



# ST. TIMOTHY ANGLICAN CHURCH

"To be equipped  
for every good  
work"

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## Easter 2015 Parish Newsletter



### Pastor's Letter

*"Jesus is going on ahead of you to Galilee;  
there you will see him." (Mark 16:7)*

We all want a happy ending. Fairy tales and fantasies feed our imaginations with wild and grim stories about good and evil. As long as things turn out all right in the end, we can endure the tortures and trials of the protagonist. From Cinderella and Harry Potter through Marvel Comics and action films, we are rooting for the character to triumph in the end. Enduring stories have a sense of hope.

But that is exactly what seems to be missing from some modern storytelling. Dystopian fiction and newspaper journalism paint a bleak picture of the future. No wonder we shudder when we watch the news. Our planet faces serious challenges because of human exploitation of its people and resources. It seems that being good is not as important as being powerful. If we want what other people have, and we want it now, then it does not leave much room for other people's happy endings.

Mark's gospel is counter-cultural. The happy ending lies beyond the story. Jesus does not make a grand entrance after the resurrection in the last chapter. There is no "happily ever after" here on earth. Instead, what we get is an empty tomb and an invitation. We are to seek the risen Christ further on, as we follow in his footsteps.

Easter is not about getting to the end of the story. It is the beginning. As much as we long for rest and reassurance at the end of our Lenten wandering, we don't find a fairy tale castle. What is waiting for us, what has been waiting for us since that first Easter morning, is the door to God's kingdom. Now we take a new step into the resurrection life. We are given companions and nourishment and directions, but we are not there yet. The good news is that we are part of God's story, unfolding even now around us. And each of us is entrusted with the storytelling: to affirm that a happy ending waits around the corner. So go – tell his disciples that he is going ahead of you, and you **will** see him! Alleluia!

Stephanie+



### KidsChurch

Sunday School has undergone a change during lent: Veggies for Lent – each week we have watched a VeggieTales movie and shared a plate of raw vegetables. It has definitely been a different experience, but one that many have enjoyed. This helps the children recognise the changing seasons of the Church's calendar and gives the Sunday School teachers a break from the regular teaching to refresh themselves ready for after Easter.

Caroline Chady



### Parish Prayer

Loving Christ,  
Thank you for your many gifts  
upon this church of St. Timothy.  
Help us to care for your creation.  
Guide our parish to greater good  
as we work to welcome others.  
Amen.

Written by the 2014-2015 Cat Group: Anika,  
Anna, Claudia, Katherine, Miriam, Pablo,  
Shaw-Ern, and Zepherin



### Episcopal Visit January 28, 2015

On Wednesday January 28, 2015, the Right Reverend Melissa Skelton came to celebrate the Feast of St. Timothy with our parish community. A potluck supper featured "your best dish for the bish."

Our young people preparing for confirmation had the opportunity to share food and conversation, and Bishop Melissa was very impressed with our “Cat Group.”



After a birthday cake to commemorate our patron saint’s day, the congregation engaged in a messy church project to map our community connections. Everyone was invited to show the links between the church, their homes, and important places in North Burnaby.



A mega-sized map on the floor provided interactive opportunities, as we discussed why and with whom we partner to minister in our neighbourhood. The evening ended with a special Evensong service in the church, with our Diocesan Melissa occupying the Bishop’s chair for the first time.



Her reflection reminded all of us that God is our shepherd and we are the sheep. Although the idea of being a sheep may be somewhat unflattering, it means that we don’t have to have it all together – just trust that our shepherd will provide as we find the courage to move forward. Amen!

The Cat Group



## Signage

We applied for the sign permit in December 2014, and received it on January 5, 2015. After some final paperwork, we were able to begin construction on January 26. The sign was completed on February 11 and received final approval on February 16. However, there were significant extra costs, as the city did not tell us until the last minute that we would not be allowed to build the sign ourselves, but it would need to be built by a company registered to operate in Burnaby (Matt Senf to the rescue) and that we would need to do an additional survey. This trebled the cost from around \$500 to almost \$1,500, but we were able to budget for the extra costs. We will now be taking this late disclosure up with the city.

Gordon Arthur



## Kitchen

We are moving forward in faith that the \$40,000 commitment from parish giving will be reached, with less than \$2,500 left to raise. The architectural firm of Keith Sullivan Donald, Inc. has taken their drawings of Plan D for estimates to our traditional electrical (Cupit Electric) and plumbing (Milani) contractors and a local contractor with whom they have worked before. They have also done a rough estimate of equipment costs. At this point, while no firm numbers are yet available, they believe that the basics for a functional kitchen, suited to our vision of food ministry, can be achieved for our budget of \$80,000. They caution that contingencies may arise that may sideline some preferred equipment purchases, but the space for them will be provided. We are sharing with the architects the contact information for those tradespersons we have in our parish who have been so generous with their time and talents.

The timeline for construction is early summer, when Treasure Island II will be least disrupted by construction. Rev. Stephanie has been in conversation with Agnes Fejr, who is “on board” with the kitchen plan. On the timeline, our architects are less firm. Keith Donald is very clear that the big unknown there is the City of Burnaby. We have assured him that we are somewhat familiar with delays on that front.

The new kitchen will be considerably bigger, will have both “in” and “out” doors, a hatch facing the hall, a functional clean-up sink, a preparation sink, and a hand-washing sink (these sinks required by the health code). The clean-up sink must have a grease trap; the stove must have a proper vent and air return. The latter two are major, but required, expenses. Loss of space in the hall will be regained by moving storage to the west end and demolishing what was formerly known as Kids’ Church, but lately has been used for storage. The end result will be more functional space in the hall and a better line of sight from the kitchen to the hall.

We are actively recruiting those with current FoodSafe certificates, making sure those who have them know when they need to renew and searching for affordable ways to increase the number of parishioners with FoodSafe I before our first major food service event in the fall. We are also recruiting to the Kitchen Working Group. Please see Maribeth Mainer if you are interested in either or both.

Maribeth Mainer



### Highlights from Vestry

The St. Timothy 2014 Annual Vestry Meeting was held February 22, 2015, beginning with the Celebration of Holy Eucharist. The Rev. Stephanie Shepard offered a *Vote of Thanks* to the Parish in the areas of:

- *Worship* – to **Becky Barnes**, for leading the Lessons and Carols service after Christmas.
- *Ministry* – to **Donna Kingdon** for coffee ministry on Thursdays at the Food Bank.
- *Communications* – to **Matt Senf & Sasen Construction** for assistance in signage.
- *Finance* – to **Thael Hill & Underhill Surveyors** for their generous support of parish.
- *Pastoral* – to **Owen Edwards**, who is learning to engineer housekeeping and care of his wife.
- *Resource* – to **Pay Ray** who stood in the dark with a flashlight to make sure no innocent bystander fell in the hole left by the excavator during the water line repair.
- *Stewardship* – awarded anonymously for a legacy gift of \$20,000 to the parish.
- *Leadership* – to diocesan lawyer **Don Paul** & Maribeth Mainer for finalizing transfer of property title after 12 years of being here as St. Timothy’s.

- *Timbit of the Year* – to **Pablo Sharpe**, whose love of the people (and food) of St. Timothy’s mean that he is determined to show up!

The Parish also acknowledged the passing of David Holmes, Jennie May Tollerton, and Jean Winnifred Olsen in the *Act of Remembrance*.

The 2015 Budget was presented by our Treasurer, Vern Seel, and accepted with an amendment to budget fundraising income at \$1500. It was agreed that the Parish of St. Timothy proceed with a kitchen renovation in 2015 with a provisional capital budget of \$80,000, and that Option D as presented by Keith Sullivan Donald Inc., Architects, be the basis for the kitchen renovation. The Finance Team will establish a separate Kitchen Renovation fund, and \$40,000 will be allocated from our CTF funds to support this initiative. It will be confirmed whether this will affect our apportionment or not.

The Elections and Appointments of the 2015 Parish Council resulted in the following members:

- Wardens: Maribeth Mainer, Gordon Arthur, Caroline Chady
- Treasurer: Vern Seel
- Council Secretary: Kate Turcotte
- Delegates to Synod: Heather Robertson, Melina Rousselle
- Alternate Delegates: Pat Ray, Joyce James, Emma Jang
- Youth Delegate to Synod: Anika Robertson
- Members at Large: Hannah Hill, John Nairn

The following support positions were also appointed:

- Book Keeper: Kathy Pogatsas
- Envelope Secretary: Tamara Wojdylo
- Webmaster: Gordon Arthur
- Privacy Officer: Maribeth Mainer
- Resource Chair: **Vacant**
- Social Chair: **Vacant**

Upcoming New Business for the Parish will include an application for rezoning to go to City Council for hearing on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Becky Barnes and Melina Rousselle made a presentation on possible kitchen renovations. A Kitchen Renovation Working Group will be established to oversee the progress and liaise with Parish Council, the architect, the contractor and community groups for the period from March to November 2015. Finally, the 2014 Vestry supported the nomination of Celia Barone for the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster.

Kate Turcotte



## **Calendar of Events**

### **Holy Week**

*Palm Sunday March 29*

10 am Messy Church Eucharist

*Maundy Thursday April 2*

6 pm Soup Supper

7:30 pm Solemn Eucharist

*Good Friday April 3*

11 am Joint Good Friday Service at St. Stephen's

8 pm Lutheran Tenebrae

*Easter Sunday April 5*

8 am Sunrise Baptismal Service

9 am Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt

10 am Resurrection Eucharist Service

### **Upcoming Events**

*Saturday April 18*

9-2 pm Parish Council Retreat

*Saturday May 16*

9-1 pm Loughheed Archdeaconry Conference

*Friday May 22-Sat. May 23*

Diocesan Synod

*Saturday June 6*

8 am-3 pm Hats Off Day on the Heights

*Saturday in late June*

Spring Fair