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St. Mary's Church

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June to August, 2014

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Worship Services

Sundays

9:00 am Choral Eucharist
and Church (Sunday) School

Second or Third Sunday

7:00 pm Evening Prayer in the style of Taizé
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Wednesdays

10:00 am Holy Eucharist (June only)
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Tuesdays

11:00 am Prayer Group

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7:00 pm Seekers & Upper Room meetings,
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Dates to Note

On Saturday, June 7 the Indigenous Perspectives Society and the Parish of Central Saanich will present a Cultural Perspectives Workshop. This program will help foster a deeper understanding of indigenous perspectives and cultural differences, and will help to build successful partnerships and relationships with indigenous communities. The workshop and training program is customized to the unique cultural perspectives of the First Nations groups in our local communities.

Where: St. Stephen's Church Hall.

When: Saturday, June 7; registration at 9:30 am, Workshop 10 am – 4 pm, with lunch from 12:30 – 1:30.

For registration and information, contact Leslie at stmarys.saanichton@shaw.ca or at 250-652-1611.

On Sunday, June 8 there will be a combined service at 10:00 am at St. Mary's.

From Monday, July 7 to Friday, July 11 the Parish of Central Saanich will run the Adventure Narnia Summer Family Camp at St. Stephen's Church Hall and grounds. Although registration is full, a waiting list is being kept, and further volunteers are welcome. The camp runs each day from 9 am to 4 pm for children from 5 – 12, and from 9 am to 1 pm for children age 3 – 4. The camp will be run by professional staff assisted by volunteers. Camp activities will include worship, crafts, drama (based on the Chronicles of Narnia) and games. The camp will end with a BBQ on Friday at 3:30 pm. For further information, contact Chris McDonald at central.saanich.youth@gmail.com or 250-882-3848

On Sunday, July 20 at 3 pm the Parish of Central Saanich Community Picnic and Hymn Sing will take place on St. Stephen's grounds. Bring your own picnic and chair. Lemonade and ice cream will be provided. Hymn Sing begins at 5 pm. Will be held rain or shine.

On Sunday, August 10 at 2 pm at St Stephen's Church and Cemetery the Service of the Blessing of the Animals will take place. Further information will be forthcoming, but all pets should make sure their owners mark this on their calendars.

This is a long way away, but please note that on **Sunday, September 14**, there will be a combined service and parish picnic at 10 am at St. Stephen's.

There will be **no Wednesday services, no Bible Study and no Sunday evening Taize services** at St. Mary's during July and August, and **no Soup's On at St. Stephen's Hall on Fridays** during July and August.

From the Rector's Desk

Stewardship of our time

I often hear retired people say that they're so busy in retirement that they don't know where they ever found time to work! When they say that we laugh together and I silently say to myself: "That's not going to happen to me." But will it? I'll have to see when I reach that point.

Being busy isn't a bad thing, provided you enjoy what you're doing and have time for the things that refresh you spiritually and physically. But I do notice that our parish calendar is very full of activities, and I do wonder how these activities serve our spiritual growth and our witness to the community.

Please understand that I'm not criticizing the specific activities in our calendar. Parish events are important opportunities for outreach, fun, education, friendship, and fundraising. My concern is how we decide the best use of our time. Do we plan events to keep ourselves busy? Or do these events serve a greater purpose?

The Bible uses two different words for time: chronological time (2 Timothy 1:9) and seasonal time (Matthew 13:30).

In the case of the stewardship of our time, I'm thinking of how we use our chronological time to serve seasonal time. In other words, how can we best use our limited

physical time to serve the ministry needs around us? How can our parish events serve our mission and bring glory to God, by helping us reach those who are living



outside a relationship with Christ? How can the two hours of an event best serve the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)?

I invite you to think and pray about this and share your thoughts with the members of Parish Council. May God guide us as we use our time wisely and strategically to serve Christ.

*Rev. Rob Szo
Rector, Parish of Central Saanich*

Around the Parish

A look at some activities in the Parish

Parish Skills List

Within our parish family we have a wide range of talented parishioners, some still actively employed and others retired. We believe there are many who might like to contribute their skills to assist with parish projects that come up from time to time.

Parish Council would like to compile a Skills List of people who, on a voluntary basis, would be interested in putting their name forward to be approached by the Parish Council or the Operations Committees of either St. Mary's or St. Stephen's when there is a need for assistance.

Some of the categories could include:

- Skilled trades, such as plumbing, electrical, carpentry;
- Expertise in computer hardware and software;
- Accounting or legal skills;
- Any other specialized skill or training that could potentially be of use to the Parish;
- Something as simple as someone with a truck or trailer who would be willing to make periodic pick-ups or deliveries from time to time.

Those who put their names forward would be under no obligation to take on any particular task. The Council or Operations Committees would simply approach the individual and see if the task is something they could help with.

Depending upon the response, and the willingness of those putting their names forward, we could consider making the Skills List available to parishioners at large. In this way, parishioners could support each other when looking for services or assistance. For example, if you are looking for a veterinarian, you might be interested to know that there is just such a person who attends St. Stephen's.

If you are interested in having your name and skill included on the list, please talk to either of the People's Wardens, Derek Osman or Sandra Scarth.

Municipal Property Taxes

In February, we received letters from Central Saanich asking for input on changes the Municipality is contemplating on property taxation. At the moment, all of the St. Mary's and St. Stephen's lands are exempted from property taxes. Although there are statutory exemptions from property taxation for those parts of our lands actually occupied by our churches, the Municipality passed a by-law in 2002 exempting all our lands from taxation. Many municipalities are looking at modifying what is called their "Permissive Property Tax Exemption Policy".

The Rector's Wardens have written to the Municipality describing how we use our lands and buildings, how we do things

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in and for the community, and how we are a valuable community resource providing worship opportunities and social services in a welcoming environment. The imposition of property taxes could strain our resources and curtail our activities.

We have not heard anything further on this yet, and we understand other churches have also responded. Stay tuned, as they say.

Curb Appeal

Curb Appeal is not a request to put the garbage out – it is about making our churches look beautiful and welcoming to the passer-by and the visitor.

St. Mary's is in the middle of an important beautification project – the replacement of the perimeter fence. The old one was falling down – in fact had fallen down in places. So, after getting in touch with the neighbours, of which there are several, the old fence was removed, including some tree work, and a new fence will, by the time you read this, have been installed. There are some stalwart guys who deserve medals for their hard work, so maybe we should have a fence appreciation party at an appropriate time.

St. Stephen's is also into beautifying – the area outside the office door has been looking a little scruffy, so a team has been removing rocks and preparing the area for a better look. See the picture in *The Parish in Pictures*.

Stewardship

You will recall how Archbishop Hambidge challenged us to look at Stewardship in a different way. He suggested at the Stewardship Seminar last November and again in his sermon preceding the vestry meeting in February that stewardship is a faith issue, not a financial issue. It is a way of being a Christian disciple, and he encouraged us to look at God's abundance and what we are doing with it. In his sermon he told us, when we think we haven't got the resources to do something, "to look again".

Archbishop Hambidge said that, rather than having a program developed and implemented by Parish Council, stewardship ministry is successful when it is developed after everyone in the Parish has had the opportunity to talk about their dream.

He urged us to have discussions with all groups of parishioners and to ask the specific question; "What is God calling our faith community to do in the next two years?" That way we will find out what excites us and what we will want to enthusiastically work at.

A small group of Parish Council members will soon start these discussions, so give some thought and prayer to the question.

Decide to Forgive

Decide to forgive,
For resentment is negative,
Resentment is poisonous. Resentment diminishes and devours the self.
Be the first to forgive,
To smile and to take the first step,
And you will see happiness bloom
On the face of your human brother or sister.
Be always the first.
The doer of miracles.
To forgive is the highest
Most beautiful form of love.
In return you will receive
Untold peace and happiness.
Only the brave know how to forgive.

Program for Achieving a Truly Forgiving Heart

Sunday: forgive yourself
Monday: forgive your family
Tuesday: forgive your friends and associates
Wednesday: forgive across economic lines within your own nation
Thursday: forgive across cultural lines within your own nation
Friday: forgive across political lines within your own nation
Saturday: forgive other nations

A coward never forgives as it is not in his/her nature.

“Forgiveness is the fragrance of the violet that clings fast to the heel that crushes it.”

(George Roemisch)

Parishioner Profile: Derek and Betty Osman by John Smith

The Osman home high up in Dean Park, with its glowing Kinkade prints and dozens – no *hundreds* of family photos tells you that this couple have found a magic serenity. They have lived there since 1991, though you would think, from its pristine condition and tasteful upgrades, that the house is last year's lottery dream home.

Derek and Betty are from Winnipeg, both with connections

to the University of Manitoba - he with a Bachelor of Commerce, followed by an MBA, she working in the University library. One day 19 year old Betty was trying to bum a boat ride on the Red River when her brother drove up with this good looking guy – Betty calls Derek her 19th birthday present from her brother. When Derek wasn't

working up north to pay for his university education, they became party buddies – Betty was known as Betty Boop (among the Kinkades is a cartoon of the original Betty Boop character signed by her creator, Grim).

They married on June 8, 1974, so their 40th

anniversary is in a few days! The first years of marriage saw Derek working for Manitoba Hydro and later Inner City Gas by day and studying for his MBA in the evenings, Betty typing his papers for him and, along the way, producing their two daughters, Crista and Stacy. Although they married in a Catholic church, Betty having grown up as a Catholic, the Priest was very understanding, and the family started attending St. Mary Magdalene

Anglican church where Derek went on Council, and Betty was in the Guild and involved with Sunday School. Family is a very important aspect of life for the Osmans. The house is festooned with family pictures, and there are many visits back and forth between the parents and their married daughters and two

grandchildren, born within 36 hours of each other!

Derek developed valuable expertise in Information Technology, while also honing Human Resources skills. The family moved to Ancaster, a suburb of Hamilton, where



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Derek worked for the KeepRite heating and air conditioning group. They went to the Anglican church – a lovely church, but, as Betty tartly says, “the church was warmer than the parishioners - we were only approached for money or baking”. Their children eventually refused to attend Sunday School and the family just stopped going to church.

In 1991, the Osmans bought their lovely home in Dean Park and Derek went to work for Centra Gas (later Terasen Gas) which was, from an IT perspective, a start up company. Derek established a network system of personal computers, moving the company away from the old mainframe system. It was hard work, but Derek enjoyed it. Then the company wanted him to move to Surrey, which didn't fit with the Osman's plans, so he “retired”.

Meanwhile Betty had experienced serious difficulties with arthritis, which immobilized her, eventually requiring two ankle replacements and subsequent operations. “At least it stopped me smoking!” Betty laughs. Without load bearing ability during the early stages of rehabilitation, Derek was there to move her and get her set up for the day before he went to work. She has used a wheelchair and a walker, as well as braces at various times. Derek says that the secret reason for their long and successful marriage faced with these challenges has

been Betty's consistently positive attitude, while Betty maintains that it's Derek's unwavering support.

Betty and Derek began attending St. Mary's in 1996 when Michael Averyt was rector. They really liked him, but, as Betty says, “it is the people that sold it to us – we weren't terrified at the door”. Soon Derek was involved on Council, but then his IT expertise took him off to challenging jobs. He got a position with ACD Systems, employing both his IT expertise and his HR skills. Derek had developed a reputation for respectful and caring treatment of personnel, so perhaps he felt pretty good about himself when, in the course of restructuring the company and using the best downsizing techniques, he fired himself!

So what is a twice “retired” man to do? It so happened that David Hahn of BC Ferries, who had some serious IT issues, got to hear about Derek, had him head hunted, and at the end of an interview said, “Can you start tomorrow?” So Derek became the BC Ferries Chief Information Officer, again revamping the company's IT system to bring it into the 21st century. Then he finally *really* retired, only to find that St. Mary's had a job for him!

So for the second time in a few years Derek was head hunted – this time for the position of People's Warden. When asked, he said he had to check with “the boss”, as Osman

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family decisions are a team effort. With Betty's blessing he took the job! His skills in finding the right technology to fit the need, and respectfully but firmly caring for people (tempered by a quiet sense of humour!) are now being applied wonderfully to help our new parish. Derek is putting such energy and commitment into the job that it is clear

it is meeting his theorem for happiness – “A job where you both contribute and learn is a job where you are having fun”.

Betty and Derek are a lovely couple and we are blessed by their presence among us. Happy 40th anniversary to you!

Stations of the Cross

**Good Friday,
2014**



This year the procession began at Our Lady of the Assumption, with over 100 parishioners from that church, St. Stephen's and St. Mary's joining together for the Stations of the Cross and Meditations at St. Stephens

The Parish in Pictures

Easter bonnets at
St. Mary's



Scenes from
St. Stephen's
Spring Faire,
April 26



The Parish in Pictures *continued*



Save the Mother's Walk departs from St. Stephen's, May 10



Save the Mother's Walk concluded at St. Mary's where the Spring Fling was in progress



Brian Waller and gardeners at St. Stephen's

Stories From St. Stephen's Cemetery

Where Lies Fred Reynolds: Victoria's most eligible Bachelor?

By David Scarth & Ruth McKay

An 1880 plot plan of South Saanich Cemetery, now known as our St. Stephen's Anglican Cemetery, showed that Plots no. 5 and 6 in Row 4 were reserved under the name "Reynolds". Fred Reynolds was born in England and in 1853 sailed to America to seek his fortune in the goldfields of California. In 1861 he made his way north to Victoria where he found the small Hudson's Bay Company fort and town-site rapidly growing to shelter and feed thousands of prospectors heading to the Fraser River where gold had been discovered in 1858. Although the Fraser gold deposits had petered out by 1861, Billy Barker's rich claim on Williams Creek in the Cariboo Mountains the following year convinced Fred that he should stay in Victoria and take up the butcher's trade he was trained for. As recorded in 'Feeding the Family' by Nancy Oke and Robert Griffin; "It was not long before he set up two butcher shops in town, the London Market at Yates and Douglas streets, and the Leadenhall Market at Government and Johnson."*



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Reynolds was able to live the life he enjoyed: racing horses, wearing fine clothes and sporting a valuable gold watch valued at \$325 and, by his own admission, pursuing some of the "flashy" ladies of the town "...the same as other men, (but) not spending a great deal of money on them..." (Colonist, June 12, 1871). He was indeed one of Victoria's most eligible bachelors!

In the early seventies Reynolds engaged his friend John Teague, a contractor and architect, to build a fine home for him on Michigan Street. Fred and John were much alike; both were born in England and had prospected for gold in California before setting up their places of business in Victoria. Teague was responsible for the design and construction of many of Victoria's most significant civic, ecclesiastical and residential buildings, served as an alderman and was twice mayor of Victoria.

Fred Reynolds' good life in Victoria on the other hand was about to come to an end for he was living a lie. His real name was William Batchelor and he was a deserter

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from the United States Army. William was born in Rostherne, Cheshire, England on November 27, 1831. The 1851 census shows William Batchelor, age 19, working as an apprentice for a butcher named Henry Kenny in Market Place, Bowden, Cheshire. The census also shows William's mother Anne, age 61, still living in Rostherne with William's five older sisters and her husband James, age 56, a Gate Games Keeper.

Anne Batchelor died in Rostherne on May 4, 1853 and soon after, William, at the age of 22 left home to seek his fortune in America. By 1856 he was living in San Francisco, the boomtown at the heart of the great California gold rush of '49. The mines had played out, and without a job he had joined the Army in order to survive. In the Spring of 1861, with America on the verge of civil war and news of a gold strike in Canada, he decided to desert and sailed to Victoria where he entered the country using the false name "Frederick K. Reynolds".



Photo by Rachel Perkins

In August 1874 William's nephew, Job Batchelor arrived from England and was hired by William, alias Fred Reynolds, to look after the company accounts. Job knew William's dark secret and by threatening to reveal it, convinced his uncle to sign away all his possessions. Reynolds' behaviour became erratic; he believed that people were hiding in his house and that he would be kidnapped and sent to China. His habit of using opium and chloral, drugs available over the counter in those days, likely developed at this time and ultimately contributed to his death about ten years later. To make matters worse, Job brought his brother and family to Victoria, all intent on profiting from their uncle.

Reynolds eventually regained his senses and launched a Supreme Court case against his nephew and Job's father-in-law, Eli Harrison. The Colonist (June 12, 1881) described the lawsuit, presided over by Judge Matthew Begbie aka. the 'Hanging Judge', as "the

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most extraordinary case ever heard in the province". The jury found for the plaintiff and Reynolds's property and possessions were restored to him. After the trial, Reynolds sold both his markets and retired to the country, living with his friends John and Betsy Bryant on their property in "North & South Saanich adjacent to Church".

William Batchelor, using the name Frederick Reynolds, died on November 7, 1887 at the age of 55. The attending physician was a Dr. J.W. Helmeken who

certified the cause of death as "General debility – produced by too much chloral & opium, hastened by congestion of lungs". As William Batchelor he was buried in Plot 25 (formerly Plot 5, Row 4) in our cemetery; the inscription on the imposing white marble monument reads "WILLIAM BATCHELOR, Native of Cheshire England, DIED Nov. 7th. 1887, AGED 55 Years".

The adjacent plot, number 26 which in the late seventies was reserved for Frederick Reynolds appears to be unoccupied... where lies Fred Reynolds?

Recipe Page

Leslie Pedlow's Seven Up Salad

You may think this is one of those dreaded "Jellied Salads" that gets left untouched on the buffet table but it makes a wonderfully refreshing dessert! Try it!

- 1 cup Seven Up drink (or similar)
- 2 cups Small marshmallows
- 1 x 3 oz. Lime jelly powder
- 8 oz. Cream Cheese, cut up
- 14 oz. Crushed Pineapple with juice
- 1 cup Whipping cream
- ½ cup Salad dressing (Miracle Whip)

Put Seven Up and marshmallows in medium saucepan. Heat and stir over medium heat to melt marshmallows.

Stir in jelly powder to dissolve. Add cream cheese. Stir until melted. Remove from heat. Stir in pineapple. Chill until syrupy.

Whip cream until stiff. Add salad dressing. Fold into thickened jelly. Pour into mold or pretty serving bowl. Chill until well set.



The Raven's Gift

Author: John Turk

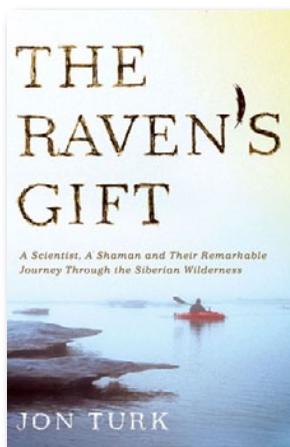
The Raven's Gift is an autobiographical adventure set in the remote and forbidding landscape of Siberia. Here, the author has a life-changing experience which alters his view of the connection between the natural and spiritual realms.

Led by his restless spirit, Jon Turk has wandered the globe, visiting people and places far removed from his childhood in rural Connecticut. While he makes his living writing college-level textbooks on environmental science, geology, chemistry and astronomy, Turk has also become a world class adventurer. He has mountain-biked through the Gobi Desert, skied mountain peaks throughout the world, made climbing ascents on the big walls in Baffin Island and kayaked around Cape Horn and across the North Pacific.

After graduating in 1971 from the University of Colorado with a Ph.D. in organic chemistry, Turk co-authored the first environmental science textbook in the United States, spearheading the development of environmental science curricula in North America. At about the same time, after a walk in the alpine

meadows in the Colorado Rockies, he realized that life was more than sitting in an office or working in a lab.

Told with insight, respect and humanity, The Raven's Gift relates Turk's remarkable journey begun in 2000 while paddling along the eastern shores of Siberia. When a storm forces Turk and his fellow kayaker Misha to take refuge in the remote town of Vyvenka, he meets an elderly woman, Moolynaut, a one-hundred-year old shaman of the Koryak people, and learns of her journeys to the spirit world. Returning to Siberia a year later, Turk experiences her healing powers when Moolynaut calls on the spirit of Kutcha, a great black raven, to help mend his pelvis which had been broken in a mountaineering accident.



As a scientist, Turk could find no logical explanation for the healing. Magic or logic - which would he choose? But, this experience changed his life, and his search for the spirit raven leads him into the vast and harsh frozen Siberian tundra where Moolynaut was born. To tell her story, the story of all indigenous peoples, he camps with the last remaining ancient Koryak

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reindeer-herders and records stories of their lives and spirituality.

Henry Pollack, Co-Winner of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with Al Gore states, “The tension between his own logical scientific background and the mysterious shamanistic wisdom of his healer is at the heart of this wonderfully-told story of Koryak life, and of his own personal transformation.”

The Raven’s Gift is an engaging narrative of a real life journey, full of imagery and personal impressions, seeing the world as our ancestors saw it. Perhaps, as Turk has expressed, lessons learned from the people who live in the wilderness may help to guide us through challenging passages in our own world.

Comings & Goings

by Nancy Choat

A chronicle of some of the recent arrivals, departures and other events at St. Mary’s and St. Stephen’s

From the Parish

The Second Annual Mother’s Walk was held on Saturday May 10th. Forty -five adults and children walked the three to five km from St Stephen’s to St Mary’s. A total of \$1335 was raised. Congratulations to all who participated and a big Thank You for all who assisted in publicizing the walk, with a special thank you to Rob’s wife, **Christine**, who brought this important fund raising event to our attention. Christine participated in The Mother’s Walk when they lived in Toronto.

Members of the Parish played a significant role at the Consecration of Bishop Logan held at Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday March 2nd. Our very own **Rob Szo** was Chaplain to the Archbishop while our Deacon, **Gil Shoosmith** was part

of the procession. **Sue** and **John Smith** joined the Cathedral choir for this special occasion. Members from both St. Stephen’s and St. Stephen’s congregations attended the ceremony, including the **Wilsons**, the **Fallans**, **David Cooper** and **Nancy Choat**.

Tuesday, March 18 marked the first meeting of the combined Parish Council for the Parish of Central Saanich! Previously, each church held their Council meetings separately. We now have one Parish Council with elected members from each church. Separate Operations Committees have been formed to deal with the day to day issues of each church. Members of each congregation are encouraged to contact the members of these important committees for up to date information.

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In May/June, **Christopher McDonald**, our ever popular youth worker is taking a much needed break in Spain to visit with family.

From St. Mary's

Bambie, our Music Director, is now the proud owner of a "new" car (new to her that is!), thanks to a tip from Nancy Choat, whose neighbour was selling her car. Bambie is very pleased with her new "reliable" 4 wheeled vehicle.

The windows and outside of St Mary's are now squeaky clean thanks to **Derek Osman**, People's Warden, now known as the Power Washer Bar None. Decked out in a yellow waterproof suit, he brought his own power washer and worked along with **Ken Pedlow** (Power Washer Emeritus?) from morning to late afternoon during the spring clean up.

St Mary's started an Easter Sunday tradition with over 20 women wearing hats to celebrate Easter. See a picture of the ladies in their Easter finery elsewhere in ConneXion.

The **Spring Fling**, held on Saturday, May 10, netted a total of over \$2000, the greatest amount ever brought in by a fund raising sale, thanks to the hard work of many parishioners.

A new fence has been installed at St Mary's along the south and west boundaries of the property. Thanks to parishioner

contributions through the Thrifty Smile Card, \$2500 went towards the cost of the fence. We also thank the "behind the scenes" work of **John Beresford**, **Len Fallan**, **Derek Osman**, **Carl Schwazer** and **Irene Feir** for the many hours spent with phone calls, letters to and discussion with the neighbours in addition to trips to the Municipal Hall.

Other noteworthy events are:

- **Pat Stanlake** celebrated her 94th birthday !
- Reverend Canon **Lorry Harrison**, our retired but still Associate Priest celebrated his 90th birthday in May. Lorry and Erica celebrated the actual day with friends and family as they enjoyed a boat trip down the Trent Canal in Ontario. A celebration honoring the occasion will be held at St. Mary's on their return from holidays.
- **John McAllister**, a member of the choir announced his engagement to **Cathy Novak**. Congratulations to John and Cathy! No wedding date as yet.

And a warm welcome to new parishioners **Jessie Kelly** and **Lorette Hickling**. For those of you who remember Bob Hickling, Lorette is his daughter.

From St. Stephen's

Congratulations to **Jayne Trimble** and **Evan Dunlop** who will be getting married at St. Stephen's Church on June 19, 2014!

We happily welcome back **Bob** and **Barbara Lake** as parishioners, as well as **Krista**

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Stubbs, daughter of Garry and Tracy Stubbs. Krista is a registered nurse and is currently working at the Royal Jubilee Hospital.

The **Spring Faire** was a great success, raising a total of \$5000.00, which will go to Outreach. All of the silent auction proceeds will go towards summer camp. Thank you to everyone for donating their time and effort!

Richard West and his gardening crew are currently working on the large area under the trees in front of the office at St. Stephens. Thanks to **Bryan Waller** for his wonderful backhoe (see the photo in The Parish in Pictures) as it certainly made the job a lot quicker and easier.

We remember **Mike Dyer's** mother, **Lillian** in our prayers, who passed away Sunday, May 18th at 101. The funeral was at St. Stephen's Church on Saturday, May 24 followed by a reception in the Hall. Interment led by Gil Shoemith was at St. Peter's Quamichan, where she rests beside her husband.

Trish House is recovering well and in her words: Life with a cardioverter defibrillator is wonderful. I breathe, have energy and am extremely grateful to all who prayed. On Saturday mornings at 8 a.m. my tune plays so the implanted computer (my 3 wires and a switch) inform the computer in the Jubilee Hospital that all is well. As my doctor's locum remarked, "You are going to have to be careful who you are in bed with on Saturday mornings."

From the Editors' Desk

We are changing things a bit with this issue. Instead of a long list of Dates to Note, most of which you know already, we are highlighting a few "special" events for you to note the date of. And enough already with Wardens' Reports – they keep telling us they don't really want to do them – and in their place there is a chattier review of what's going on in the Parish, called "Around the Parish". This is not to be confused with "Comings and Goings" which Nancy Choat does, which

reports on events and celebrations which have happened during the last three months.

Thanks to Len (and others) for the photos, to Trish for her thoughtful piece, to Sue Smith 1 (to distinguish her from Sue Smith 2) for the Book Review, to Leslie for the scrumptious recipe, to David and Ruth for the Cemetery story, and to Leslie and Tracy who cheerfully put up with last minute questions – and of course to John Beresford, without whom this newsletter would fade away.

Sandra Scarth and John Smith, Co-Editors

Adventure Narnia



Aslan from The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

The Parish of Central Saanich is hosting 2014's Saanichton summer camp for children, ages 5-12 from July 7th through 11th! Kids will enter into the land of Narnia and there will explore Bible stories, go on adventures, conquer challenges, create lasting projects, and worship together with new and old friends. The four Pevensie children and Aslan himself will help guide the campers through this magical land, showing them what it can be like to see the world with Jesus. But wait, there's more!

- *Water games*
- *Parachute games*
- *Soccer and other field games*
- *Human-sized hamster balls*
- *and a Friday BBQ!*

July 7, 2014

St. Stephen's Anglican Church

Parish Of Central Saanich

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St. Stephen's **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 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 1:00

The Last Word: Announcements from other churches

- The fasting and prayer conference includes meals.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- In the absence of the Rector, the visiting Rev. Adams spoke briefly, much to the delight of the congregation.