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Beloved Friends,

We are back! Slowly, slowly, as the church and provincial leadership allows, we will be opening up the church for worship on Sunday mornings.

We will be practicing all safety measures strictly, including sanitization and physical distancing.

The wearing of masks is strongly encouraged, but not mandatory. In order to have **everyone** fit safely in church we have split the congregation into two groups, A and B. And we will be inviting you to come every other week. We will let you know if you are in group A or B. (After a month or so we may mix up the groups, so

we can see other parishioners – kind of like five-minute dating!). Please remember that all services will continue to be recorded and will be posted on our Facebook page, on our website, www.stbarnabasparish .ca, and on our YouTube channel.

Re-opening the Church for Sunday Services

Here are the Sundays each group can attend (through to August 23rd):

Group A ~ July 5, 19, Aug 2 & 16

Group B ~ July 12, 26, Aug 9 & 23 For all the details on How Church will Look and Feel, please see the back page of this newsletter.



Maureen Shirley to receive The Order of New Westminster

Our beloved Warden, Maureen Shirley is to receive The Order of New Westminster at a ceremony to be held at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Saturday, November 7th at 10:00am.

The Order of New Westminster honours and gives special recognition to lay members of the Diocese who have given outstanding service, over a significant period of time, in their voluntary ministry.

Maureen came to St. Barnabas in 1993. Since joining our parish she has undertaken many important leadership roles including:
People's and Rector's
Warden, head of our
Altar Guild, office
volunteer and
Envelope Secretary.

Other St. Barnabas parishioners who have recently received the Order are Bruce Alexander, Helen Nebbeling and Peggy Quick.

Thank you for all you do & congratulations Maureen.





Grab & Go Food Ministry

As many of you know, before she left us for her Quebec vineyard, Mavis Brownlee, working with Chuck Puchmayr and the City of New Westminster, obtained for St. Barnabas a grant to undertake a food ministry in our neighbourhood. Thanks to

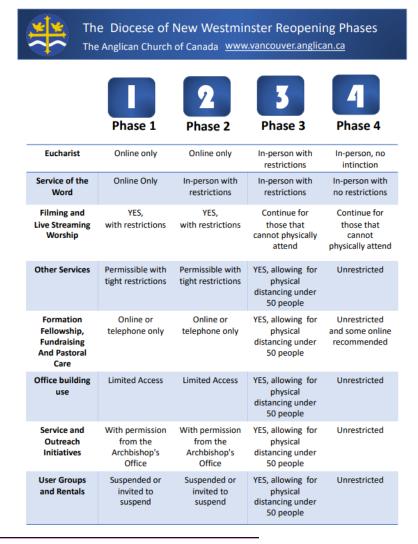
our partners at Safeway (8th & McBride), we have been giving out approximately 30 hampers every Friday. Special thanks to Shiloh's Shannon Tennant, Finn Leahy and Lorne Thompsom. Call if you can help out.



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Re-opening Phases from the Diocese

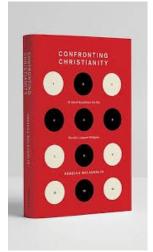
Here is a handy graphic, from the Diocese, on how re-opening will proceed over the coming weeks. With our in-church services resuming, we are moving in to Phase 3. There may be some required adjustments as time goes by, but this is unfortunately inevitable during these unprecedented times.



New Book Study Beginning July 11

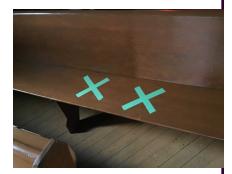
Martha will be leading a new Book Study, via Zoom, beginning July 11, at 10:00am, and continuing for 6 Saturdays. The book we have chosen to read is: Confronting Christianity: 12 Hard Questions for the World's Largest

Religion. The book is available as an e-book and an audio book. If you would like to join us, please call the church and leave a message at 604-526-6646 or email Martha at Barnabas.newwest@gmail. com.









How Church will Look and Feel during Phase 3

- ~You will receive a phone call and an email inviting you to church on alternate Sundays.
- ~We will be celebrating Morning Prayer, until the Diocese gives us permission to have Eucharist.
- ~Sadly, no singing in church for a while.
- ~We will joyously celebrate our community life and faith together with music, prayer, scripture, silence and reflection on God's word.
- ~We won't be congregating in clumps of people: no exchange of Peace, no coffee hour, no chatting at the church door. We will be welcoming families, or people who have already expanded their "bubble" to sit together.
- ~Hand sanitizer and masks will be available at the church door.
- ~The collection plate will be at the entryway to church to receive your gifts.
- ~We will continue to pray for the whole world as we struggle to be safe and stay connected during this pandemic.
- ~The **MOST** important thing of all is staying safe. The next most important thing is to stay connected. Every single member of our congregation, from oldest to youngest, from every tradition and history is part of our great big family. This is a time for compassion and patience. Thanks to the church leaders who have kept St. Barnabas going, for these many, many decades, since 1891. We are a strong group, and we are known for our loving kindness visible to all. Let's continue to show that!