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*What would we do without volunteers?
Thank you Trevor for all you do.
Photo by: Brian Fox-Schmidt*

Marriage Canon

I've been thinking and thinking about a topic for my editorial, and what comes to the forefront is something I'm very unqualified to talk about - the defeat of the change to the marriage canon to include gay marriage, in the Anglican Church. Please forgive me if I'm totally "off-base" in my comments.

In conversation with a friend, about the Anglican gay marriage debate, this comment was made, "I have no problem with gay people, we have a good friend who is gay (this qualification comes up all the time), but I don't see why they make such a big deal about it." I used to think that way. I, personally, had no problem with gay people, so why should it be a big deal for others, both for those who were antagonistic to LGBTQ people and for LGBTQ people themselves. Why the

hate and fear and why the gay pride parade? Live and let live, I thought. I've come around to thinking differently.

If I wasn't willing, or able, to understand the "haters," I also wasn't particularly willing, or able, to understand what it would feel like to be LGBTQ. Just as we dismiss Aboriginal people's issues by telling them to "just get over it," we trivialize the LGBTQ community by just "friending" them, e.g. "I'm OK with gay people, I have a gay friend, but why do they want to flaunt it." Many of us tend not to want to delve much deeper into what underlies the antagonism, nor the need for LGBTQ people to not just be accepted, but to feel "whole."

Deeply felt feelings and deeply held beliefs are often difficult to objectively examine or honestly

confront. We would rather “not go there.” But that conversation has to happen.

That conversation is happening in the Anglican Church today. It has been, and will continue to be, an emotional and difficult conversation. But only “conversation,” open dialogue and,

most important of all, compassion, will lead to mutual understanding and the way forward. Let’s hope the dialogue continues and that there will be “another day.”

Hattie

A WORD/PICTURE OF THE RECTOR

Instead of ‘A Word from the Rector,’ we have a ‘Picture of the Rector.’ David is at Sorrento Centre busy leading a workshop, along with Lorie Martin and Katherine Murray, called Celtic Treasures, exploring Celtic Spirituality.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND PICTURES OF YOUR SUMMER!

ST. DUNSTAN HAPPENINGS

RE-USE IT SALE

April 12 and 13 St. Dunstan held a very successful re-use it sale. Fourteen people volunteered to help and \$1400 was raised. Proceeds will go toward scholarships, so all can participate in the many workshops and

activities offered through our Spiritual Renewal Centre.

Thank you to every one who contributed items, helped with set up and sales, and purchased treasures to take home.



Working together with a smile.

HOLY WEEK AT ST. DUNSTAN'S

PRAYER STATIONS



Prayer stations in the Sanctuary provided Parishioners with quiet spaces for contemplation and prayer throughout the season of Lent.

Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who work to keep our Sanctuary constantly changing and beautiful, in keeping with the Liturgical calendar.



PALM SUNDAY

Opening prayers and “marching orders” in the church hall.





David, Helen and Lorie lead the way around the church.

The congregation follows.

"Hi to you too, Diane."

And around the bushes to the church towers.

(Did David get lost along the way?)





Here they come around the church towers and into the labyrinth.

Helen leads the congregation through the labyrinth singing and waving palms.



And back into the church.



“And the first shall be last”

There is David, at the end
of the line.

Ready to start the service.





“Hosanna! Alleluia”!

MAUNDY THURSDAY



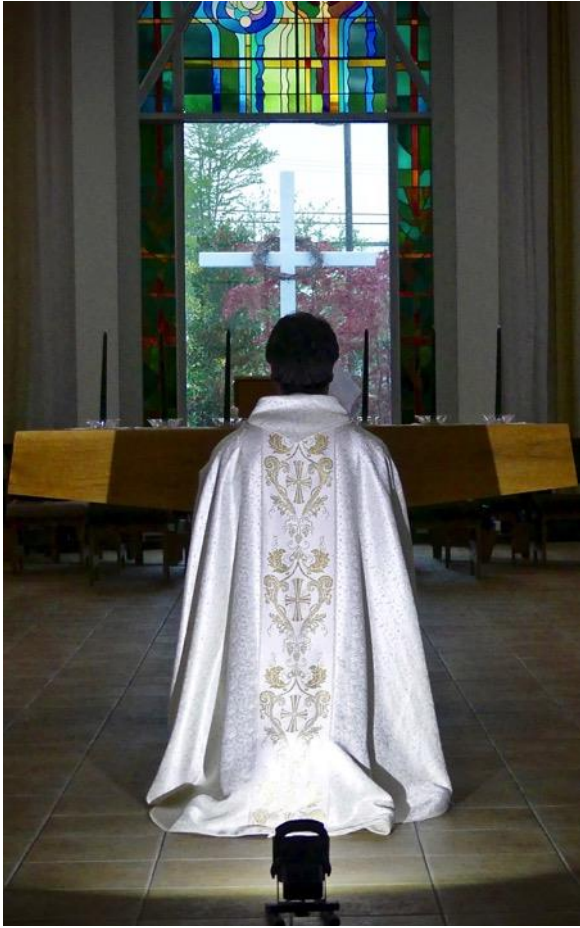
The Reverend Helen led the Maundy Thursday Service.

“Maundy (from the Vulgate of John 13:34 mandatum meaning “command”), or the Washing of the Feet, or Pedelavium, is a religious rite observed by various Christian denominations. ... The term mandatum (maundy), therefore, was applied to the rite of foot-washing on this day of the Christian Holy Week called Maundy Thursday.”

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foot_washing



The altar is stripped on Maundy Thursday to focus on the cross, and to emphasize the emptiness of a world without Christ.



The church lies quiet in the dark night as Parishioners keep a vigil inside.

Thank you to Brian A. Fox-Schmidt for almost all the Holy Week photos.

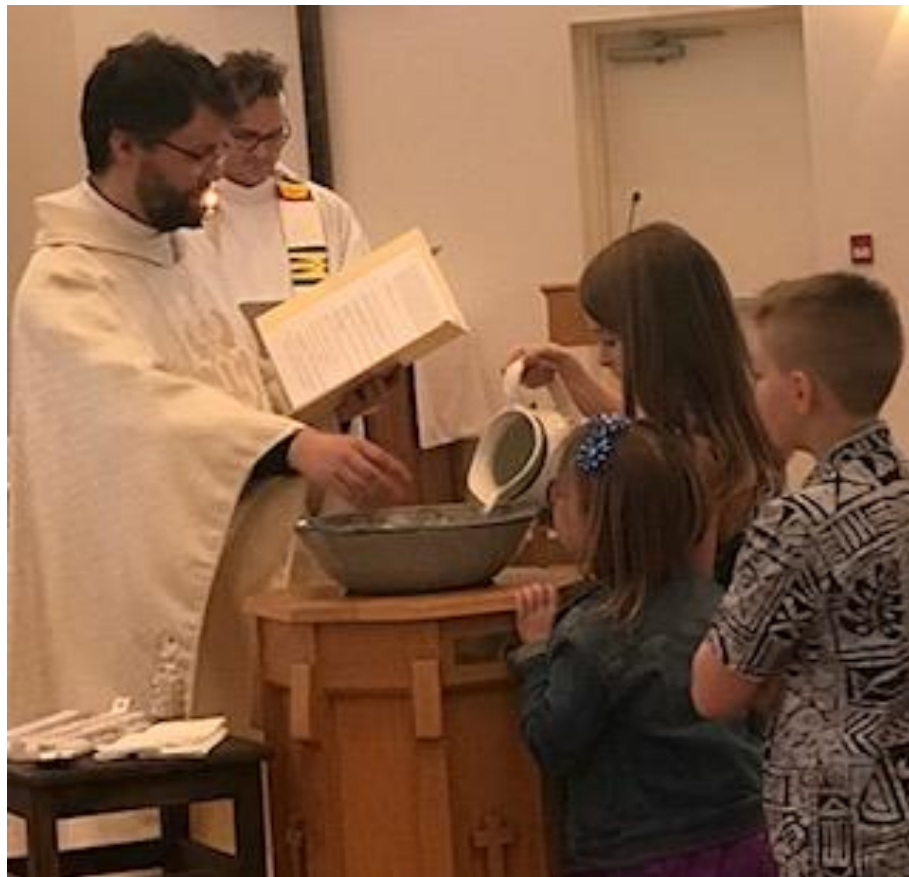
GOOD FRIDAY

The Good Friday service at St. Dunstan's is always solemn and reverent.



BEAUTIFUL BAPTISMS - EASTER 2019

By: Lorie Martin





EASTER

"Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name."





Easter is a joyous time at St. Dunstan's. A time of light, joy and hope after the despair and sorrow of Good Friday.

The flower bedecked cross glowed in the sunshine.

There always seem to be special surprises at Easter:



special guest singers in the choir,



special cookies made by Janice De Ruiter,



and special white tulips donated by Darlene Hotner.



The lovely white tulips that adorned the cross and were displayed in the Sanctuary are called “Peter’s Legacy.” They are a new tulip variety developed by Alexis Warmerdam. Alexis, a third generation Canadian tulip farmer, named the tulip after her



Dutch immigrant grandfather, Peter, who founded the farm in 1974.

“Peter’s Legacy” tulips were baptized at a special ceremony on April 5, at the start of the Abbotsford Tulip Festival.

MEDITATION HIKE

By: Lorie Martin and Kathleen Wiens

The beauty, prayer, and joy of being together on today’s meditation hike at Chilliwack Community Forest.



BYRD DOG

St. Dunstan's Social Committee never ceases to impress. After Elvis, Nearly Neill, Peter, Paul and Mary, they brought us Byrd Dawg, a tribute band for the Everly Brothers and Simon and Garfunkel. They were wonderful!

Once a year the Social Committee organizes and produces an extravaganza. Not only do they line up great entertainment, they also put together a delicious dinner with all the trimmings, including coffee and dessert, they provide wine and beer for

those who wish it, and they gather a wide range of wonderful items for the Silent Auction. It is truly a "full meal deal." Thank You Social Committee - Doug Tindall, Jackie Betts, Barb and Rich Popham, Robert Tancock, Corinne Mennen, Christina Ford, Larry and Irene McGuinness, Lin Niefert, and Wendy Williams, and any one who may have been forgotten.

The St. Dunstan Social Gala is always a popular event and very much enjoyed by those who attend. This year was no exception.



*The tables are set.
The cooks are in the kitchen.
The lovely cakes, made by Christina are on the tables.*





Our faithful and incomparable chef, Rich Popham, takes a well-deserved break from the kitchen.



Special guests for the evening, Mayor Jack Froese and his wife Debbie.



Charlie Fox, a familiar voice to all, emcees the evening and introduces the musicians.

Byrd Dawg, has been called “the ultimate tribute to two iconic duos - The Everly Brothers” and Simon and Garfunkel.” (from the Aldergrove Star)

The vocalists are Joel Dietrich and Wayne Rempel, both Aldergrove residents who came together as back up singers, singing harmony, for another St. Dunstan favourite , “Elvis” aka Steve Elliott.



They discovered that their voices blended well together and decided to try some Everly Brothers songs. One song led to another and eventually to forming of a tribute band to the Everly Brothers and Simon and Garfunkel. Other members of the band include

another Aldergrove resident, Steve Labish, on bass, Gord Davies on guitar, Dave Alexander on keyboard and Sean Lang on the drums.

They played a wide variety of popular songs from both groups and were a pleasure to listen to.



The Silent Auction is always a popular feature at the St. Dunstan Gala. This year organizers Diane Fox and Lee Ann Tarasoff, with the help of Cori Waugh and others, outdid themselves with a wide variety of gift certificates, as well as numerous other interesting items.



A colourful basket of peppers and tomatoes.

Debating who should bid on this particular item? Or arguing over who wants it most!



The lively music encouraged dancing.



David "busting a move" with Linda.

Doug and Carol, getting into the swing of it.



Marilyn shares a laugh with her daughter, on the dance floor.

APPRECIATION LUNCH

There is nothing that brings people together better, than sharing a meal. The newcomers, or “newer-comers”, organized and prepared a special lunch for the old-timers and every one else.

It was a well-attended and joyful event, appreciated by all. To quote Marilyn Isaak, “It was a beautiful community experience for the

newcomers of St. Dunstan’s to prepare and share lunch with the long timers after the Sunday service on May 26.”

Other comments: “Such a gift to be part of the community here.” (Marilyn Isaak) “A delightful gathering with great lunch provided by our newcomers. Much appreciated by us all.” (Joe Baker) “T’was great fun!” (Peter Wolfe)



Beautifully set and decorated tables reflect the thought, care and energy put into making this lunch a special occasion.



Delectable food ready to go.



Last minute instructions to the crew.



The church hall was full.



People ate and chatted enjoying fellowship with the old timers and new comers.



Service with a smile!

Thank you to those newcomers who came up with the idea for an Appreciation Lunch, and did such an amazing job bringing it to fruition. We ALL appreciate you!

THURSDAY MEAL

The Thursday Meal is always something to look forward to for all who attend. Great food and fellowship is there all the time, but with strawberries in season, June 6 meant a special treat - Strawberry crepes!



“So delicious!! Thank you Janice for every perfect crepe you made!” (Laura Wilkinson Wallace)

Thank you Marilyn Isaak for sharing these photos.



Our Community Meal ensures that there is a hot, home-cooked meal for the community every Thursday evening.

We serve about 45 people each week, many of whom rely on this meal for their daily bread.

We encourage people to pay what they can. No one is turned away.

Volunteers, hosts, cooks are always needed. Please connect with the office if you would like to help in anyway.

CREATIVE JOURNALING

By: Hattie Hogeterp

My daughter, Jessica, and I attended the “Intro to Creative Journaling” Workshop facilitated by Kathie MacDuff at St. Dunstan’s, through the Centre for Spiritual Renewal. We had a wonderful day. It was a great opportunity for some mother-daughter bonding, and to explore our creative side. Although Jessica and I did this as a “girls getting together” thing, it was definitely not just for women. There were several men in the group who participated as eagerly as the ladies and were equally inspired.

Kathie MacDuff, the presenter is a journalist and an artist. She showed us several different ways of using mixed media, to explore our emotions and to



express our thoughts and feelings through writing and art. She even showed us a “secret” way to write that allows for open expression, without fear of some one else reading it, but also creates a beautiful pattern.

Although art is the medium, Kathie took us beyond art and writing into exploring our feelings and emotions and making sense of what we do.

Helping people nurture their soul through art writing and art is Kathie's passion. She is the Artist in Residence at the Good Shepherd Art Studio in Calgary and is the Expressive Arts Team Leader at Wellspring, a cancer

supportive care community and the Tom Baker Cancer Centre's Arts in Medicine program.

The workshop was a wonderful experience for both of us. Jessica said she would've gladly signed up for Kathie's weeklong workshop at Sorrento, if she could have. Maybe next year.



Busy at work on our projects.



How we chose to illustrate our journals varied greatly, reflecting what had meaning for each of us. The gentleman who drew the fish is hoping to use the image in a children's book he is writing.

These two ladies prepared a delicious lunch. Thank you Katherine Murray and Lesley Wieler.



Displaying our creations.



Jessica and I had a wonderful time and will certainly attend again if Kathie comes back to St. Dunstan's. We highly recommend this workshop.

PENTECOST

What happened on Pentecost?

Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the twelve apostles, Jesus' mother and family, and many other of His disciples gathered together in Jerusalem for the Jewish harvest festival that was celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover. While they were indoors praying, a sound like that of a rushing wind filled the house and tongues of fire descended and rested over each of their heads. This was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on human flesh promised by God through the prophet Joel (Joel 2:28-29). The disciples were suddenly empowered to proclaim the gospel of the risen Christ. They went out into the streets of Jerusalem and began preaching to the crowds gathered for the festival. Not only did the disciples preach with boldness and vigor, but by a miracle of the Holy Spirit they spoke in the native languages of the people present, many who had come from all corners of the

Roman Empire. This created a sensation. The apostle Peter seized the moment and addressed the crowd, preaching to them about Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. The result was that about three thousand converts were baptized that day. (You can read the Biblical account of Pentecost in Acts 2:1-41).

<https://www.staidan.ca/blog/what-is-pentecost>





Red is the colour of Pentecost, to signify the tongues of fire that lit the apostles on Pentecost.



On Pentecost Sunday St. Dunstan welcomed the Reverend Laurel Dykstra as guest preacher. The Reverend Dykstra is the priest-in-charge at Salal and Cedar, the eco-justice worshipping community of the Diocese of New Westminster.

“Laurel has a BSc in biology and knows the species and geography of this bioregion. During her curacy in North Vancouver 2012-2014, Laurel helped catalyze the eco-social justice group, initiated a popular outdoor worship service, co-organized public education events on pipelines, incorporated

environmental theology into regular worship, and brought Christian eco-theology performance, Affording Hope, to BC. She recently led a consultation with diocesan youth and young adults under the national church’s Marks of Mission Champions project, a chance for the church to hear from youth and young adults themselves about their understanding of the Fifth Mark of Mission.”

<http://salalandcedar.com/about/rev-laurel-dykstra/>

The fifth mark of mission of the Anglican Church is: “To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

BERTRAND CREEK CLEAN UP

The Reverend Dykstra led a group of St. Dunstan children and adults in cleaning up our local Bertrand Creek. The Bertrand Creek Enhancement Society has spent a great deal of time and energy to clean and maintain the

creek, so it can once again be the home of spawning salmon. The efforts of those who participated will be much appreciated by them and by all the creatures and plants that call the creek home.



Off to work they go!



*Into the trash it goes!
Well done crew.*



Way to go Nathan!

SCHOOL FOR PARISH DEVELOPMENT

By: Carol Tindall

During the week of June 16-24, myself, Doug Tindall, Lorie Martin, Katherine Murray, Marisa Farr and Sherry Wright attended the School for Parish Development at UBC.

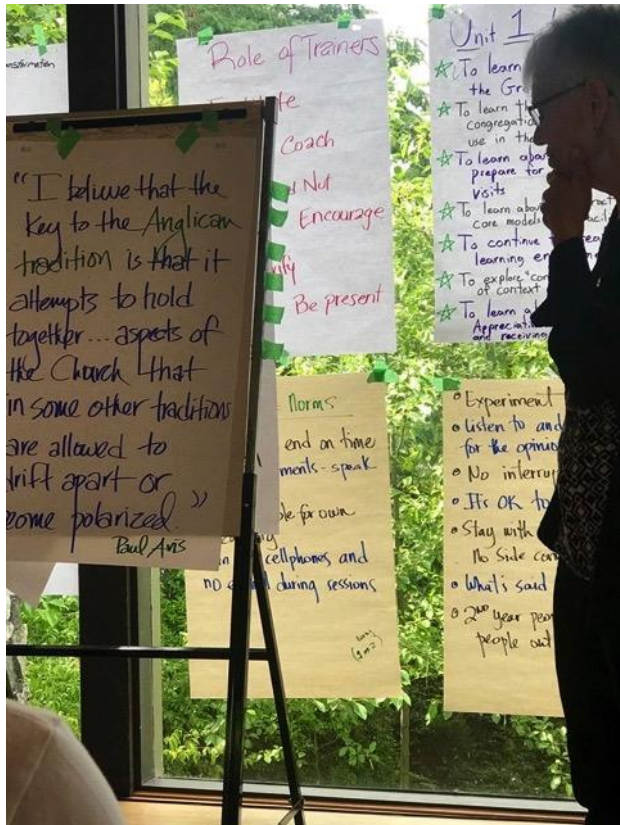
The week was intense, filled with many learning opportunities to help us ensure that our parish continues to stay healthy.

We connected with friends from the Episcopal Diocese of the Northern Philippines and renewed and made new



connections with folks from other parishes and the Diocese.

One of the most important things I will take away from these past two years is that our parish can never take for granted who we are and what we offer. We must continually use what we have learned to live out God's vision for St. Dunstan's.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

MEET THE TANCOCKS

By: Mary Gillanders

Both Theresa and Robert grew up in the Valley, Theresa in Ocean Park/Surrey, Robert in Ladner. Robert went into foster care at 13 months, and was raised by loving, caring parents.

The two met in Tsawassen, and Theresa says her first reaction was "Get me away from this fruitcake!" Obviously that first impression didn't last, Robert persisted, they started dating, and married in 1988.

Theresa's parents (Jean and Jim Martin), were Anglican, so Theresa was baptized and confirmed at St. Marks Ocean Park. Robert attended the United Church, switched to the Anglican church once they were married. They lived in a basement suite for about a year, looking forward to starting a family, but went through a very scary time when daughter Meagan was born. She was premature - 8 weeks early, was incubated and remained in hospital from August until October, when they were finally able to bring her home. Then, in 1991, when son Michael arrived, they moved into a townhouse in Aldergrove.

They tried both St. Albans and St. Dunstons, and were very involved in church activities, Robert doing the cleaning, Theresa singing in the choir, and teaching Sunday School, and both teaching Pioneer Kids.

Michael became ill with Wilms Tumor at age 5 and Theresa and Robert will always hold St. Dunstan's dear in their hearts for the outpouring of support and love they were offered during his illness.

After the two churches amalgamated, they were happy to call St. Dunstons home, and have since both served on Parish Council, Theresa twice as one of our wardens. Both Meagan and Michael were also active as part of our church family, and many will remember Michael's brilliant trumpet playing. (Definitely a musical family - Theresa's occasional solos as a member of our choir always touch the heart.) Somehow in the midst of all this activity, the family also moved again, this time into the house where they still live.

Through the years, Robert worked as shipper and receiver for

Delta Pacific Seafoods - 40 years in all- and is looking forward to retirement in a year or so. Theresa was initially a stay at home mom, and they were both very involved with the various activities the kids were busy with. They coached soccer, T-ball, and skating, and Meagan and Michael's skipping team.

As the two children got older, Theresa went to work for the Township, teaching preschool and music at the Rec. Centre. She also worked in the concession at the ice rink. (Not sure when she slept)! In 1997, she took the Special Ed. Teaching Assistant training course through the Langley School District. She also, graduated from the Douglas College Intervenor Certificate Program, allowing her to work with individuals with deafblindness

She was then offered a job by the Canadian Deaf/Blind Association, the BC Chapter, as their Family Services Coordinator. She has been doing that work ever since.

As for the "kids", Meagan is a qualified paramedic, and lives in Edmonton with her husband and two adorable children. Michael is happily living and working in Abbotsford, and has a lovely girlfriend.

So as the saying goes, life is good for the Dynamic Duo.



PARTNER PARISH

ST. DUNSTAN ANGLICAN CHURCH IN CATENGAN, THE PHILLIPINES

As you may, or may not, be aware St. Dunstan Aldergrove has a partner parish in the Philippines, also called St. Dunstan's.

Padi Jane M. AO-AS, was recently installed as the first rector of the Full-Fledge Parish of St. Dunstan Catengan and St. Jerome Besao. She was also the first Rector when it was still an Aided Parish.

If you are interested in finding out more about St. Dunstan, Catengan, follow their facebook page: EDNP Facebook Group.



Bishop Brent delivering his inspirational talk.



Members of the congregation of St. Jerome on their welcome song.



An intermission by the students at Bunga Elementary School.

OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY

Special Olympics-BC held their final bowling practice at the Aldergrove Bowling Alley. Our own Jeremy Wright is



a member of the BC Special Olympics bowling team.

Twenty four year old Jeremy is an “avid sportsmen” who competes in Special Olympic events and has brought home medals. Jeremy’s Dad, Barrie, is head coach for the team. We have celebrated some of his medals when he’s brought them to church to share with us.



The following article is from the Aldergrove Star.

Special Olympics BC - Langley athletes bowled their final night this past Friday in Aldergrove.

Fifty athletes, aged 18 to 70, bowled in teams - this time alongside their coaches - to celebrate another successful season.

Coach Greg Douglas has five years of experience under his belt as a certified trainer for the organization.

“As a coach my role is to ultimately better their game,” Douglas said, explaining that each coach assists in training six or seven athletes.

“We are all volunteers. No one here is paid,” Douglas said.

The bowling program commandeers 10 lanes at the Aldergrove bowling alley a

few nights a week starting at 6 p.m. from October to June.

“We have 100 athletes split into two bowling nights,” Mondays and Fridays, Douglas said.

The alley teemed with parents, caregivers, coaches, and respite workers to assist their diverse roster of special needs athletes during the final night.

Most players attend programs during the day in place of “full time work,” Douglas said, their weekly night of bowling is a time to have fun with friends.

“They have such team spirit for each other. As soon as someone enters the alley it’s all hugs and love - they coach

each other and give each other pointers on their game too,” Douglas added.

Head coach Barry Wright rotates players in five championship tournaments every year, so each athlete gets a chance to compete. Provincial tournaments - like this year’s BC Special Winter Olympics in Vernon - occur every three years, with nationals to follow. In February 10 athletes travelled to Vernon to compete in various bowling competition categories individual high single, pins over average, pins over

average in triple games and more.

The local contingent returned with silver medals.

Coach Douglas admitted to learning a lot from these determined athletes.

“They always find a way to adapt, conquer, and succeed in their performances,” Douglas said.

“And they don’t see age, race, gender, or disabilities - they see abilities. We could all learn a lot from them,” he concluded.

The winter league will be back, up and running in October.

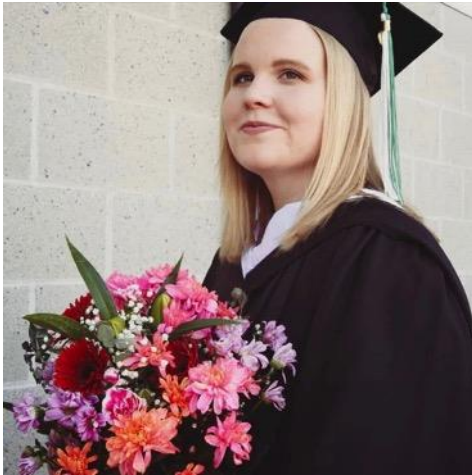


Head Coach Barrie Wright with Langley bowlers and their coaches at this year’s Special Olympics in Vernon. They came home with silver medals. Way to go Langley bowlers!

THE WORLD BEYOND

JOURNEY TO THE SOUTH HEBRON HILLS

By: Katy Olley



It's just after sunset on what was a warm, beautiful afternoon full of repetitive chores, friendly conversations, and planning for the summer. However, as I sit to write I can't help but be taken back to sunset a month ago and reminisce on the different circumstances I found myself in then. This is because a month ago I was in the occupied territories of the West Bank meeting with Palestinians who are living under Israeli occupation.



Here, repetitive chores and conversations are interspersed with preparing for the arrival of Israeli

military to demolish a home or avoiding the stones of Zionist settlers who follow no laws or lining up for hours at a checkpoint to get to work.

I visited Palestine on a mission trip with an organization called Christian Peacemaker Teams, focusing on learning about non-violent resistance under the occupation. The goal of CPT is to be a witness to injustice in Palestine and to return to western society with this new knowledge and force change from our own countries. We visited many different organizations and villages, but one place I'll never forget are the South Hebron Hills.



In the Hills, the daily lives of Palestinians are continuously disrupted because they refuse to leave their villages and their homes, despite Israel's constant harassment. Israel has placed most Palestinian homes in the hills under demolition orders and the military could show up to a village at any moment to tear down buildings. In fact, the morning of our excursion to the southern hills we visited a village called Susiya, which had been the site

of a demolition only an hour before our arrival.



When we got there, the family was still in the process of collecting their belongings and deciding what they should do next. The Israeli military threatened the family, stating that if they rebuilt their tents in the same spot



their permits to get into Jerusalem would be taken away. This would be detrimental to this family because the men all worked in Jerusalem and needed the permits to be able to attend work.

The family decided it was best to relocate to another area, so we helped them load their meager possessions onto a truck to be moved. It was heart

wrenching to not only see their home destroyed, but also to see their resignation over the fact that they were being forced to move despite being on their own land. We learned that this was the fourth time this family's tents had been destroyed and they were no longer surprised when the military showed up; they were just happy no one had been hurt and the family was safe.



This is the type of resilience we saw on a day to day basis, in a place where living a normal life has become a form of resistance. These Palestinians refused let the destruction of their home discourage them or force them to leave Palestine and this sentiment is carried over to everyone in the villages of the South Hebron Hills.

One of the memories that most sticks out in my mind of the South Hebron Hills is sleeping in a cave in the hills. After visiting Susiya and another village, we went to At Twani, where we met with a group called the Youth of Sumud. This group is made up of young Palestinians (most of whom are students) living in the hills who believe in non-violent resistance and the strength of peaceful popular protest of the Israeli occupation. The group told us about their work in the hills and the success they have had, such as reopening a road that connects

neighbouring villages to At Tuwani so the children are able to attend school.

At Tuwani is the only village in the hills that Israel recognizes, meaning it has some basic services that other villages don't have, such as a school, water, electricity, and the ability to build (as long as it's within the small area of land given to the village).



The Youth of Sumud have also been working on renovating some caves in the hills so that villagers are able to live on the land that rightfully belongs to them. So far, they have made two caves habitable; one they keep for themselves and the other they gave to a Palestinian family. We were lucky enough to be able to stay in the cave the Youth of Sumud kept for themselves, which they call the Sumud Freedom Camp.

In the distance, an illegal Israeli settlement is visible from the cave entrance, 'hidden' among some trees on a hilltop. In the hazy light of the setting sun and the watchful eye of the settlers, we celebrated iftar with the



group (as it was Ramadan when we visited) and shared our stories about what had brought us there. After dinner and as the stars began to light up the sky, we sat and chatted, messing around and sharing jokes as any group of young people would do. We stayed up until the early hours of the morning, getting to know one another better and watching some of the guys work on digging a pit for a future kitchen. It was like we didn't want the night to end, but we gradually moved into the cave to sleep for a couple hours, exhausted from our conversations. It was a night I will carry with me forever, an act of resistance so banal and normal in



western society it would never be considered a way to resist.

For westerners, resisting consists of protests and written letters to members of parliament. In the occupied territories, resistance is enjoying life, being proud to be a Palestinian and showing no fear in the face of the State of Israel. The constant threat of the military and settlers will never be enough to break the Palestinian people, as their connection to their land goes beyond a westerner's understanding and their will to remain on their land is stronger than Israel's hatred of them. Palestinians will get their land back and they will be able to live as equals with all others in their country because any

other option is simply unthinkable to the Palestinians themselves.



"They used to say Palestinians fight like heroes. Now they say heroes fight like Palestinians.

SPECIAL FEATURE

BEWARE THE KNITTERS

By: Hattie Hogeterp



You may think, in this day and age, that knitting is something engaged in by little old ladies sitting around a

"Knitting is a technique of producing fabric from a strand of yarn or wool. Unlike weaving, knitting does not require a loom or other large equipment, making it a valuable technique for nomadic and non-agrarian peoples.

The oldest knitted artefacts are socks from Egypt, dating from the 11th century CE. They are a very fine gauge, done with complex colorwork and some have a short row heel, which necessitates the purl stitch. These complexities suggest that knitting is even older than the archeological record can prove."

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_knitting#Early_origins_of_knitting

tea or coffee pot gossiping gently about family and friends. Don't be fooled.

Beware of the knitters - a force to be reckoned with.

Knitting hasn't always been confined to such prosaic purposes as producing socks, sweaters and toques for the menfolk and children of the family. I was reminded of that just recently, when I heard that Ravelry banned pro-Trump posts on its website.

Knitting has been used to make political statements more than once. During the French Revolution the Tricoteuse, knitting women, sat at the guillotine knitting. Why they were there and why they were knitting, is subject to interpretation. Perhaps they knit, because they always knitted, keeping their hands busy with useful work. Charles Dickens in his book A Tale of Two Cities puts a more sinister spin on it, portraying Madame Defarge who knits the names of the aristocrats to be executed, into hats and socks. Certainly the Tricoteuse knit the liberty caps, or Phrygian cap, that symbolized the revolution.

From: <https://timeline.com/tricoteuse-french-revolution-b9887af073f4>

Knitting has also been used to support the war efforts, as in the First World War, when knitters helped supply the troops with large amounts of hats, scarves, socks, sweaters, mufflers and balaclavas to supplement their uniforms. In World War II "Knitting for Victory" was encouraged in Great

Britain, Canada and the United States. People were encouraged to knit socks for the troops.

Now Ravelry, an online network for knitters, crocheters, designers, spinners and dyers, to get information and share ideas, with eight million members throughout the world, has banned pro-Trump posts on its website.

This isn't the first time Ravelry has been connected to protest. The pink pussy hats worn by women in the Women's March on Washington were knit hats, from Ravelry patterns. The Women's March on Washington was the largest single-day protest in US history. "According to organizers, the goal was to 'send a bold message to our new administration on their first day in office, and to the world that women's rights are human rights'". From: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_Women%27s_March



A statement from Ravelry makes it quite clear that they are not banning Pro-Trump posts for political reasons, but for human rights reasons.

The statement from Ravelry:

"We cannot provide a space that is inclusive of all and also allow support for open white supremacy," Ravelry wrote in a post on its website on Sunday. "Support of the Trump administration is undeniably support for white supremacy." Administrators add that they're not banning conservative viewpoints or pro-Trump thought. Rather, they're trying to prevent hateful and intolerant content from appearing on its site.

Ravelry will effectively scrub its site of a wide range of pro-Trump patterns, such as Build the Wall sweaters, Make America Great Again tuques and POTUS tea cozie.”

From: <https://globalnews.ca/news/5428599/knitting-site-ravelry-bans-trump-white-supremacy/>

So, beware the power of knitters! There may be more going on there than you think! It also underlines

the idea that change can be generated, by ordinary people doing ordinary, and understated things.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Do you recognize these folks?

Three amigos?



Isn't this just the cutest family?



Coffee lady then?

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Christian Formation Group

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

7:00PM - 8:00PM

Every Wednesday evening from 7pm to 8, facilitated by David Taylor

Lectio & Labyrinth

Friday, September 6, 2019

11:30AM - 1:30PM

St. Dunstan's

Walk the Labyrinth; Pray Friday's at Mid Day, facilitated by David Taylor; Lorie Martin

Start-Up Sunday

Sunday, September 8, 2019

10:00AM - 12:00PM

The feast of new beginnings

Salmon Barbecue

Saturday, September 14, 2019

Spiritual Companions Group START UP

Sunday, September 15, 2019

Meeting after church

Spiritual Practice Evening

Sunday, September 15, 2019

7:00PM - 8:30PM

St. Dunstan's Parish, Aldergrove/Langley

Holy Cross Day

Messy Church

Friday, September 20, 2019

4:30PM - 6:30PM

St. Dunstan's Parish, Aldergrove/Langley

Parish Retreat Morning

Saturday, September 21, 2019

9:00AM - 12:00PM

St. Dunstan's Parish, Aldergrove/Langley

Listening Prayer

Healing Prayer Teams Retreat

Saturday, September 21, 2019

12:00PM - 4:00PM

St. Dunstan's Parish, Aldergrove/Langley

Afternoon Retreat

Orange Shirt Sunday

Sunday, September 22, 2019

10:00AM - 11:30AM

St. Dunstan's Parish, Aldergrove/Langley

Sung Evening Prayer

Sunday, September 22, 2019

7:30PM - 8:30PM

St. Dunstan's Parish, Aldergrove/Langley

An hour of sung prayer, stillness, scripture; sacred space with prayer stations with Cathy Hardy

OCTOBER**Spiritual Practice Evening**

Sunday, October 6, 2019

7:00PM - 8:30PM

St. Dunstan's Parish, Aldergrove/Langley

St. Francis Day

Contemplative Retreat on the Rule of Life

Friday, October 11, 2019

Westminster Abbey in Mission

Facilitated by Lorie Martin and David Taylor. A day retreat at a beautiful spot overlooking the Fraser...

Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday, October 13, 2019

10:00AM - 11:30AM

St. Dunstan's Parish, Aldergrove/Langley

The Grand Embrace III

October 24 - 26, 2019

6:00PM - 4:30PM

St. Dunstan's Parish, Aldergrove/Langley

An amazing few days of spiritual renewal through stories, theological reflection, music, prayer stations, workshops, with Wm. Paul Young, Cathy AJ Hardy, Dr. Brad Jersak, and Lorie Martin.

NOVEMBER

Spiritual Practice Evening

Sunday, November 3, 2019

7:00PM - 8:30PM

St. Dunstan's Parish, Aldergrove/Langley

Linger in the Eucharist with Helen Tervo

Centering Prayer

Saturday, November 9, 2019

10:00AM - 3:00PM

St. Dunstan's Parish, Aldergrove/Langley

with Gene Fraser

Centering Prayer Program starts

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

6:00PM - 7:30PM

St. Dunstan's Parish, Aldergrove/Langley

Follow up evenings - Tuesday, November 12, 19, 26 Dec 2, 2019

6:00PM - 7:30PM St. Dunstan's Parish, Aldergrove/Langley

Parish Advent Retreat

Saturday, November 30, 2019

9:00AM - 12:00PM

St. Dunstan's Parish, Aldergrove/Langley

Half Day Retreat

LGBTQ+ "SAFE PLACES"

Saturday, November 30

6:00 PM

Evening Dinner followed with a retreat evening with Gillian Drader and Deanna Brandt.

DECEMBER

Christmas Tea & Bake Sale

Saturday, December 7, 2019

1:00PM - 4:00PM

St. Dunstan's Parish, Aldergrove/Langley

Craft and baked items available for purchase

Spiritual Practice Evening

Sunday, December 8, 2019

7:00PM - 8:30PM

St. Dunstan's Parish, Aldergrove/Langley

Time With Mary

Langley Chorus Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 14, 2019

3:00PM - 5:00PM

St. Dunstan's Parish, Aldergrove/Langley

Langley Community Chorus is performing their annual Christmas Concert.

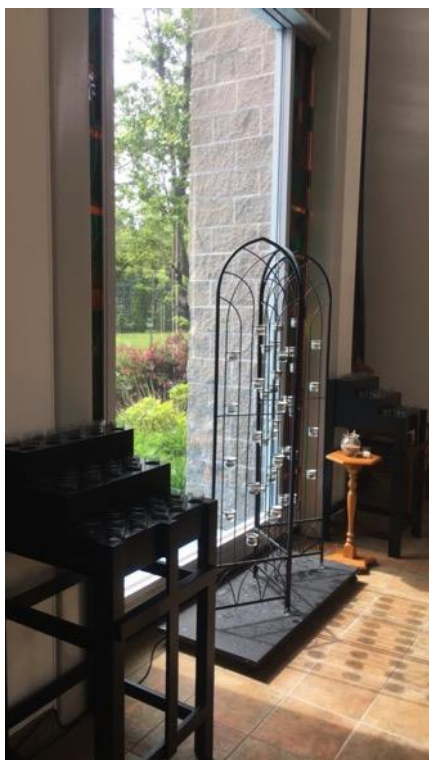
St. Dunstan's Choir Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 15, 2019

7:00PM - 8:00PM

St. Dunstan's Parish, Aldergrove/Langley

Join us on Sunday, December 15th at 7pm for a musical performance by our very own choir. Admission by donation



What would we do without the work of volunteers?

Thanks, Bruce Kennedy, for these AMAZING votive stands.
Let our prayers rise up, like incense.



A Special Thank YOU
to Bill and the others
who
help keep the
labyrinth amazingly
beautiful!