

Many may not realize that Ian’s full-time employment is in the hospitality industry – principally as the general manager of the Inn at Laurel Point. As a respected businessman, he has countless connections within the business community and the Monday-to-Saturday world. Ian has been instrumental (and very generous) in facilitating cross-sectoral conversations with key community leaders about issues that matter. Not only do these gatherings have the potential to get the Church “at the table;” they also create the kinds of networks that are the foundation of ongoing fruitful collaboration. As our “priest to the city,” Ian serves as a knowledgeable and trusted intermediary between people of goodwill serving in sacred and secular arenas.

During this time when the Cathedral is exploring the “greater works” to which we may be called in the next 50 years or so, there is more need than ever for someone who can help us bridge the unnecessary divide between the church and world. Ian’s role as priest to the city is one of three staff positions at the Cathedral which carry no remuneration.

Art Show docents needed

During Holy Week, we will be displaying an unusual art piece in the CNJ. If you can spare an hour or two, contact Malcolm Read or email the office at admin@christchurchcathedral.bc.ca

Take the minutes. The Welcoming Committee is looking for a new member to take minutes at monthly meetings. Meet the new parishioners and take part in the regular semi-annual socials. Contact the office.

Master Gardeners

Flowers are blooming and it’s time to gather a gardening planner and a green-thumbbed team together. If you would like to share your skills contact Malcolm Read or the office.

Engaging God’s World

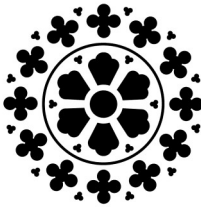
The March outreach envelope is for the Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF). The PWRDF is the Anglican Church of Canada’s agency for sustainable development and relief. Through the support of Anglican parishes across Canada, PWRDF makes financial and human resources available to partners around the world working to improve health, food security and livelihoods for vulnerable people.

On each Sunday in March, there will be a PWRDF display in the Chapter room and on Sunday, March 29, Maureen Lawrence, chair emeritus of the PWRDF Board, will be speaking and preaching.

Worship

In company with cathedrals the world over, Christ Church Cathedral maintains a rigorous practice of daily prayer. Please join us!

Mon	8.45 am	Morning Prayer
	5.15 pm	Evening Prayer
Tues	8.45 am	Morning Prayer
	12.15 pm	Holy Eucharist
	5.15 pm	12-step Eucharist
Wed	9.30 am	Cathedral School Chapel (during school term)
	12.15 pm	Celtic Eucharist
	4.30 pm	Choral Evensong with young choristers (2nd/4th Wed during school term)
Thurs	7.30 am	Holy Eucharist/Breakfast
	10.00 am	Centering Prayer/Christian meditation
	5.15 pm	Evening Prayer
Fri	8.45 am	Morning Prayer
	12.00 pm	Litany of Reconciliation
	5.15 pm	Contemplative Prayer
Sat	8.45 am	Holy Eucharist



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In TOUCH

Mar.15, 2020



*Staffers demonstrate the preferred gesture during the current COVID-19 pandemic. **The Dean has issued a statement which you can find on our website.***

People Profiles:
This week: The Reverend Canon Ian Powell
Priest to the City

Ian is a bi-vocational priest of the Diocese, and as such he is often called upon by the Bishop to assist other parishes.

Many parishioners of the Cathedral will know Canon Ian Powell primarily in his roles as presider and preacher – on Sundays and festivals, and for the hardy, at the 7.30 a.m. eucharist and breakfast on Thursdays. These are roles which connect him to the gathered Cathedral community, but they are not his primary focus.



Regarding the current COVID-19 situation, the Dean writes: regarding Sunday Services, here is where we stand currently:

- We will continue to gather for worship.
- We will encourage social distancing. We will thus discourage touching (e.g. handshakes, kisses and hugs.)
- We also encourage people to sit as many as two arm-lengths away from each other.
- The common cup will be withdrawn for a time (and please remember that Christ is wholly present in either the bread *or* the wine, not half present in each!)

Thank You, Thank You.

The Cathedral community is grateful to all who have advised us of their intended givings for 2020. If you haven’t had a chance to return your intention form, please take a moment to do so. (If you didn’t receive a form, there are extra packages available at the back of the Cathedral.) Or, please feel free to call the church office at 250.383.2714 to speak with Georgina Chapman, our envelope secretary.

We hope to have all intentions in hand by the end of March.

At our annual meeting, the congregation agreed to an overall 5% increase in offerings – so we are grateful for anything any of us can do to help meet that target. For those currently giving by credit card or pre-authorized donation, there is a simple form in the package that will allow you to signify a change. We are especially grateful for the regular source of income this method of giving provides.

Thank you to all who help us to fulfill our vision for mission and ministry in this place.—MAT

Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 3, 2020 8:45 - 9:45 am

There will be a special short service in the cathedral of the Stations of the Cross. One of our usual Morning Prayer time slots, modified for the occasion on the fifth Friday in Lent, a week before Good Friday.

The Stations of the Cross comprise a devotional practice, which invites Christians to follow in the footsteps of Jesus on the day of his crucifixion – either physically, along the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, or, as in our case, imaginatively.

In 2006, then-Dean Logan McMenamie commissioned seven artists with ties to the cathedral to paint two each of the 14 traditional stations; those art works now hang on the walls of our north and south ambulatories.

This year’s observance will focus on the seven stations which are directly referenced in scripture. We will pause before each one for a reading, a prayer and a time of meditation. The whole sequence will last approximately half an hour. Please plan to join us for this contemplative prelude to the solemnities of Holy Week.

Rooted and Grounded: Family Walks
Monthly starting March 22 at 1.30 pm (Free)
The diocese-wide project is a program that lets young ones explore the natural world and the role of God as Creator. Families meet at the cathedral and walk together to Beacon Hill Park for a guided activity. The outings will be led by Roxy Humphrey, who has a background in teaching, outdoor education and wilderness guiding. Apr 26, May 24 and Jun 28.

Anglican 101—Why “Common Prayer”
Sunday, March 22 at 10.25 a.m.
Insights into the development of the tradition undergirding our Anglican worship and identity. With Canon Ian Alexander.

Community Life

Easter Lily Fund

Make a donation for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. The Chancel Guild has envelopes in the pews. Use them for your donation by placing them in the offertory plate or bring them to the office.

Library News

In support of our mandate to provide information for parishioners we have a copy of each of the books being used by discussion groups during the Lenten season. The titles are: “Watershed discipleship: re-inhabiting bioregional faith and practice” edited by Ched Myers and “Living the questions: the wisdom of progressive Christianity” by David Felton and Jeff Proctor-Murphy. The books are also available to purchase from the office.

We have just received two new books that may be of interest to parishioners looking for a thoughtful read during the Lenten season:

Saying Yes to Life: the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Lent book, 2020, by Ruth Valerio. C. 2020, 197p.
The author draws on the Days of Creation (Genesis) as she relates themes of light, water, land, the seasons, other creatures, humankind, Sabbath rest and resurrection hope to matters of environmental, ethical and social concern. Each chapter ends with discussion questions and a prayer to aid action and contemplation.

The Way of Benedict; eight blessings for Lent by Laurentia Johns, OSB. C. 2019, 123p.
In this deep and practical book, a guide for Lent and the rest of the year, Sr. Laurentia distills the sixth-century Rule of St. Benedict as a series of blessings. Closely based on Scripture, the Rule highlights that the whole of life has a Lenten character and points to a joyful eternity. This accessible guide also includes ideas for reflection and action at the end of each charter.

Upcoming Events

Please monitor our website for any further changes.

CCC continues to expand the choral repertoire
On March 22 at the 11.00 am service, the Cathedral Choir will premiere a movement from a new work by Montreal-based composer Alexandra Fol. She composed her 5-movement cycle, “Psalms” jointly for Le Chœur Alarica (Montreal), Ensemble Ko (Montreal), and the Choir of Christ Church Cathedral.

Also on Sunday, March 22, professional actor and minister, the Rev. Dr. Angus Stuart, will be visiting to present his dramatic recitation of what he calls the “comedic interlude” in the Gospel of John: the story of the healing of the man born blind and the public reaction to it. Stuart began memorizing and performing the Gospels in 2007. Stuart’s real-life long-running role is as the rector at St. Francis-in-the-Wood in New Westminster.



J.S. Bach: Motets—Raincoast Voices
Sunday, March 22 at 6.00 p.m.
Bach’s six motets are among the greatest achievements of choral polyphony in the Baroque period. Raincoast Voices, a group of talented singers will take on the monumental task of performing all six of these amazing pieces to celebrate Bach’s 335th birthday! Tickets \$20 / \$5 students (at the door)

Sunday, March 29 (Lent 5)
A medieval mystery play, *The Raising of Lazarus*, will feature seven costumed actors. The use of mystery plays to tell Biblical stories began in the medieval period when most of the population could not read and with no access to books. These are a wonderful means to tell the stories of the Bible.

Notre Dame de Paris: Laying the Cornerstone of Western Music
Wednesday, April 15 at 7.30 p.m.

In April 2019, people around the world watched in horror as a great fire devastated Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, a monolith of French architecture, culture, and music. But the physical structure wasn’t the only aspect of the great cathedral that was damaged. Without regular revenue now that the cathedral is closed, the music program is struggling. A program that has run continuously since the church was opened in the 13th century.

Exactly a year later, to raise funds for the music programs at Notre-Dame, the Ancient Music Society of Victoria and Christ Church Cathedral are partnering to present an evening of dramatic readings and music. The concert will feature ancient music that was written and performed in Paris at the time the great cathedral was being built.

The evening of sacred and secular music will be enhanced by the narrative of a young 13th-century monk from Canterbury who travels to Paris to study. By donation.



Watershed Discipleship
March 21 from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
Christ Church Cathedral is hosting a day-long foundational seminar – on the day of the spring equinox – as part of the Lenten series on stewarding the environment. Presented by the Rev. Matt Humphrey, deacon at the Parish of Central Saanich and a veteran teacher at A Rocha environmental community, the session explores how Christians can put faith into action in their own lives. He will base the discussions on the book, *Watershed Discipleship*, available at the deanery. Registration required.