

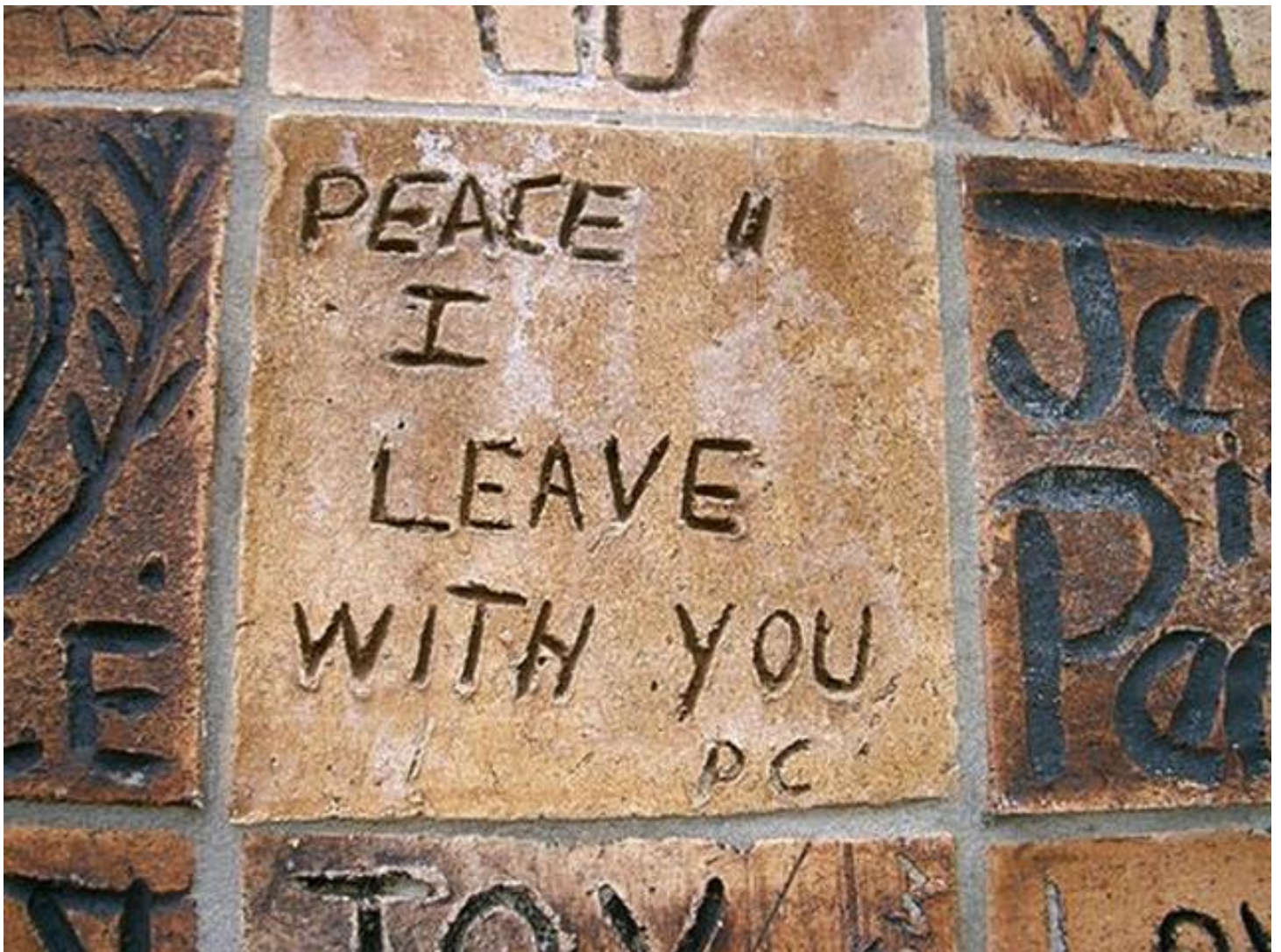
THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 6th Sunday of Easter

May 26, 2019

As people of God, we celebrate Christ in the heart of Victoria through joyful worship,
building inclusive community, and putting faith into action.

St. John's acknowledges these ancestral territories of the Lekwungen people.



Welcome to the Parish Church of St. John The Divine, Victoria. We are a community of faith in the Anglican Tradition, seeking to live lives of faith, hope and love as part of this community of Downtown Victoria. We are on a journey of learning to be a welcoming, inviting, inclusive and serving community which is open to all.

Our worship reflects our rootedness in the Anglican tradition, whilst drawing on liturgies that reflect the long history and heritage of our Christian faith. Please join in as you feel able, and enjoy the words, music and opportunity for prayer and to be a part of our community.

If our service seems unfamiliar, please follow the cues from our leaflet, the ministers leading the service and those around you. Most of our Sunday morning worship services have the Eucharist, or Holy Communion, at the heart of our worship – please feel free to join us, whatever your tradition, in the sharing of bread and wine, at the station nearest to where you are seated. Gluten free wafers are available at all stations: please indicate if you need one.

Within the Anglican Church of Canada (under the advice of the Primate and the Chief Medical Officer for Canada) we would ask that bread is not dipped into the wine, as this has the potential to spread infection in a way that the sharing of the cup does not. If you would prefer not to share the cup then receiving only bread is considered ‘full communion’ (also known as ‘Communion in One Kind’).

If there is anything that you wish to talk about, please do take the opportunity to talk to the worship leaders, ministers and other members of the congregation following the service. If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Healing Prayer group in the south Quadra entrance who would be happy to pray with you as the Holy Communion is shared.

After our service we usually share coffee and an opportunity to get to know one another, in the Church Hall – through the door on the front left hand side. We have many visitors and newcomers here so please make yourself known to folks as you feel comfortable.

You are very welcome here. We don’t always get it right; please let us know when we do, and when we don’t. Please stay and be a part of our family, for however long you would like.

8:00 am Holy Communion

The order of service is found at page 67 in the Book of Common Prayer

Presider: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

Preacher: Grant Croswell

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

The congregation is invited to join in the hymns, responses and prayers marked in bold print.

Presider: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

Verger: Chuck Neilson

Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Audio: Bob McIntosh

Sermon: Grant Croswell

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine,

Readers: Pat Payne, Christine Scott

The Sutton Organ Scholar,

Intercessor: Lorraine Gates

The MacRae Choral Scholars

The Mass Setting: Missa Syllabica – Arvo Pärt (b. 1936)

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The children are invited to gather at the back of the church and join in the procession.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled.

Music: Amy Beach (1867-1944).

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 237)

NOEL NOUVELET

GATHERING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May God's grace and peace be with you.

All: May our hearts be filled with joy.

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER

Loving God,

All: you've called us to be your family and to celebrate our life together in worship. We pray for all the members of our family, here and absent, and especially for our young people now as they continue their worship. Bless them, and each of us, in fun and learning, in friendship, and love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND FORGIVENESS

The Presider may introduce the prayers.

Please repeat "Lord have mercy" or "Christ have mercy" after the priest.

The priest reminds us of God's healing and forgiveness.

GLORIA *(Sung by the choir)*

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus.
Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu,
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace
to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks
for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, only-begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sin of the world:
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray.

Silence is kept.

Holy One,
you breathe the word of love
and the promise of new creation
into the secret places of our lives.
Teach us the costly way of fearless love and priceless peace,
through Jesus Christ, who dwells in us.

All: Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Acts 16:9-15

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

THE EPISTLE

Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 596)

SANCTA CIVITAS

THE GOSPEL


John 14:23-29

Before the Gospel

Cantor:  *All:* 

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Deacon: If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.

All: 

Al - le - lu - ia.

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

Following the Sermon there will be a pause for Silence.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE

Please stand. The Presider may introduce the peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN (CP 48)

PICARDY

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Liturgy of the Islands, Prayer A

Priest: The Lord be with you. *All:* And al-so with you. *Priest:* Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *All:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Creator, with wit and wisdom you formed the universe.

In expectation, your Spirit brooded over all: the midwife of transformation.

At your Word, the skies, the seas, the lands and all life came to be.

In you, all created things shared life with one another.

In ceremony and song, dance and art, these relationships were portrayed and honoured by the first peoples of these Islands and Inlets.

The plants, the cedars, the creatures of forest, sea and air revealed your wonder and majesty.

When we turned from you, connections were broken and creation suffered.

Still, you continued to bring light from night, freedom from slavery, and life from death.

Therefore, together with our ancestors in faith and with your beloved creation we sing:

SANCTUS

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

We praise you, Source of all, for the living Word: Jesus
Born in poverty; a child refugee, a worker with his hands.
He gathered disciples and taught and healed the people.
He freely shared our sorrow, joy, and pain.
In vulnerability, he showed power over sin and triumphed over death.
On the night before Jesus died, he feasted with his companions.
He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying,
“Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this to remember me.”
After supper he took the cup and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to his companions saying,
“Drink this, all of you; this is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and the world for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.”
Entering into the mystery of faith we call:

All: Come Source of life. Come, transforming Word. Come, Creator Spirit.

With his sacred presence unbounded by space and time,
we offer to you this bread and cup.
Send your Breath of Life, like wind, blowing where it will, north, east, south and west.
May your Spirit brood over these gifts and all who feast at this table
offering a foretaste of the eternal feast to come.
May all who share your abundant gifts
be incorporated as one body and one holy people,
joined in the offering of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection
for the reconciliation of all things.
Reveal the unity of your Church and the mystery of our communion
with our holy forebears and those yet to be born,
that we may be guided in faith and walk gently on the earth.
Glory and honour to you Triune God, dynamic of love, complete and perfect unity,
now, and in all ages.



All: A men A - men A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI *Sung by the choir*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*
miserere nobis. *have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*
dona nobis pacem. *grant us peace.*

All are invited to receive communion. We share bread and wine at the front of the Church and recommend you wait until the row in front of you has received rather than joining a line-up. If you prefer for any reason not to take either the bread or wine then sharing 'in one kind' is still sharing full communion. It is the practice of the ACC not to dip the bread into the wine. Any not receiving communion are invited to come forward and have a prayer said for you by those distributing the bread, and to indicate that by holding their arms crossed on their chest.

We don't wish there to be any barriers to receiving – Gluten Free Wafers are available at both stations on request and if you are unable to come forward for communion please make this known to the Greeters and we will bring communion to you. All are welcome at Christ's table!

There will be a silent pause for reflection and personal prayer following the sharing of Holy Communion.

MINISTRY OF HEALING

We invite those wishing prayer for themselves or on behalf of someone else to come to the front of the line to receive the bread and wine. Immediately after receiving, go to the prayer station in the south Quadra entrance. Briefly state your need. The prayer team will lay hands on your shoulders and will pray quietly for you.

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION

O sacrum convivium,
In quo Christus sinitur,
Recolitur memoria passionis eius;
Mens impletur gratia,
Et future gloriae, nobis pignus datur.
Alleluia.

*O sacred banquet,
in which Christ is received,
the memory of His Passion is renewed,
the mind is filled with grace,
and a pledge of future glory is given us.
Alleluia.*

Text: Eucharistic Hymn; Music: O. Messiaen

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life,
and the bread of life to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,
so that we may show your glory to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 323)

DARWALL

VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in C major, BWV 545 – J. S. Bach

You are invited to be seated for the Voluntary or to leave at this point.

Coffee and tea will be served in the Parish Hall.

READINGS FOR JUNE 2ND – THE 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 16:16-34 Despite difficulties, Paul's missionary work in Philippi continues. Through God's intervention Paul heals a demon possessed woman and converts his jailer and family.

Psalms 97 The reign of God, who guards the faithful and secures their release from the wicked, is proclaimed.

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 The return of Jesus is anticipated, with the gifts of life and unity.

John 17:20-26 Before his glorification and giving of the Holy Spirit, Jesus prays for his followers, 'That they may all be one.'

FLOWERS

Main

Given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of our parents, from Doug & Val Adderley.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

11:45 am	Maureen Mark talks about The Taiama Project	Denson Lounge
7:00 pm	A Semi-Improptu Organ Recital	Church

Monday 27

1:30 pm	The Divine Knitters	Denson Lounge
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Wednesday 29

7:45 am	Morning Prayer followed by Breakfast	Chapel/Denson Lounge
9:30 am	Sermon Circle	Denson Lounge
1:30 pm	Art & Soul Group	Church Basement

Thursday 30 – Ascension Day

10:30 am	SJAG Meeting	Denson Lounge
12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Church
7:30 pm	Service for Ascension Day	Christ Church Cathedral

Friday 31

10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
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Saturday, June 1

8:30am-2:00 pm	Spring Parish Work Day	Everywhere
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Sunday 2

8:00 am	Holy Communion	Chapel
10:00 am	Parish Eucharist	Church
11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge
7:30 pm	Evensong	Church

EVENTS

A Semi-Improptu Organ Recital – Monday, May 27th, 7:00 pm

(Admission by donation)

Three organists associated with the Church of St. John the Divine have decided to present a semi-impromptu organ recital, offering about an hour of organ music on Monday evening May 27th, at 7pm. There will be pieces by Vierne, Dupré, Messiaen, Bach, Gigout, and others, ranging from the meditative to the window-rattling.

Esther-Ruth Teel has studied and worked at St. John's, and is currently under the tutelage of John Tuttle at the University of Toronto; she will present works from her 3rd-year recital. Also performing is **Ethan Hill**, just completing his final year as a composer and keyboard student at UVic, will be finishing his time as Sutton Organ scholar here on June 2nd. **David Stratkauskas**, current Organist and Director of Music at St. John's, will also offer a piece or two.



Diviners' Walk – Friday, May 31st – meeting time is 5:30 pm (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers): **Francis King Park . Pub:** Pat and Anne Anderson's home, 1709 Woodsend Drive, 250-881-8643.
Please contact Larry Scyner if you plan to come for dinner but not the walk.

Oak Bay United Church (1355 Mitchell Street) is very excited to be hosting Ivan Coyote as they present **"Somewhere over the rainbow sticker"**, an evening for faith communities seeking to support and advocate for the LGBTQ+ community. On Tues., May 28th at 7:00 pm, join Ivan Coyote, storyteller and author of 12 books, and a 27 year veteran of the road and the stage, in a heartfelt and memorable performance written to move us beyond simply putting up a rainbow sticker on the door, and giving us the tools and language to work towards building authentically inclusive and safe(r) spaces that truly welcome queer and trans people into our congregations. Tickets on sale only at the OBUC office (cash/cheque, Tues-Fri 9am-3pm). We expect this event to sell out, so don't miss out! For a mature audience, 13 years and up recommended. \$20/ \$15 students.

Raven People Rising – The Nathan E. Stewart sank, but the Heiltsuk rose.

Tues. May 28th - UVIC First Peoples House

Doors open at 6:30 pm – film screening at 7:00 pm, discussion to follow.

Admission by donation in support of the Heiltsuk Nation legal challenge

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1229296907217709/>

Speakers: Lisa Fong, Lawyer for the Heiltsuk, and Maimie Harris, Heiltsuk Tribal Council

The film chronicles the efforts of the Heiltsuk to chart a sustainable and just course through the troubled waters of the Great Bear Sea. In this 30 minute film, set in one of the Earth's last tracts of intact temperate rainforest, meet elders, youth, and tribal leaders who describe a mixed inheritance: on the one hand, the violence of residential schools and cultural erasure, and on the other, an unbroken lineage of ancestral teachings that powerfully connect people to place.

Film Trailer link: <https://youtu.be/SnoZohEO6zg>



The Property Committee's **Annual Spring Clean-up Day** is scheduled for **Saturday, June 1st**, to begin at 8:30 am, coffee and donuts provided, as well as a light lunch at 12:30 pm. Help make our Church cleaner and brighter. All cleaning products are supplied. Lots of jobs available – both big and small. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the Garden Door.

Sacred Spaces: On Saturday, June 8th, from 10am to 2pm, we will have a workshop on developing an awareness of Sacred Spaces through storytelling, experiencing nature, the ordinary events of life, and liturgy. A Eucharist will be celebrated. Bring a sack lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided. The presenters are: Margaret Walters, Colleen Lissamer, and Bill Tarter. Please let Carol-Ann know if you will be attending.

Donations for Salmon Feast at the Wilkinson Jail National Indigenous Peoples Day

Two years ago, St. John's raised more than \$1,000 to purchase salmon for inmates at the Vancouver Island Regional Correctional Centre to celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21st).

This year, we are once again invited to donate towards the cost of the Salmon Feast.

Bishop Logan will also attend the celebration at the jail to help support the dedication of the Indigenous Meeting Tent, funded by the Diocesan Vision Fund.

Questions? Please contact Canon Kevin Arndt for more information. Please make cheques payable to "The Church of St. John the Divine" with Salmon Feast in the memo line.

Announcements

A Prayer Group prays through the week; to request confidential prayers for yourself or others contact Pat Manning at: patriciaacmanning@gmail.com or leave the request at the church office.

Prayer is the bedrock of our relationship with God through Christ. Individual requests for intercessory prayer (read at Sunday and weekday services) may be made by filling out a **Prayer Request Card** available at the back of the church (on the west wall) or by emailing the same information requested on the card to: carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca.

The Ghebremeskel Family

We are now within two months of the end of the formal sponsorship of the Ghebremeskel family originally from Eritrea. The family has settled in well during their 10 months in Victoria and are wonderful to work with. For a family of 10 pushing out on their own from shore represents some challenges. They are happy in the rental house in which they have been living and ideally would like to stay there. The landlord is a happy for them to do so, but with a rent of \$2600 a month that is likely to be beyond their means. The father, Hagos, is working part-time at a supermarket and the family might qualify for a subsidized rent from BC Housing. The reality is that with a part time job and a modest rent subsidy the family will still be short of what they need for a viable monthly income.

If anyone knows of or has contact who might know of a house/apartment rental with 3 plus bedrooms with an affordable rent and likely be available in mid August, please contact John McLaren (till May 30) jmclaren@uvic.ca; and Fran McArthur (after May 30) fran.mcarthur43@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed: Do you like to drink coffee after church and share fellowship with others? If so, you are not alone. Please consider joining the coffee roster to set-up, make coffee/tea and clean-up. The more teams of 2 we have the less often you will be on duty. If interested please speak with Carol-Ann in the church office.

Also, volunteers are needed to help put tables and chairs away each week after coffee hour. If you are able to stay and help with this it would be most appreciated.

The Blue Envelope for May is for the Taiama Project in Sierra Leone.

This development project was organized in Victoria by a group of supporters who had spent time in the village of Taiama, then helped to bring refugees Eric Sama and his family members from there. Now they raise funds to benefit the local school, women's projects, and Health Care Centre. The Maternal Health Program is currently their major focus, in a country where the mortality rate for mothers and infants is one of the highest in the world.

The Taiama Project Report is posted on the church bulletin boards, and available online at www.taiama.org

Eric Sama was a parishioner at St. John's for some time. He still travels to Taiama annually, carrying much needed medical supplies for the clinic.

For further information, please contact Ann McLaren.

The Monday Afternoon Book Study will not be meeting again until September.

In September, we will start reading "The Four Vision Quests of Jesus" by Steven Charleston. Everyone is welcome to be part of this group.

If you have questions, please talk to Derek Dunwoody or Rhoda Brodie-Smith.



Gretchen gets a tree: Gretchen Brewin, a former parishioner and Victoria's first female mayor, is having a tree planted in her honour on Sat., July 6th at 10 am, in the Mayor's Grove, Beacon Hill Park. Access off Quadra Street. All are welcome.


SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

"But all the while, there was one thing we most needed even from the start, and certainly will need from here on out into the New Jerusalem: the ability to take our freedom seriously and act on it, to live not in fear of mistakes but in the knowledge that no mistake can hold a candle to the love that draws us home. My repentance, accordingly, is not so much for my failings but for the two-bit attitude toward them by which I made them more sovereign than grace. Grace - the imperative to hear the music, not just listen for errors - makes all infirmities occasions of glory."

Robert Farrar Capon

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**“Your task is not to seek for  
love, but merely to seek and find  
all the barriers within yourself  
that you have built against it.”**

Rumi

EVERYDAY POWER

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# THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

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