

NEWS & EVENTS

BAPTISMS

Through baptism we become a member of Christ's church, mark the beginning of our faith in the Trinity, and enroll in being disciplined by our Lord and Savior. If you would like to be baptized please apply at sjvan.org/ceremonies for one of the following dates:

9:00 or 11:00 am: Feb 25, June 10, or Oct 28
6:00 pm: Feb 18, June 10, or Nov 4

ST. JOHN'S REVISED BYLAWS

St. John's Vancouver Church was incorporated in 2009 under the former Society Act. That Act was replaced on 28 November 2016 by the new Societies Act, and a two-year period was permitted to transition to the new Act. That transition principally requires filing with the Registrar of Societies reformatted versions of the constitution and bylaws before 28 November 2018.

The St. John's Trustees established a small committee consisting of Rector David Short, People's Warden Joanne Sawatzky, Director of Operations Krista Friebel, and David Avren to consider possible amendments to our existing bylaws. That committee considered a variety of changes, rejecting some and recommending a few to the Trustees who in turn are recommending them to the membership, which must approve them by 75%, if they are to come into effect with our necessary transitional filings. We will be voting to approve these new bylaws at our annual vestry meeting on March 8, 2018.

A blacklined version of the bylaws showing the proposed changes is available on St. John's website. You can find them at About Us > Our Staff > Governance > clicking "by-law" in the first line. If you have any questions about these draft bylaws, please contact Joanne Sawatzky, People's Warden, or David Avren, through the church office.

LUNAR NEW YEAR PARTY | REGISTRATION CLOSSES WEDNESDAY

The St. John's ESL ministry is hosting a Lunar New Year Party on Saturday, Feb 17, 5:00 to 9:00 pm. This event is meant to welcome and build community with our newest international members, families, and friends. ALL are welcome to this intergenerational event with games, talent show, music and singing, and testimonies of faith from some of our new members. It will be a pot-luck dinner so please bring a dish to share. Registration is required and can be found at sjvan.org/events. For more information contact Sandy at sandyharmel@shaw.ca or 604-266-9940

LEARNERS' EXCHANGE

Every Sunday in the Cafe Room at 9:00 am, Learners' Exchange offers stimulating speakers and engaging discussions.

Feb 11 Julia Baylis

Pursuing Friendship with people on the margins in Vancouver

Feb 18: Jason Cheung

Sign of the Cross in St. Matthew Passion

EVENING SERVICE RETREAT | LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER

Join us at the ever spectacular Camp Squeah, with Dr. Ross Hastings our speaker, from Feb 23-25.

The cost for the weekend is \$185 per person, kids under grade 3 go for free! Registration is open at sjvan.org/events and closes on Feb 11.

CONDOLENCE

Rebecca Fraser passed away on December 12, 2017. A memorial service is scheduled for her at St John's Shaughnessy on May 6, 2018 at 2:30 pm followed by interment of ashes in the memorial garden with a reception in Trendell Lounge afterward.

EVENSONG

Evensong will be this Tuesday evening at 5:30 pm and held in the lower hall. Supper afterwards will be somewhat abbreviated so we are finished before the start of CCQ at 7:00 pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY | FEB 14

Join us for a short, prayerful Ash Wednesday service at 7:30 pm on Feb 14 to begin the Lenten season. *Practicing Lent* booklets, with Morning and Evening Prayer and a list of daily psalms, will be available.

KEEPING COMPANY WITH GOD | FEB 12 AT 7:30 PM

Keeping Company with God: rest, reflection and restoration at the end of the day will be on Monday Feb 12 at 7:30 pm. This worship service is held in the Chapel on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, and includes music, a short reflection on a Bible passage, prayers from across the centuries and around the world, and if you so desire, an opportunity to be prayed with by a member of our prayer team. If you have questions, please contact Manya Egerton megerton@telus.net

MEN'S BREAKFAST | MAR 10

Bishop Charlie Masters will join us as our speaker on March 10 for a Men's Breakfast, 8.30-10.30am at Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church fellowship hall (2733 W 41st Ave Vancouver). All men from each of our congregations, including senior youth boys, are warmly invited to this time of great teaching and fellowship together. Cost: \$15 per person for the catered breakfast, Please register at sjvan.org/events.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 5:30 PM Evensong
- 7:00 PM CCQ

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 10:00 AM Women @ 10

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 5:45 PM Men's Bible Study | 5659 Elizabeth St.
- 6:00 PM Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 7:30 AM Holy Communion (**Colossians 4:2-6**)
- 9:00 AM Learner's Exchange (Room 220)
- 9:00 AM Holy Communion (**Colossians 4:2-6**)
- 10:30 AM Prayer for People in Authority (Room 123)
- 11:00 AM Junior Youth (Grades 7-9)
- 11:00 AM Holy Communion (**Colossians 4:2-6**)
- 6:00 PM Evening Service (**Colossians 4:2-6**)

Learn more at sjvan.org/calendar & sjvan.org/events



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A FINAL REMINDER AND INVITATION TO CCQ

Join us over four Tuesday nights to:

- Find out what a defeater belief is and how to respond
- Learn how we can grow in reflecting Jesus to others
- Hear again the greatest good news
- Pray with others about where God is taking us

Our first session will be held on Tuesday, February 13 in the Fellowship Hall. Each week we will workshop how to connect with the people in our lives, how to share the content of the gospel, and how we can answer tough questions about Christianity.

CCQ will help to equip and encourage us to step forward and tell others the gospel that has changed our lives.

**JOIN US FOR CCQ FEBRUARY 13, 20, 27, AND MARCH 6
7:00-9:00 PM AT ST. JOHN'S VANCOUVER, 5350 BAILLIE ST**