



NOTICES FOR
Sunday, August 1st 2010
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

The flowers at the altar today are given to the Glory of God and with many memories of a beloved brother and uncle, Howard, by the Woodcock Family.

Events for the Week of August 1st – August 8th

Tuesday 11:00 am Centering Prayer

25th ANNUAL SEPTEMBER FESTIVAL
~ Saturday September 18th 2010 ~

See the special *September Festival* section on our website: www.stjohnscobblehill.ca

This year we are planning to provide regular information and special announcements about *September Festival* via an occasional newsletter rather than through the weekly bulletins. It will be delivered by e-mail to conserve paper costs but limited print copies will be available in the church. We have scheduled fine, warm weather for the big day which will be the 25th annual *September Festival*. We are planning on it being as much fun as previous years and just a little SPECIAL because of the anniversary!

A Reminder from Mothers' Union

Please remember to save your Country Grocer tapes for Mothers' Union.

Thanks,
Jean Gilraine

Summer Worship Services and Pastoral Care

Our Rector, *The Rev. Scott Pittendrigh*, will be away on his holidays **July 9 – August 7**. We warmly welcome and thank the following clergy who will be taking the services while Scott is away:

August 1

8am – *The Rev. Lou Thornton*

9:15am – *The Rev. David Rolfe*

11am – *The Most Rev. Andrew Hutchison*

*For pastoral emergencies during this time please call
The Rev. David Peterson: 250-715-0422*

Please note that The Rev. David Peterson will be on holidays from August 7 to September 4.

A New Sign for our Church

A beautiful new sign is being professionally designed by Cowichan Woodworks and will be erected later this summer. It will be placed on the front lawn and will help identify our parish as the (hub) Anglican Church of the South Cowichan. This will be a sign large enough to be read by passersby travelling in both directions on Cobble Hill road, and will also blend in well to the setting of the church. A great deal of thought, planning and sensitivity has gone into its design. We are very grateful to the anonymous donors for their generosity in contributing the funds for this project.

Adjusting the width of our dais/chancel

For more than a year Parish Council has been aware of the potential hazard that is caused by the width of the dais (the raised platform) at the front of the church. Several people have tripped over it, and we have been fortunate to date that these incidents have not resulted in broken bones. A year ago Parish Council began to discuss trimming 3 feet off either side of the dais to widen the walkway that leads into the vestry and the hall. At the June meeting this decision was ratified by council. Over the summer we hope to have this work done, in order that the church remains a safe place for our parishioners and visitors. If you have any questions about these plans please speak with Scott or any member of Parish Council or the Buildings for Ministry Committee. Thank you!

Events, Programs, Workshops & More

Shoobox Ministry Work Party

Tuesday, September 21st 2010 10:00 to 4:00

We will be cutting out simplified little girl skirts and little boy shorts. Each article will be placed in an individual plastic bag (kit) with instructions and given to volunteers to take home and sew within 2 months. The articles will then be turned over to Canada Comfort Society to be sent to needy children. If you cannot stay for the entire day then come for whatever time you have free. You do not have to be a sewer - if you can use scissors and can cut - we need you! Please extend this invitation to your friends outside of the church. Coffee, tea, muffins and cookies will be provided. **Bring the following with you: scissors, pins, measuring tape and your lunch.** Please confirm your attendance with Shirley Hardy at 743-5456 or email onthego3@shaw.ca

Transitions: Your Journey through Grief and Loss
Two groups starting in the Cowichan Valley in August

This 10-week support group will provide insight, hope and prayerful support as you journey through the painful times of grief and loss in your life. The **Thursday morning group** (Aug. 12-Oct. 14, Duncan United Church) welcomes those who have experienced loss or anticipated loss of a loved one, loss of good health in themselves or someone they love, loss of a job or underemployment, retirement from a much-loved career and the ending of a marriage or significant relationship. The **Friday morning group** (Aug. 13 – Oct. 15, Cowichan Valley Hospice Society) welcomes those who have experienced the death of a spouse, partner or family member, whether that loss is recent or happened some time ago. This program is an ecumenical course grounded in Christian spirituality. For more information or to register please call the facilitator, Sarah Donnelly, 250-710-7675. Cost: \$200 or \$20/week. Limited financial assistance available. Please register by August 5.

CAMP COLUMBIA

2010 SUMMER PROGRAMS

Over 60 Years of Summer Ministry!

Banana Boat, Kayaking, Orienteering, Photography and much more...

Please pray for the volunteers, staff and campers involved in the ministry at Camp Columbia this year.

September Festival Reminder

PLEASE do not bring any magazines for the book sale. This includes National and Canadian Geographics and Reader's Digest. They just end up in the recycling.

What's Behind "The Shack"?

A special one-day seminar with the author the "The Shack", William Paul Young.

Saturday August 21, 2010; 9 am – 4 pm

At The Church of St. John the Divine, Victoria.

\$25 registration fee (\$20 for seniors/students) which includes a brown bag lunch.

William Young will speak about how the story arose from his personal experiences, and will speak on forgiveness, reconciliation and the inner nature of God.

To register please call 250-383-7169 or email

admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

Holy Groves and Sacred Springs

The first Christians arriving in Brittany and the British Isles during the 1st and 2nd centuries were able to blend some of their Christian beliefs and practices with the culture of the ancient pre-Christian Celtic peoples living there. This blending resulted in a spiritual focus quite distinct from their Mediterranean brothers and sisters. Central to this was the belief in the innate goodness and unity of all creation.

In the context of a relaxing retreat with study, times of silence and contemplation, good food, music, worship and fellowship, we will explore some of the distinct features and gifts of Christian Celtic Spirituality and how they may enrich our lives today.

Co-facilitated by Harry Eerkes and Lynda Rose.

Friday, Sept. 10 - Sunday Sept. 12

Cost: \$280.00 inclusive of all costs
(\$300.00 after August 31).

Cowichan Lake Education Centre, Cowichan Lake, BC.
(a lovely spot 1/2 hr. drive west of Duncan).

For a Registration Form and/or more information:

Please e-mail us at solus.salann@gmail.com (preferred) or you may call Lynda at 250-220-9093, Harry at 250-220-8984

Readings for next Sunday, August 8th

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 1:1. 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24;

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

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