



## NEWS & EVENTS

### DIVORCE CARE

The next Divorce Care group will begin on Sept 14 and it will run until Dec 7. This year we will also be offering DC4K - Divorce Care for Kids, ages 5 - 12. We will meet from 6:30 - 8:00 pm and the cost is \$20. You can register at [sjvan.org/events](http://sjvan.org/events). If you have any questions, please email [margaret@sjvan.org](mailto:margaret@sjvan.org).

### SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join our Sunday School team for the new year! We need new volunteers at the 9am, 11am and 6pm services. For more info, please speak with Jeremy or contact him at: [jeremy@sjvan.org](mailto:jeremy@sjvan.org) or 604.558.4400 ext 236. Volunteers always work in pairs. Ongoing training and mentorship provided. Join our fantastic team!

### REGISTER NOW FOR THE PARISH TEACHING DAY | SEPT 16

Kick off the Fall sermon series in the Book of Proverbs and join us as Dr. Phil Long teaches and helps to prepare us for studying this book in our small groups. Phil is a Regent College Professor of Old Testament and very knowledgeable regarding the book of Proverbs. The day will be held at Glad Tidings church (3456 Fraser St. @ 18th) from 9:30-2:30pm, and will include lunch. The cost is \$25 (students \$15). Pre-registration is necessary and online registration closes this Tuesday, Sept 12th.

There will be a registration table in the foyer after the 9 & 11am services today.

### W@10 REGISTRATION

Registration is open on the website for our 2017-2018 study year. Come and join us Thursday mornings from 9:45-11:30 as we spend time together in Bible study, fellowship, and prayer. Space is limited so please register early if you'd like to come! Our welcome back brunch will be on September 14th. If you have any questions or would like more info email Kimberley Graham at [kimberley@sjvan.org](mailto:kimberley@sjvan.org).

### CONDOLENCE

On September 3, Fr. William Mkwezalamba of the Anglican Diocese of Upper Shire died. Fr. William was a priest who trained with the financial support of St. John's and was serving as minister of Kadango in the District of Mangochi. A Requiem Mass took place on September 4 for William. Please pray for William's family, church family and diocese as they grieve his untimely death.

### CATECHISM

Join a 15-week interactive catechism class on Sundays at 11:00 am. The class will begin on September 17 and take place at the church. The class will follow the "To Be A Christian" catechism published by the Anglican Church of North America. Both Dr. J.I. Packer and Bronwyn Short were part of the team who produced this catechism. You can register at [sjvan.org/events](http://sjvan.org/events) until Sept 10.

### JOURNEY HOME JOB POSTING

Journey Home Community is seeking an individual with strong interpersonal, organizational, and critical thinking skills to assist with the resettlement and support of refugee claimant families in Metro Vancouver. Visit [journeyhomecommunity.ca/employment](http://journeyhomecommunity.ca/employment) to view the full job description.

### LOVE TO SING? SOME SKILL IN SIGHT READING?

We are looking for keen singers for the 9:00 or 11:00 services. Join the choir for a trip to sing in Westminster Abbey (in Mission) and a Remembrance Day Concert singing the Fauré Requiem and a new setting of the Prayer of St. Francis. Contact Terry Fullerton at 604-558-4440 ext. 229.

### SENIOR'S MINISTRY

Join us for tea and coffee on Tuesday, September 19 at 1:30 pm in the church chapel. Sandra Leskewich will share about how her involvement with China grew from an interest in the country, to the language, to the people. She will interview her friends, Arina and Mindy, who are part of her ESL Ministry. We hope you will be able to join us. Please RSVP to Margaret Wilson at [margaret@sjvan.org](mailto:margaret@sjvan.org) or call 778 838-7400.

### ESL BOOK & BIBLE STUDY DISCUSSION GROUP

This is a Friendship Group for ESL Learners that provides a great opportunity to practice speaking English while learning about Canadian Culture and Christianity.

Bring your friends and neighbours to our first meeting on Friday, September 22 at 10:30am. We will meet every second Friday at 5350 Baillie St. Check out [sjvan.org/calendar](http://sjvan.org/calendar) for event dates.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 7:30 AM Holy Communion
- 9:00 AM Learner's Exchange (Room 220)
- 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 11:00 AM Junior Youth (Grades 7-9)
- 11:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 6:00 PM Evening Service

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 7:20 AM Men's Bible Study
- 6:30 PM Ekklesia (18-to-20 somethings) | 5375 University Blvd.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 10:00 AM Women @ 10 Brunch
- 6:30 PM Divorce Care

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 9:30 AM Parish Teaching Day

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 7:30 AM Holy Communion (**Proverbs 1:1-19**)
- 9:00 AM Learner's Exchange (Room 220)
- 9:00 AM Holy Communion (**Proverbs 1:1-19**)
- 10:30 AM Prayer for People in Authority (Room 123)
- 11:00 AM Junior Youth (Grades 7-9)
- 11:00 AM Holy Communion (**Proverbs 1:1-19**)
- 6:00 PM Evening Service (**Proverbs 1:1-19**)

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# Proverbs

– An introduction from David Short –

Reading the book of Proverbs is like drinking a glass of clear water on a hot day when you did not realize how thirsty you were. It is unexpected, different, and deeply satisfying. The four so called “wisdom” books in the Old Testament (Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and The Song of Solomon) are dangerously practical. They deal with the circumstances of normal everyday life: work, family, finance, leisure, alcohol, speech, and exposing our deep motivations.

In Biblical terms, “wisdom” is not just learned through experience. Wisdom begins, grows, and bears fruit in the fear of the Lord. It requires humility and hunger before the person of God and his word. It requires our acknowledgement that we are not wise, so that we turn to God to fear him in all things, with all our hearts, all our days. The wisdom revealed in Proverbs is relational, not intellectual. If we come to know and love God more deeply the book is achieving its purpose.

The book of Proverbs is an amazing and unique combination. It is not “law” but it is full of commands. It is not “story” but it is full of stories. It is not “prophecy” but the God who revealed himself in the covenant with Israel is working his purposes toward the future fulfillment. It is certainly not advice—of the “haste makes waste” variety, though it captures 375 of Solomon’s pithy proverbs (e.g. ‘Whoever blesses his neighbor with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, will be counted as cursing.’ Proverbs 27:14). The book is not a random string of pearls, but a series of collections gathered carefully together, and as such context is important.

As it is not always easy to see the patterns in either the proverbs or through the book, the basic structure of the book is helpful to know.

Chapters 1 – 9	How to read the book of Proverbs: the key is the fear of the Lord
Chapters 10-29	The Proverbs of Solomon (with Sayings of the Wise 22:17-24:34)
Chapter 30	The Sayings of Agur
Chapter 31	The Sayings of Lemuel

Proverbs deepens and develops the basic categories of life and faith, on which the rest of Scripture builds. As such it offers unique paths to Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in whom all the wisdom of God dwells.