



St. Anne's

# Grapevine

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## *From the Rector's Desk . . .*

Dear Friends,

***"It's the most wonderful time of the year!"***

Remember the back-to-school commercial with the children being dragged through the school supplies store as the parent gallops through the aisles joyfully singing these words? It *is* a wonderful time of year, particularly in the Church as people return from holidays and as parish activities begin again!

I hope you have been able to find some time for relaxation and renewal over the summer. I had a week visiting my parents and family in Ontario, a week at home and then a few days in Portland, Oregon.

Things have not been quiet at St. Anne's! At the end of July work began on the floor of our church hall. After some drilling and stripping of the old paint off the concrete surface and a lot of dust, the new floor has been received with glowing reviews.

On a summer Sunday in July, we had one of our BBQ's, just outside in our parking lot. Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> is **Homecoming Sunday** and I hope you will be able to join us as we put on another BBQ, following the **9:30am** service that day. Do note the change in the time of the service, just for that one Sunday, as we bring together our 8:30 and 10am congregations. It will also be an opportunity to welcome back the children of the Sunday School and their families.

Elsewhere in this issue of Grapevine, you will find information about the upcoming Christmas Fair at St. Anne's, planned for Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm. We are quite excited about this, as for many years St. Anne's had an annual Christmas Bazaar. This year's Fair will be a combination of outside crafters and St. Anne's tables. It will be a wonderful opportunity to welcome the surrounding community to St. Anne's and show them just some of the fellowship that we enjoy as members of this parish family.

Sadly, the "Pie Ministry" at St. Anne's has decided that it is time to wind down operations. For close to thirty years the "pie ladies" of St. Anne's have made pies and then sold them, both in the parish and outside. Mention St. Anne's in the community of Richmond or to other Anglican parishes and most know us because of the pies! As this ministry comes to a close, we need to give thanks to God for the ministry of Mildred Hingston and the pie-ladies. We will be having one last piece of pie as we gather in the Hall on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 3pm, to celebrate this ministry and to thank the ladies for their ministry all these years.

This fall is the beginning of what is shaping up to be a busy, exciting time in our parish. I pray that you will be involved as we together testify and witness to the presence and leading of God's Spirit in our midst.

Yours faithfully,



In the spring our *Grapevine* editor, Ruth Collison, moved to Comox. We are now looking for someone with some desktop publishing experience to be our new editor. If you might be interested in taking on this ministry, please speak to Brian or to Sharon in the church office.



**CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**10am TO 4.00pm**

Plans are underway for our Christmas Fair in November where St. Anne's will be hosting tables boasting baked goods, assorted fabric items, glassware, handmade cards, silent auction items, greenery table centre pieces, advent wreaths and more. We will also have a variety of outside crafters displaying and selling their wares. Refreshments and light teas / lunches will be available throughout the day. More details to come in the next issue of *Grapevine*.

Please spread the word, mark your calendars, and we'll see you at the Christmas Fair!



...Sunday School..that is!

We look forward to welcoming the children back to Sunday School on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget that Sunday the service will begin at 9:30am, rather than the usual 10am. We'll be back to 10am the following Sunday.

Would you be interested in helping teach the children? The program we use is very user friendly. If you might be willing to help with this wonderfully rewarding ministry, please speak to Rae Seay (604-275-9226) or to Brian, our Rector.

**P.U.S.H - 'Pray Until Something Happens'...**is a service matching needs with gifts. Everyone loves to receive gifts and it makes us feel terrific when we give. So, stay tuned until Sunday, September 11th for more information on this innovative way of creating a supportive Christian community (*spearheaded by Patricia G Whittaker*)

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