile for everyone she meets. She is the epitome of the saying from Proverbs – A joyful heart makes a cheerful face. Thank you, Diana for being a part of our parish and our lives.

Chris – Messages of Love and Appreciation

Gathered by Sandra Scarth and Lynn Fallan



“Chris is a man of God who has the ability to orchestrate an entire camp with grace, enthusiasm, humility and creativity. He is a strong leader who works well with others and is someone children look up to. It has been an absolute blessing to have had the opportunity to work with Chris at camp specifically over the past two summers and I wish him great things to come.”

Karen Fallan

We met Chris in the spring of 2012 when he worked as a camp counselor for Nathan Mantey at the first Diocesan Camp in the Community and was assigned as leader for our camp. We learned quickly that we were very lucky to have Chris who was willing and able to problem solve as we were the first of several camps and had to work out a few of the glitches in the new system. When we had trouble with the registration process, Chris whipped out his computer and found a way to make it more user-friendly. That was the first of many occasions when Chris worked cheerfully with our staff and volunteers to create a better camp for the children. He knew when to ask for advice and worked well with both adults and children.

We met Chris again a few times when Nathan was our youth worker and asked Chris to help out at a few events. When Nathan left, we were thrilled that Chris was interested in our part time job as Youth and Family Worker. Chris built on the work Nathan had done with the youth group and expanded it to include adult mentors.

He also began involving children and youth in our Sunday services and other events. One of his greatest skills is working with children and youth to help them develop confidence in their abilities. It has been a joy to see the growth of the young people in his program both in the understanding of their faith and in their ability to stand up in front of the congregations to read scripture, lead prayers and sing.

Chris told us when we hired him that he was an introvert, and hadn't had a lot of experience with

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"As a mentor with the youth group I was privileged to have had the opportunity to get to know Chris on a more personal level. He is an amazing young man, who taught me just as much as he taught the youth. We were so greatly blessed to have had such a wonderful role model as Chris. He has left his footprint here (and name in cement) that will be with us for a long time. I can only imagine the wonderful things that God has planned for Chris, and as a parishioner of the Parish and a grandmother, I thank him."

Jackie Kolson



"I was amazed at how much the children learned and remembered in Sunday School from week to week, and it occurred to me that this knowledge and faith would sustain them through the years. I am profoundly grateful for what God was able to do through Chris."

Margaret Bedard

children, but he certainly learned how to hide that side of him. Anyone who has seen him get our two congregations up out of the pews on Sunday to sing the children's songs, while the children demonstrate how to pat heads and bump rumps would assume that he was an out and out extrovert. Comments from some of the children and youth show how much they admire Chris.

Here are a few comments from others who have worked and played with Chris. Lynda Clifford shared the following with Chris recently.

"It may be years before some of what you shared surfaces for some, but that is OK! For others, we see it now. I have been surprised and pleased about how Maddison, and now Shaine are picking up the bible and searching for the readings. You have led by example, and it works!"

"During the sessions of Youth Group Spiritual education, I was amazed at Chris's Biblical knowledge and his ability to answer questions on the spot. I asked him where he obtained this knowledge – while attending the Lutheran Church during his youth? He responded that it started in the Church, but the true passion and commitment and knowledge comes from the continuation of study and support of the Bible in the home. This is a very strong message for all of us for our children and grandchildren."

Lynn Fallan

Most of all, we have valued Chris's deep commitment to his faith and his willingness to share that with all of us openly. He has been quite wonderful to work with. We will miss his humour, energy, enthusiasm and beautiful voice. We wish him well in his future learning.

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"Chris is an awesome person and will be greatly missed. He was one of the best youth workers I have ever had because he has a great sense of humour, bought us chips, put up with our craziness and made all the games extremely fun. I wish him the best in his journey ahead."

Niah Davis



"Chris's happy personality made everyone feel happy."

Gabriel Bedard

"Awesome"

Maddison Widdicome, aged 8 years

"Superpunch! (apparently a very cool move he showed everyone...)"

Benjamin Bedard



The Parish in Pictures



St. Mary's Choir in a relaxed setting



Parish volunteers at the 39th Annual
B.C. Elders Gathering

Blessing of the Animals



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Stories From St. Stephen's Cemetery

A Rose by any other Name....

This story came to light in a rather strange way. Recently, a visitor to the cemetery expressed an interest in a rose bush growing on a burial plot located midway between the Lych Gate and the Church and over by the south fence. As shown here, the monument beside the bush is that of the Camp family and records the death of James Camp, his son John and John's wife Annie.



By David Scarth & Ruth MacKay

On checking our Burial Register for the Camp family we found five family members listed in order of their death dates: 1884, Leonora P., age 1, plot "unknown"; 1886, James, age 76, plot 36; 1886, Alfred A., age 1, plot "unknown"; 1905, John, age 63, plot 37 and in 1908, Annie, age 63, plot 38. At first glance the Camps appeared to be a rather typical pioneer family; John and Annie losing two children within a year of their birth and they having died in their early 60s which was considered a "ripe old age" in those days. John's father James also lived a full life, dying at 76 in 1886, but was he just an "ordinary cuss"? We were determined to find out.

James Camp was born in 1810 in Tavistock, Devon. The 1851 UK census finds James, aged 40, living in Chesterfield, Derbyshire, married to Ann 42, with a family of three sons and one daughter; Thomas 14, Hannah 11, John 8 and Alfred, aged 6. It was a large family group as they also had a nephew William and two shoemaker apprentices living with them. James was a cordwainer and employed three men plus the two apprentices. A cordwainer wasn't just a cobbler, but a shoemaker who produced made-to-measure shoes using both domestically produced leathers and the cordovan leather from Cordoba, Spain.

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The 1861 census shows the family still living at "Low Pavement" in Chesterfield but James and his son John are not there. In 1860 they had sailed for Canada and the new colony of British Columbia in search of gold on Fraser's River and in the goldfields to the north. Ann Camp, recorded as a shoe seller at 52 in 1861, was now head of the family. Her eldest son Thomas was a shoemaker, her son Alfred, at 15, a shoemaker's apprentice. The Industrial Revolution was to change the course of their lives. In 1871 Ann was living with her nephew William who was the foreman of a shoe warehouse and his wife Maria and daughter Kate were boot fitters. Ann Camp was not to see her husband again; she died in the March quarter of 1876 in Leicester at the age of 69.

Between 1859 and 1871, thousands of miners and prospectors arrived in British Columbia and pushed north and east from the headwaters of the Fraser River to join what was soon to be called the Cariboo gold rush. Over the course of twelve years, twenty-five million dollars in gold came from the Cariboo. James and his son John must have been in the forefront of the stampede to the gold fields as he is on record as having purchased a mining licence on May 9, 1861. He later took over the proprietorship of the Royal Oak Hotel in the Lake District, which included

Elk and Beaver lakes, where he died in 1886. James's obituary as shown here, was published in the August 24 edition of the Daily Colonist and includes an account of his 250 mile trek from Yale to the Cariboo; a remarkable feat for a man his age. On August 25, 1886 James was buried in our cemetery in plot 36; on which the family planted a rose bush.

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DEATH.—Mr. James Camp, of Lake district, expired at his residence, the Royal Oak Hotel, early on Monday morning last. He lived to the hale old age of 76 years and died from sheer general decay. Coming to this province over a quarter of a century ago, he though nearly fifty years of age at the time, was the first man to trundle a wheelbarrow from Yale to Cariboo. He and a comrade loaded a wheelbarrow with 400 pounds of "truck," fastened a pair of shafts to the vehicle, and each alternately hauled and pushed. After passing through many vicissitudes of mining life, Mr. Camp settled permanently in Vancouver Island, and passed the latter portion of his life in Lake district where his memory will be revered as that of a kind, honest, and strictly upright man. The funeral will leave the Royal Oak at noon to-morrow (Wednesday) for Swanich cemetery.

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The Camp rose is truly a heritage rose, befitting its age and location in our cemetery. Its botanical name is *Rosa x Centifolia Prolifera de Redoute* as it was a sport of the original centifolia or cabbage rose group and arose through a spontaneous mutation. It was recorded in France in 1801, and in 1824 was painted by Pierre-Joseph Redoute who was employed by Empress Josephine to record 200 rose varieties in her famous Malmaison gardens. The *Prolifera de Redoute* rose, as shown here, has the unusual characteristic of being able to produce double flowers, with the second flower on top of the first.

And as visitors to the cemetery will attest, the scent is truly heavenly.



Book Review

by Greg Robinson

Simply Jesus

Author: N T (Tom) Wright

Tom Wright is not only a Biblical scholar, (Newsweek called him the “World’s Leading New Testament Scholar”), but he is also a leading first century historian. He was educated at Oxford and has taught New Testament studies at Cambridge, McGill, Oxford and currently at St. Andrew’s in Scotland. He was also the Anglican Bishop of Durham for 7 years. There is a lot more so I suggest googling him.

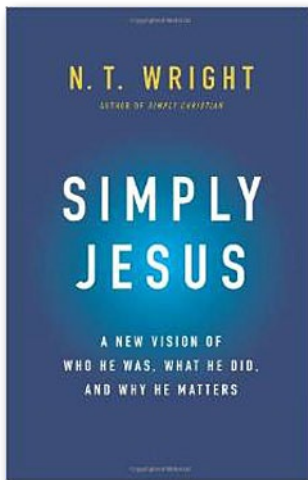
I found this book tremendously useful in helping me understand my Christian faith. For most of my Christian walk I have learned and thought about Jesus Christ as a deity that I followed, worshipped and served. However, there was the other side of Jesus that I pretty much ignored. I would give lip service to the idea of Jesus as wholly man and wholly God, but I simply glossed over the wholly man aspect of Jesus.

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What I found that this book did, while remaining solidly Bible based, was to look at Jesus as a first century Jew, steeped in the Hebrew Scriptures, prayerfully living with, teaching and serving His fellow Jews. I found that by ignoring the man Jesus in His historical setting, not only did I not understand Jesus “the man”, but I had taken on a distorted view of Jesus as the “Son of God”. Also, it seems to me that if we don’t understand the message that Jesus was delivering to the people of His day, then how can we understand what He has to say to us today?

It is a major emphasis of the Christian church that we are to have a relationship with Jesus. In my own experience I found that to build relationship one has to be able to relate in the first place. I found it difficult to relate to Jesus only as a part of the Trinity. However, when I learned of Jesus the man, who experienced life in many of the ways that I do, (although obviously in much more difficult circumstances), my relationship with Him became much deeper and more personal. In understanding Jesus the man in historical terms, I found that my understanding Jesus as part of the Trinity became far clearer and richer.



With his historical knowledge, Wright goes into how Jesus’ original listeners, with their knowledge of their Scriptures, would have understood the parables and other teachings. He answers many questions, such as why was Jesus crucified, how is Jesus in charge now, and how should that impact our lives. It is about the lives of the people then and the lives of people now, and how they connect.

The book is divided into three parts. Part one sets the historical background for the world that Jesus walked in. Part two explains the kingdom message that Jesus brought to the world. Part three goes into what his life, death and resurrection means to us today.

I found that this is a book that should be read more than once. (I’ve read it three times.) It provides a lot of information while still being entertaining reading. I’ve read many books by Tom Wright, and in my opinion, if a professing Christian is only going to read one book by him, this would be the one.

Here is a link to a talk given by Wright on the subject he addresses in this book.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=CqDdBld0eRI

A chronicle of some of the recent events at St. Mary's and St. Stephen's

On July 1st the Governor General announced the 2015 Order of Canada recipients. Our very own **Sandra Scarth** became a Member of the Order in recognition for her work with children and youth, and on adoption and adopting counselling. As an adoptive parent and as a social worker she has advocated for over 50 years for improved permanency planning and support services for children and youth in child welfare. She has worked for the Province of Manitoba, the Catholic Children's Aid Society in Vancouver and the Children's Aid Society of Metro Toronto. She was also Adoption Coordinator and Director of Children's Services for the Province of Ontario and the Founding Executive Director of the Child Welfare League of Canada. Sandra attended the final deliberations on the Hague Convention on Inter-Country Adoption as Canada's non-governmental representative. She co-chaired a Task Force in B.C. on Safeguards for Children and Youth in Foster or Group Home Care; co-authored the Children's Residential Resource Review for the Yukon government; and has conducted reviews of child protection services in Newfoundland and PEI, adoption services in Alberta and inter-country adoption issues for the federal government. In 1997 Sandra was awarded the Friend of Children Award by the North American Council on Adoptable Children. Sandra is Past President of the Adoption Council of Canada and continues to consult on children's issues, as one of Canada's most knowledgeable and experienced adoption and child welfare professionals. CONGRATULATIONS, SANDRA! For those of you who didn't know, Sandra joins Norma Sealey, also from St Stephen's, as a Member of the Order of Canada.



Nancy Choat from St Mary's had the honour of presenting a bursary worth \$1,000 to **Kalianna Thomas** at the Stelly's Secondary School Awards Ceremony in June. This scholarship is offered annually by St Mary's to a grade 12 Stelly's student who is pursuing post-secondary education, is a leader, has good grades, is involved in the community and has First Nations ancestry. Candidates are required to

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complete an essay outlining goals and aspirations, and have a CV including community involvement and leadership experience. St. Mary's participates with the Stelly's Scholarship Committee, with input from the First Nations department, to choose the winning candidate. The Scholarship is recognized in the recipient's grade 12 year, but not awarded until successful completion of a year of post-secondary education.

During her time at Stelly's, Kalianna participated in the Stagecraft program, was on the golf team and in the yearbook class. Outside school she was part of the Los Cabos Humane Society, volunteering in Mexico to help build homes for those affected by hurricane Odile. Kalianna owns her own business, producing and selling her original art cards at the Moss Street Market. She also has worked in the Butchart Gardens Blue Poppy restaurant. She plans to attend Camosun in the fall and to transfer to UVic or UBC to study biochemistry. Her long range goal is research in Medicine. Kalianna is a well-deserved recipient of this bursary.

Did you hear the church bells tolling in June? For your information, at 2 pm, local time, Anglican churches across Canada rang their bells for up to 30 minutes for 3 consecutive Wednesdays to draw attention to the 1181 missing and murdered indigenous women. **Nancy Choat** rang St Mary's bell; however, not for 30 minutes!

On June 10th, a Celebration and Thanksgiving for the life of **Ralph Caldwell** was held at St Mary's. Those in attendance included family members, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Ralph and his wife, Iris, who predeceased Ralph, were dedicated and popular parishioners at St Mary's and will be missed.

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A bicycle, with a basket of flowers leaned against the entrance to St Mary's as more than 75 people gathered at St Mary's on June 26th to celebrate the life of, and to remember, **Ron Smith**. Ron was known to many parishioners as the person who would travel to the church on his bicycle to attend Wednesday and Sunday services. Family and friends, including several First Nations people, former Mayor Jack Mar and some staff from the Western 66 Motel where Ron lived, gathered to share reminiscences about this colourful character. Ron's sister Marie has made a donation to St. Mary's with the request that the funds be used to help people in our community who are in need.

At a St Mary's service in July, 54 new Common Praise Hymnals were dedicated to St Mary's by **Audrey Quackenbush** and family in memory of her husband Ralph, and also in memory of Mary Harrington, from her bequest.



Over a dozen parishioners were enthusiastic volunteers at the **39th Annual B.C. Elders Gathering** at the Panorama Rec Centre on July 7 – 9, hosted by the Tsawout First Nation and the WSANEC Elders. It was a massive gathering of about 2,500 First Nations representatives from all over the province, requiring hundreds of volunteers to help with parking, security and, above all, meals. Although volunteers had designated functions, there was a lot of going to help where the need was seen. The hosts gave a thank you dinner for the volunteers where the support of the Christian community on the Peninsula was recognized. Congratulations to all of those who worked so hard at this significant example of Christian outreach.

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Another successful **Hymn Sing** was held on the grounds of St Stephen's on a very warm Sunday July 12th. Over 50 enjoyed the sing-along to the music of Louise Rose as she played a variety of hymns and accommodated many requests. Sandra Scarth and Diana Abbott joined with Louise's choir to help swell the numbers and volume! A most enjoyable afternoon was spent by all who sang the praises of our Lord!

What do you get when you combine over 170 people, including 3 clergy and a visiting Bishop, with a mixture of 88 pets of varying shapes and sizes and kinds? You get the annual

Blessing of the Animals of course! On Sunday August 9 at 2pm within the St Stephen's churchyard, "all creatures great and small" came to be blessed. The annual Blessing of the Animals is a long tradition at St Stephen's and this year the 88 pets included a horse, 3 rabbits, cats, guinea pigs and of course many dogs. Even our Bishop Logan appeared with Morag! God's creatures were blessed and given a certificate signed by one of three clergy: Rob Szo, from our Parish, Penelope Black from Holy Trinity and Father Rolf from St Elizabeth. A collection was taken for Pacific Animal Therapy Society (PATS). St John's Therapy dogs were also present. Photos of pets with their owners were taken by a professional photographer.



On a warm summer evening in early August, the five member **Psalm 98 Praise Band** of St Stephen's held an evening prayer service, called the Service of Light, in St Stephen's Hall. The service included a meditation by Gil Shoesmith and scripture readings. The purpose of this special service was to make a recording to be sold with the proceeds going to the Pacific Animal Therapy Society. (PATS). Because of copyright issues, there are only a few CDs available. If you are interested in obtaining one of the CDs please contact Al Gerenser at 250-658-8840 or at algerenser@gmail.ca.

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Thanks to **Nancy Jackson** of St Mary's there is now an automatic door opener for the Women's Washroom! Thank you Nancy!

Hilda Shilliday, a well-known parishioner of the Parish, is leaving us at the end of August. Hilda has decided to move back to Campbell River where she will be closer to her daughter. Her leaving will be a loss to St Stephen's and to the entire Parish. Our best wishes go with you, Hilda as you begin a new chapter in your busy and interesting life. God Speed!

The recent unexpected death of St. Stephen's parishioner **Helen Currie** was a shock for all who knew her. A service will be held at St. Stephen's on Thursday, September 10 at 1:00 pm.

This article does not touch on the celebrations to thank **Chris McDonald** for his services to our Parish, as there is a special article on that. But we can't resist adding a "Thanks, Chris !"

Our New Youth and Family Worker

Hi, my name is Kate VanGiesen and I am looking forward to working with the youth at St. Stephen's and St. Mary's. I am currently entering my last year at the University of Victoria, working towards a major in Psychology and a minor in Professional Writing. I would like a career in leadership training, focussing on work with youth and young adults.

I have worked in summer camps and youth groups for almost six years. Working at the Parish of Central Saanich is a natural branch of the youth work that I have done in the past. Outside of school and work, I spend my time hanging out with my family, writing, rock climbing, hiking, surfing, and playing guitar.





Saturday, November 21, 2015

from 9:30 - 2:00

The Holly Fair is an important fundraising event for St. Mary's and provides a venue for fellowship and a way to get to know each other better. We have started the countdown to this year's event and want earnestly to encourage you to become involved.

Starting in September, a special insert will be included in the St. Mary's bulletin to highlight particular stalls and offer information about how you might help in the preparations and sale. Such assistance will be most heartily appreciated.

The following list may help you in determining an area which particularly interests you and guide you in creating or setting aside items to sell.


- Home Baking** Loaves, Christmas cakes, bread, buns, pies, tarts, scones, shortbread, Christmas cookies.
- Gourmet Pantry** Jams, jellies, chutneys, (Note: preserves must be in proper sealing jars); Christmas puddings; candy, brittles, fudge; soup mixes; nuts.
- Books** Fiction and non-fiction in hard and soft covers; children's books; gardening; cookbooks; CDs, DVDs.
- Garden Shop** Fresh produce, holly, flowers, small houseplants in good condition, flower arrangements, herbs and dried flowers, gardening paraphernalia.
- Handcrafts** Sewing, knitting, crocheted items (scarves, hats, sweaters, placemats, napkins), cutting boards and other woodcrafts, etc.
- Jewelry** Used jewelry in good condition; costume jewelry.
- Christmas Old & New** Crystal, silver, china, ornaments, candleholders, Christmas-themed decorations, ornaments and linens, other valuable "junk" (all in good used condition).
- Mystery Bottles** Items in bottles (wine, champagne, specialty oils and vinegars, fruit juices, bath products, etc. with a minimum value of \$5.00).
- Silent Auction** Goods and services donated by members of the parish and local businesses. New items only please.

For more
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From the Editors: We are now up to 24 pages, but there is still no room for us to say any more than thank you, everyone, for your contributions to this issue.

John Smith and Sandra Scarth



SUNDAY AFTERNOON
2:30 P.M.

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
1973 Cultra Ave. @ East Saanich Rd., Saanichton

Oct. 25, 2015 Pacific Fleet Dixie
(Naden Band Dixieland)

Dec. 13, 2015 Cookeilidh Celtic Band & Dancers

Feb. 7, 2016 Three Worlds
(Brad Prevedoros & friends)

Apr. 3, 2016 Greater Victoria Police Chorus

TICKETS: \$15
Children 12 and under free

Tickets/information
250-652-5392 sueandjohn@shaw.ca or
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Tickets available at the door



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Sandra Scarth, Don Wilson (Margery Lord, alternate)

Leslie Pedlow is at the St. Mary's office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 12:30

Tracy Stubbs is at the St. Stephen's office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 1:00 and Wednesdays from 10:30 - 2:30
