



EVENTS AROUND THE DIOCESE



All Saints', Mission, Strawberry Tea

Saturday, June 11th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Tickets to be reserved in advance

\$10.00 per person, pay at the door,

\$5.00 children 12 & under.

Please phone the church at 604-826-2814.

Enjoy strawberries and angel food cake, tea & coffee.

Entertainment for your enjoyment.

ACW ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, June 18, 2022 10 AM to 1 PM

Please join us for our annual Open House

If you haven't been to ACW Place, now is a great time to visit and see how we prepare the bales and layettes. Enjoy hot dogs and fellowship with Board members. Bring along friends who have not visited ACW Place before.

Considering the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
ST. JOHN THE DIVINE ANGLICAN CHURCH
21299 RIVER ROAD MAPLE RIDGE, B.C. 604-463-5733

ROYAL STRAWBERRY TEA & BAZAAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022 11:00am - 3:00pm

Free admission to Bazaar Crafts, baked goods,

New 2 You, plants, painting, woodworking.

\$10 for Royal Tea Service Includes Sandwich,

Strawberry Shortcake, Beverage

(all served at your table)



STRAWBERRY TEA

ST. HELEN'S, SURREY

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

1 - 3 PM

TICKETS: \$8.00

(Strawberry Shortcake & Beverage)

HOME BAKING, RAFFLE

10787 128 Street, Surrey

Church Office: 604-581-4800

Message from Diocesan ACW President

It's so lovely to see the sun shining today. Despite the many cold and wet days earlier this spring, the flowers I planted much too early are now strong and thriving. Their resilience and beauty remind me of our Anglican Church Women. I am delighted to be one of you! Together, we are quite a colourful and aspiring group. As your newly appointed president, I pray that the Lord will guide me in leading you forward in the coming years.

I'd like to get to know more of you and hear about your groups. I have already received an invitation to meet with the ACW group at St. George, Fort Langley in September. I'm looking forward to meeting the ladies in a smaller gathering in which we can chat and get to know one another better. It will be nice to meet with more small groups over time.

Our ACW Place open house is Saturday, June 18th from 10am – 2pm. Beth will have the BBQ going with hot dogs and many other treats. You'll have the opportunity to see a baby bale put together and where all the clothes etc. are gathered for the big bales that we send North. I'll be there to visit with you and chat about things to come. Please join us!

Did you see the excellent article in the Anglican Journal on our "Retired Northern Clergy Fund" challenge? I am thrilled to report that we have already had positive feedback and donations. Although, this initial donation is from our Diocesan ACW, all of us are welcome to donate as churches, small ACW church groups and individuals to keep the fund "growing and going".

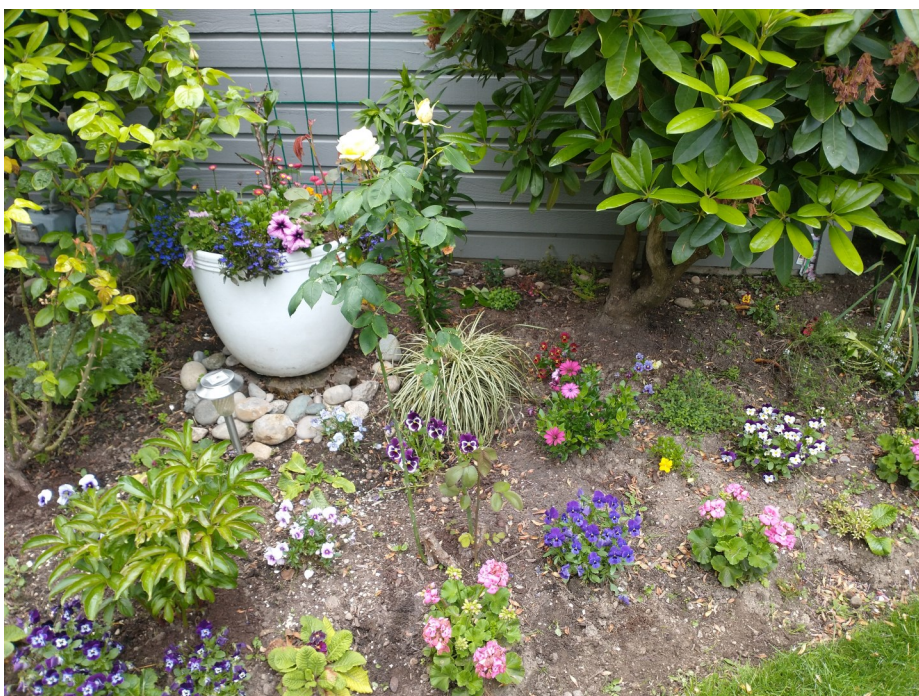
As we wind down for our summer break, I pray that we will all be nourished with sunshine and God's word. Let's come together again this Autumn full of enthusiasm and wisdom. ... We will have our 2nd annual Fall General Meeting on Saturday, September 24, 2022, at St. Matthew's Abbotsford. More information on this meeting to come soon. We have a fantastic guest speaker planned. Please mark it on your calendar to attend.

We are planning a ACW retreat for November 25 -27, 2022. Lots of details to work out. So far, it's sounding like a fabulous event. It will be open for overnight stays and day studies. You'll want to keep posted for more details as we'll have a cap on the number of attendees.

I will be attending the National President's meeting in September, held in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, and Labrador. I'm very excited to meet the other presidents and hear about their groups. I hope to learn a lot from them. I'll be sure to bring back some interesting tidbits to share with you in a future News N Views.

God's Blessings to all,

Your President
Kelly Bowman



INTRODUCING NEWEST BOARD MEMBER

Dear ACW Members and Friends of ACW,

As the newest ACW Board member, I have been asked to 'introduce' myself. I am a parishioner of St. Helen's, Surrey and reside in North Delta. I was introduced to the Anglican Church almost 50 years ago by my mother-in-law and have been actively involved at St. Helen's ever since. My late husband, Bill, and I were pleased to raise our two children in such a loving and supportive parish family. My son, daughter, and their spouses live and work in the Lower Mainland and I feel especially blessed to have three grandchildren, Owen, 17, Kieran, 12, and Ella, 10.

Currently, I am the president of our ACW branch, co-ordinator of the parish Prayer Circle, a Lay Administrator and Sunday Morning Greeter. I also join the dedicated 'Monday' ladies in sorting clothing donations and putting together the Bales for the Northern BC and Yukon parishes.

Over the years, I have attended many Diocesan AGM's and gatherings and have come to admire the time and energy the Board members give to fulfilling their roles. Their many outreach projects and financial donations are to be admired. I look forward to listening, learning and offering input in the coming year. Also, getting to know you and hearing what you are doing to support one another, your parish, your community and farther afield.

Yours sincerely,

Judy Nicholson

Anglican Church Women, Diocese of New Westminster Bursary

The recipients for our Bursary this year are:

Mt. Amanda Ruston, Diocese of New Westminster

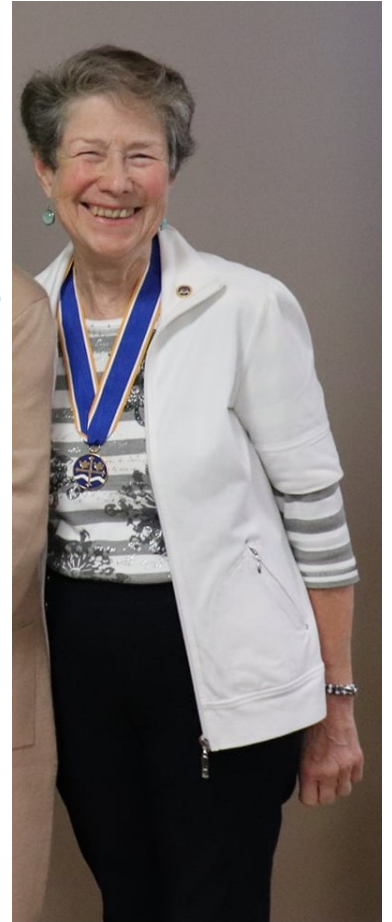
Mr. John Nagy, Diocese of Yukon

Mrs. Monica Romig Green, Diocese of Niagara

We are pleased that there were enough funds generated from interest that we were able to assist these three in their goal to study for the Priesthood.

This makes eight bursaries that have been given out since the establishment of the fund in October, 2017.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10



Moroccan Chickpea Salad submitted by Jennifer Tennant

FOR THE SALAD:

- 2/3 cup uncooked quinoa
- 2 cans reduced-sodium chickpeas (15 ounce cans), rinsed and drained
- 3 cups grated carrots pregrated or freshly grated from about 4 large/medium carrots, about 10 ounces
- 5 ounces baby arugula
- 1/3 cup toasted pistachios almonds, or pumpkin seeds (pepitas)
- 1/3 cup crumbled feta omit to make vegan
- 1/4 cup golden raisins or chopped dried dates
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh mint

FOR THE DRESSING:

- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice about 1 small lemon
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon maple syrup or honey
- 3/4 teaspoon ground chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt plus additional to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon



Instructions

In a medium saucepan, cook the quinoa according to package directions. While the quinoa cooks, place the chickpeas and carrots in a large serving bowl. In a small bowl or measuring cup (my favorite for easy pouring), whisk together the dressing ingredients: olive oil, lemon juice, Dijon, maple syrup, chili powder, salt, and cinnamon. Taste and adjust as desired.

Once the quinoa has finished cooking, fluff with a fork, then add to the serving bowl. Pour the dressing over the top, just until it is moistened, then stir to combine. Add the arugula (see recipe note if not eating all of the salad within a day or so) and stir again, adding a bit more dressing as desired. Sprinkle with the pistachios, feta, raisins, and mint. Enjoy immediately or refrigerate until ready to serve.

ACW 2nd Annual Fall Gathering

Save the Date: Saturday, September 24, 2022

9:30 AM until 2:00 PM at St. Matthew's. Abbotsford

Speaker:

Margaret Franz, author of "Between Blade & Bullet, the Mary Steinhauser Story"

RETREAT "Celtic Treasures"

A retreat will be held at Loon Lake, Maple Ridge from Friday, November 25 until Sunday, November 27. The Retreat will be lead by Rev. Lorie Martin with assistance from Rev. David Taylor and Katherine Murray and is open to all ACW Members with space for 36 women.

ACW NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

ST. JOHN'S, PORT MOODY

Gail, the ACW at St. John's, Port Moody held our last meeting in May. We also hosted a very successful post pandemic 'Coffee & Crafts' sale. Walk-in customers were few, but they and our parish family were very appreciative. The Baking table was very busy and there was a wide array of items that had been sewn, knitted, crocheted in the past two years. We will gather for a luncheon in June before a summer break. In the fall watch our website for announcement of a Bazaar in early November.

ST. CATHERINE'S OF ALEXANDRIA

St. Catherine's ACW wishes to thank St. Thomas, Vancouver for their donation toward flannelette for the diapers for the North. We would also like to put out a challenge to the other ACW branches in our diocese to donate money toward more flannelette. One of our members Donna Merrison, sews them. The other costs are for thread & shipping. I order the fabric from a wholesaler in Ontario & have to order 3 -30 metre bolts at a time to get the wholesale price of \$70 each. Here at stores they are at least nearly double that. Any donation is appreciated and can be e-transferred to me at blueann@shaw.ca or by cheque to Ann Blue, 1623 Western Drive, Port Coquitlam, B.C. V3C 2X1

A bit of Britain graced **St Matthew's** Fireside Area on Sunday May 29th.

In honour of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee parishioners enjoyed tea and scones after our Service of the Word. The price of admission? -- a baby outfit. The ACW set a goal of 70 outfits (for the 70 years of Queen Elizabeth's reign) and during the month of May St Matthew's parishioners rose to the challenge with many more than 70 new outfits gathered. These will be part of the Diocesan ACW outreach -- to northern Canada and to local needs.

As part of the gentle fun of the day, the Queen's smiling photo and the Union Jack took pride of place on the mantel in front of which were displayed the wonderful variety of baby outfits. A real live corgi (courtesy of Belinda Kishimoto) padded royally around adding to a festive atmosphere. A vintage Vancouver Sun newspaper (courtesy of Paulette Farquhar) displayed 1953 photos and accounts of the coronation. Our chef, Rose Rourke, prepared the homemade scones, and Fran Bates made the clotted cream. Others contributed jam, china teapots and silver spoons. Lloyd Bates (with careful moving) wheeled the grand piano into the tea area and played appropriate palm court teatime music, starting, of course, with everyone standing for "God Save the Queen."



After so many years without an in-person event, it was a pleasure to dress up in our finery with fancy hats and fascinators and celebrate outreach and fellowship.



ST. GEORGE, FORT LANGLEY

With the relaxation of COVID restrictions, we have resumed meetings in person in our church hall. May was a busy month for us, as our group organized a sale of Floral Arrangements as part of the Parish Spring Fair, as well as serving light desserts from the kitchen. Lesley Goodbrand hosted a floral arranging bee at her home to prepare for the sale. We hosted two Memorial Teas for a present and former parishioner. As part of the 100th Anniversary of the May Day celebrations in Fort Langley, we hosted the May Queen breakfast for the Royal party (consisting of school children, plus the Queen Mother and several former Queen Moms, along with local dignitaries). We also coordinate delivery of knitted items to ACW House. Finally, we are looking forward to having new ACW President Kelly Bowman attend our September meeting.



CHRIST CHURCH, HOPE

A luncheon hosted by the Wardens and ACW, parishioners of Christ Church-Hope totally surprised their minister--Rev Tim Morgan on the 30th anniversary of his Ordination to the Diaconate.

Being Pentecost Sunday the tables were covered with red and cream tablecloths.

After a welcome to all by ACW President Mary Kirksey; and the grace read by Bonnie Maitland everyone enjoyed the catered soup/sandwich and cake lunch.

Congratulatory letters from Bishop John Stephans and Rev Tim's son Todd were read. Peter Bailey also spoke a few words on behalf of the parishioners. Vicar's Warden Joan Cope presented Rev. Tim with an appreciation gift from ACW.

Thank you to all who helped to arrange and attend; Closing grace concluded this event.



Theme for 2022 – 2023 “THRIVE IN GOD’S SERVICE”

The 55th Annual ACW AGM was held on Saturday May 7 at St. Cuthbert Anglican Church in North Delta on a beautiful sunny day. The morning started with coffee and goodies after registration and went into the Election of Directors.

Bishop John Stephens joined us and led the Eucharist service with the help of Deacon Rev. Juanita Clark and Pastor Paul Worhle.

The Board of Directors was installed during the service. A presentation from the Anglican Foundation was shown at the end of the service to thank us for the donations we made to “Say Yes To Kids”. We returned to the hall for the business meeting and a lunch prepared by the St. Cuthbert lunch group.

Gail Revitt was acknowledged as the outgoing President having served for 4 years during the pandemic. Our new President is Kelly Bowman from St. Cuthbert. After lunch our speaker was Joan Stewart from the Westside Neighbourhood Ministries, one of the groups that we support with our Outreach Funds. Joan spoke of the many ways they help street people and how we should acknowledge them and just not pass them by. Each attendee was given a plant, either a tomato plant or a zinnia, as they were leaving to help “Thrive in God’s Service”.



Photo:

Back row: The Rt. Reverend John Stephens

Left to right

Judy Nicholson, Sylvia Enga, Ann Blue, Kelly Bowman, Gail Revitt, Amelia Foster, Beth Fortin, Alberta Rudolf, Mary McIntyre.



President's Purse

It is with grateful heart I have received the well wishes and donations from the branches for the President's Purse. It has been an honour to serve you.

After much consideration and prayer, I have decided that I would like the purse to go to the Northern Clergy Family Fund. This fund is for the families of clergy in the north and is administered by the Mother's Union.

This fund was started by the Mother's Union in 1974 as a travel fund for clergy wives to visit southern Canada and 1992 the name was changed, to The Northern Clergy Families Fund, which allows the fund to also be given to husbands of female clergy and to respond to the wider needs of families and now encompasses everything from shopping trips to medical treatments. Bishops in the Council of the North are contacted to submit names of two clergy families who may benefit from the funds. A no-strings attached \$1,000. cheque is sent to each of the families.

This fund is not to be confused with the new Council of the North Retired Clergy Fund which we are in the process of setting up.

With much thanks to all and every blessing as we "Thrive in God's Service"

*Gail Revitt, ODNW
ACW Past President*



17th Century Nun's Prayer

Traditional, author unknown

Lord Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will someday be old. Keep me from that fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessing coxksuredness when my memory seems to clash with the memory of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a Saint - some of them are so hard to live with - but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.

AMEN.

FGM FGM FGM FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION FGM FGM FGM

I was invited to dinner at Hycroft... the beautiful home of the University Women's Club, Tuesday evening May 17. Following dinner, they presented a film called "IN THE NAME OF YOUR DAUGHTER". The film was about the bravest girls in the world...Tanzanian children who risk everything to escape from female genital mutilation/cutting. This film has been shown to the UK Parliament, the Netherlands, Australia and the World Bank to name some. The filmmaker and panellist, Giselle Portenier was present and spoke following the film. She is a Journalist from UBC and works as an activist and is the founding member of FGM Canada.

The film was hard to watch at times. These brave girls fled to a safe house that this most wonderful lady had started. Their average age was 10. She allowed them to stay as long as necessary to avoid cutting...something which both or one parent thought necessary. It is believed if you don't enjoy sex then you would not "Sleep Around". It is hard to believe a father would tie his daughter's hands behind her neck and remove her clitoris with a razor blade. Painful plus the chance of dying because of bleeding or an infection to name just a few of the horrors.

The girl only returns to her family after the family are educated and sign an agreement to not cut her. However, you can imagine the alienation and such the child endures if she returns. The government is trying to make it illegal and hopefully it stops with this generation. Prayers for these brave people.

The panel included the film maker plus Dr. Jan Christlaw, former President of BC Women's Hospital plus many other roles. Dr. Christlaw received the Order of Canada for her work in our world and abroad. N. Mawani moderated. She has worked endlessly here and abroad from women...especially Afghanistan and was also given the Order of Canada. Last Luna Amir, who works for immigrant services, housing projects and making people aware of FGM.

The main message of course was making the world aware and funding projects if possible, but starting here at home with education. It was a pleasure to attend.

Paulette Smith, St. Helen's Surrey ACW

Past ACW Board member





A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR YOU

Never regret a day in your life
Good days give you happiness;
Bad days give you experiences;
Both are essential to like
Happiness keeps you Sweet!
Trials keep you Strong!
Sorrows keep you Human!
Failures keep you Humble!
Successes keep you Glowing!
But only God keeps you Going!

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