

NOTICES FOR
Sunday, June 28th 2009
The Birth of St. John the Baptist



The Flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God by Eileen Mais in loving memory of her parents.

Events for the Week of June 28 – July 5

Tuesday 11:00 am Centering Prayer (Church)
7:00 pm Transitions (last session)
Thursday 7:00 pm Summer Reading Group:
"A Year of Living Biblically"

Parish Picnic TODAY

Our annual *St. John' the Baptist Day* Parish Picnic will be held after the 10 am service this morning. Lunch and dessert will be provided as will games for all. Please come to the picnic with or without a contribution for the pot luck lunch.

All are Welcome!

The Parish Office will be closed for July 1st, Canada Day.

A Word about Intinction

Bishop Cowan has informed us that "Intinction" or the practice of dipping the bread or the communion wafer in the chalice of wine **is no longer an accepted practice for public worship** in the Diocese of British Columbia.

The fact is, more contagion can be transmitted this way, than in sharing the common cup. Intinction is actually a much higher risk activity, as finger tips coming in direct contact with wine may contaminate the wine with pathogens. It is also perfectly acceptable to receive communion in one kind only. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to speak to the Rector.

Accommodation Requested

A mother with an 8 year old daughter requires a low rental unit in the surrounding area. If you know of a low income rental unit **please contact Betty Halliday at 250-743-9173**

September Festival

September 19th 2009 ~ 10am - 2pm

(Please tell your friends and neighbours!!!)

Help is Needed in the Following Venues:

The **JEWELRY VENUE** needs three people to assist MARY HEATH, please contact Mary in person or at 250-743-3507.

The **SILENT AUCTION** needs people for cashiers, overseers, display etc. to assist VICKY SAUNDERS, contact Vicky in person or at 250-743-4831

We would like to have the entire congregation involved in some way during this our main fund raiser for the year. If you have are not as yet committed in some way, contact BOB DOWKER at 250-743-2253 or bcdowker@shaw.ca to see where you can best help.

Clothes can be brought to the Pastoral Centre during office hours. Please do not bring bags or boxes over 25 pounds.

Books Please **do NOT drop off books until July** as we have no storage available for them until then. Please no encyclopaedias, text books or Reader's Digest condensed books.

Now is the time to divide & re-pot plant cuttings for our **Country Store**. Please keep this venue in mind when making preserves.

One of the key money raisers for September Fest is the Silent Auction. It only works however, if there are things of reasonable value to auction. If you have something worth at least \$100 and would be prepared to donate it please contact Vicky Saunders at 250-743-4831.(email: Madrona_inc@shaw.ca) Many thanks. Donations for the Silent Auction can also include gift certificates from stores, restaurants, bakeries, boutiques, hair stylists, golf courses, pet groomers, spas, etc., etc. as well we would like anything related to wine/tea/coffee for gift baskets.

Other items from around your house, garage or garden can be brought to the church basement but **please no computer/tv/electronic items or suitcases**. Much of our funds raised must be used to dispose of those items since they do not sell. Be sure to pass the word along to your friends and neighbours.

PARISHIONER ART SHOW

Are there any artists out there we don't know about? Have you got a painting or photograph on the wall, or a quilt on the bed, or carpet on the floor you can bring to display in the church for September Festival? If so, please call NAOMI at 250-748-4413.

Our Thirsty Church Gardens

Just like our own gardens, the gardens around the church need water too in the hot weather. Because we don't have a fulltime groundskeeper we depend on volunteers to keep our grounds looking good. If you are able to water during the week, please call Margaret Tudway-Cains at 743-4400.

Are you an accomplished artist?

We are considering the concept of holding an Art Sale to be held in November, 2009. The purpose will be to provide a platform for local artists to celebrate, display and sell their artwork, thus serving the community with fine works for the upcoming Christmas gift giving season. It would also provide the parish with a unique fundraising program. Please call Brigit O'Leary for input or interest at # 250 743 0745.

Giving Flowers to the Church

There are openings on the *Flower Chart* (posted in the Narthex) during the summer months. Consider signing up to bring or purchase flowers in memory of a loved one or to mark a special event. The Altar Guild would appreciate fresh garden flowers and greenery for the altar arrangements. If you are able to help please call Marion Holmes at 743-4274.

Dream the Church Vision 2019

THE STORY BOX

Where is the Church now and where do you want the Anglican Church to be in 2019?

If you would like to add your dream and vision for the church, please write a story or share your ideas, dreams, visions, discernments about where you think God wants the church to be in 2019. The Church is seeking input from all our communities of worship. We are called upon for a dialogue, with inclusion and sharing as all God's children. Please consider this invitation and place your responses in the "STORY BOX" in the Parish Hall. Your responses may be anonymous if you wish. The results will be shared at the next gathering of General Synod in June 2010. Thank you for your valued consideration and feedback.

Programs and Workshops:

A Day Apart with the Sisters.

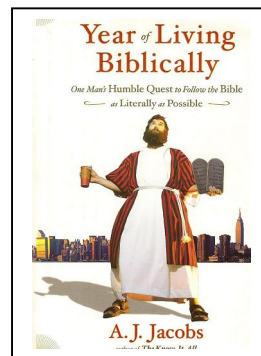
"Wisdom Distilled from the Daily."

Saturday July 11, 2009.

Enter into the rhythm of our community life for a day. Experience the balance of prayer, work, rest and study in the context of a monastic community at St. John's House, 3937 St. Peter's Rd., Victoria. Reflections will be on the Rule of St. Benedict as a contemporary tool for 21st Century Christians struggling to find balance in their lives. The day begins at 9am with Morning Prayer. There will be a time for reading, rest, shared reflections and prayer, work projects and some community time.

The day ends with Evening Prayer at 5pm.

Cost \$30, includes lunch. Please register by July 7th
250-920-7787 or bchouse@ssjd.ca



Summer is for Reading

How about joining us for the *Year of Living Biblically*? It's the story of one man's quest to read the Bible and obey it literally. It's the story of a man who decided to explore faith for the first time and is surprised by what he discovers. I am seeking 7 or 8 people for a read of this book and for discussion.

Times: July 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 30th and August 6th,
7pm to 8.30pm in the Hall.

Please register at the Office 250-743-3095 by June 30th. You will need to either buy a copy or borrow one (author: A.J. Jacobs).

Pocket (Farmer's) Market

at St. Andrew's, Cowichan Station
every Wednesday evening from 3 – 6 pm.

Rector's Summer Holidays

Scott our Rector, and Sarah will be on holidays
from July 10th – August 8th

The Rev. David Peterson will be on-call
ph.(250-715-0422) (for Pastoral Emergencies)
during this time.

Readings for next Sunday, July 5th

5th Sunday after Pentecost:

2 Samuel 5:1-5.9-10; Psalm 48

2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13