DECEMBER 2021



NOTICE TO MEMBERS:

We are slowly starting to re-open the temple. Max 30 people allowed in person. Please see inside for details!

REGULAR SCHEDULE

ENGLISH SERVICES Sundays 10:00am

JAPANESE SERVICES Sundays 11:30am

SEIZA MEDITATION Thursdays 7:30pm

MORNING MEDITATION Fridays 10:00am

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday December 5th 10am Shotsuki Service 11:30am Japanese Service Sunday December 12th 10am Bodhi Day Service 11:30am Japanese Service Monday December 13th 7pm SBT Board Meeting Sunday December 19th 9am Yearly Temple Cleanup **NO SERVICE** Sunday December 26th Winter Break NO SERVICE DECEMBER 24th - 27th TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED Friday December 31st 11:30-11:45pm Joya-E New Year's Eve Service DECEMBER 31st - JAN 4th **TEMPLE OFFICE CLOSED** Saturday January 1st 10am New Year's Day Service Sunday January 2nd 10am Shotsuki Service 11:30am Japanese Service

> FUJINKAI TOBAN 2 Contact: Itoko Akune 604-244-7710

Another Year Behind Us

As 2021 quickly draws to an end, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support and guidance despite the difficult couple of years that we have experienced. On top of the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic, 2021 will be remembered in BC for all the natural disasters that have affected us all. Whether it was the blistering heat of the heat dome in June, the forest fires that haunted many districts during the summer, or most recently the torrential rainfall which has left numerous areas flooded, it has been another trying year for the people of BC.



Reflecting on the events of the past year, we know that this wasn't the first time that natural disasters have struck, and it definitely won't be the last time. In fact, 2,500 years ago, Prince Siddhartha Gautama left the royal palace at the age of 29 years old because he realized that there was suffering in living and he sought out a path to liberate all beings from such suffering. Following 6 years of arduous practice, Siddhartha attained enlightenment under the Bodhi tree in the village of Bodh Gaya. He was 35 years old at the time and it is said the event took place on December 8th. Every year, we hold the Bodhi Day service on the second Sunday of the month to commemorate this most important event in the life of the Buddha. This year we will be holding the Bodhi Day Service on December 12th starting at 10:00 am. In a world of great instability, the Buddha Dharma and the Nembutsu gives us peace of mind knowing that no matter what is going on that I am embraced by the Great Wisdom and Compassion of Amida Buddha.

Aside from the Bodhi Day Service, we are also planning on getting back to more in person activities at the temple. Two important upcoming events will be the Year End Temple Cleanup on Sunday, December 19th and the New Years Eve Temple Bell Ringing, or Joya-E in Japanese. In Japan, it is traditional at the end of the old year to clean one's home thoroughly as a way to cleanse the physical self, to start the New Year off with a fresh start.

Similarly, on New Year's Eve, people attend temples to listen to the temple bells being rung 108 times which is to represent the human defilements or the past actions from the previous year. In listening to the bells one is to cleanse the spiritual self, again to start the New Year off with a fresh start. The cleansing of oneself at the year end is an important custom in Japan, not only because it is cultural, but more because of the religious connotations. Cleansing oneself does not mean that we rid ourselves of the past, but it is a time to acknowledge both the bad and good events that occurred throughout the year and to be able to look forward to the New Year with a fresh mindset.

Throughout the past year we all have encountered many events. I hope you will join us for some of the year end events to spend some time reflecting on the past year and on New Year's Eve, as the rich tone of the Temple Bell fades gently into the night air, so the many events of 2021 will gently fade into our memories.

With sincere gratitude for the many encounters during this year, may I wish all of you a peaceful Holiday Season, and a fulfilling New Year.

Namu Amida Butsu, Grant Ikuta

DHARMA LIGHT



FUJINKAI NEWS Hiroko Yoshihara

Nearing the end of 2021, Fujinkai activity will pick up slightly with temple clean up at 9am on Sunday, December 19. It has been a quiet year with no food bazaars. The usual tasks of serving

refreshments after services were not required as Zoom took over from in person attendance.

Despite the lack of social interactions, temple members and friends have donated a large amount of items for garage sales which have been held outside. Fortunately, the weather was dry and often sunny.

We have also received many Japanese dolls and dishware so in the future, we will have a sale of these items. Japanese on Zoom or in person in the near future!! groceries continue to be sold.

The annual Eshinni nikko and Fujinkai memorial service was held on Sunday, November 28 with approximately 30 members and non members attending in person. Bento 31 - Jan. 4th 2022. Thank you for your understanding. lunch was served. Your support in our endeavours is much Happy holidays everyone!! appreciated!

Two Questions

Does anyone have a use for the grey zabutons (seat 1. cushions) which were used in the gymnasium? They are free to anyone who would like some or all.

2.Maguro can be ordered in time for the new year. Would anyone be interested in purchasing?

Please contact Hiroko Yoshihara at 604.277.6521 or email hi.yosh@telus.net if you are interested.

Japanese Groceries Available at the Temple

Bonito (large package) Fukujinzuke red Fukujinzuke brown Genmai cha (1 kg) Inari/age (40 pieces) Mentsuyu (1 litre) Onigiri nori (box of 5 pkg) Shiro miso (1 kg) Takuan Tamari sauce Umeboshi (5 varieties) Yaki nori (gold)

SENBEI: Ajinorakuen Gomasuki Kakinotane Norimaki okaki Sakura arare Teriyaki senbei

Kids Sangha

We are happy to announce that we will be starting in person Kids' Sangha classes again at the Temple!

We will kick it off with a Bodhi Day Party on Saturday, December 11th at 10:00 a.m.

Reverend Grant will conduct a service at 10:00 a.m. which also will be on Zoom for National Dharma School students. Then we will go to the classroom for a craft and is a time for reflection. It is a Japanese games. Afterwards, we will host a bento box lunch for parents and children!

December 4th with the number of children and adults.

We hope that you will be able to join us! Please RSVP to the Kids' Sangha Class Teacher, Shelley John at: sjohn@ sd38.bc.ca

mandatory, there will be a sign in sheet and we will provide 1st, 2022, at 10:00 am. hand sanitizer.



Temple Office

Please note that any donations received after Dec. 27th will not be included in the 2021 income tax receipt. Please also submit all of your invoices from any temple expenses before Dec. 23rd so we can issue your cheques before the end of

the year. Thank you for your co-operation. Renako and I would like to thank all of your wonderful support throughout this difficult time. For your information, the office will be closed from Friday, Dec. 31st and will return on Monday, January 3rd, 2022.

Please Have a Safe Happy New Year and hope to see you

Temple Office Holiday Hours

The office will be closed from Dec. 24th -27th and Dec.

Year End Temple Clean-Up

Come and cleanse the body, the temple, and the mind. Join us for our annual temple year end clean up on Sunday, Dec. 19 starting at 9:00 am. Help us clean the temple so we can welcome 2022 with a fresh start.





Bodhi Day December 12th, 2021

Tradition has it that roughly 2,500 years ago in Northern India, in the village of Bodh Gaya, Siddhartha Gautama attained Enlightenment under the Bodhi Tree at the age of 35 years old. Japanese Buddhist commemorate this date as being on December 8th. Every year the temple

holds the Bodhi Day Service to observe this very important event in the life of the Buddha.

Please attend our Bodhi Day Service on Sunday, December 12th at 10:00 am. The service will be held both live in person as well as on online through the Zoom platform.

Joya E Service New Year's Eve Service December 31, 2021



Generally, the month of December custom to attend the New Year's Eve

Service, or Joya E (除夜会) in Japanese, to bring the year If you are able to attend, please RSVP by Saturday, to a close. The service gives us an opportunity to quietly reflect on the events of the past year and to rejoice in gratitude for the life that we have. Come join us on Dec. 31, 2021, at 11:30 pm.

Also, don't forget to start the New Year on the right foot Note: In following with Covid Protocols, masks will be by joining us for the New Year's Day service on January

DONATIONS & Memberships

- The Steveston Buddhist Temple sincerely appreciates and thanks the following for their generous donations: All donations received after Nov. 23rd, 2021 will be announced in the next newsletter. Any donations with notations stating they are in memory of numerous individuals, these names will be acknowledged in the month that the cheque has been deposited. If you wish to have the donations acknowledged in the newsletter corresponding with the Shotsuki month, we ask that you to continue making donations during the actual Shotsuki memorial month of that individual. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. 最近一年を通した法要と祥月御懇志を小切手にて一 括で送られてくるケースが多くなりました。その場合は 入金さ れたその月のニュースレターにまとめてお報せ致しますのでご了 承下さいませ。尚、祥月御懇志袋上に差出人のお名前、ご住所の 他、どの月の祥月御懇志かもお忘れなく記載して下さいませ。有 難うございました。
- Legacy Donation(\$3.597): Kojima Jim & Michiko, Katai Ed & Kay, Kimura George, Miki Ken & Dorothy, Slye Loren & Janice, Guy Garry & Rosalind, Hodder Bob & Evelyn, Okano Nicole, Nakanishi Mike & Frances, Ikuta Makoto, Oda Kay & Harold, Sugimoto Noriko, Ikuta Teruko, Ikuta Kuni & June, Niguma Kazuko, Takizawa Yasuo,
- JSBTC Day Donation(\$420): Akune Roy & Itoko, Ikuta Kuni & June, Ikuta Teruko, Koyanagi Susie, Morizawa Chiyoko, Morizawa Sazare, Nakatsu Tsuyoshi & Chizuru, Nishi Chizuko, Nitta Ayako, Okabe Mary, Sakai Marge, Tani Kiyoshi & Mutsumi, Tomihiro Kazuko
- General donation (\$ 1.837): Akune Ted, Berlinguette Jocelyn, Chow Suezone & Nobu, Ikuta Teruko, Kondo Kaoru, Kurita Yoshie, Matsuo Corey, Mia Aungi, Mia Essop, Minato A., Oda Jennifer, Watanabe Keiko, Whittier Maya

Shotsuki Services (\$ 2555):

Havashi, Mitsue

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Hayashida, Ausgus-

July: Onouye Hideko, Onouye Shigenari

October: Ichiiwa Bea & Ken, Nishi Kayoko, Onouye Hideko, Onouye Shigenari

November: Akune Roy & Itoko, Baumann Elaine, Charney Irene, Doi Peter & Louise, Hashimoto Junichi, Higo Kelvin & Kay, Hori Jim, Kakehi Tomoko, Kariya Florence, Kawabata Jack, Kawabata Mitsuyo, Kokubo Alice, Kuriyama Richard, Matsuo Ken & Akiko, Mizuta Akemi & Harry, Morimoto John & Yumi, Morimoto Mas, Murao Dick, Murao Keith, Murao Ken, Murao Ray, Niguma Kazuko, Nishi Chizuko, Nishi

Kobayashi, Noriyo

Kojima, Tamino

Koyanagi, Mitsuo

Joe, Nishikihama Eiko, Nitta Ayako, Nitta Jeff, Okabe Mary, Oye Hanako, Sakai Mitsuka, Sakamoto Bud, Sakiyama Butch & Marilyn, Sakiyama Nobby, Sakurai Naomi & Tommy, Takasaki C., Sameshima Raymond & Famey, Tamayose Yukiko, Tasaka Cheryl, Tasaka Janice, Tasaka Joyce, Tasaka Rick & Naomi, Teraguchi Lorne, Teraguchi June, Tipple Pat & Chris, Tubajon Paul & Julie, Uyeyama Tom, Yamanaka Keiko, Yoneda Kaz

December: Charney Irene

- Hanamatsuri , Gotan-e, Obon Services(\$60): Harada Jack
- Funerals & Memorial Services: In memory of the late (\$3,800)
- 49th day service of the late Mrs. Setsuko Yamashita: Esson Karen, Sakai Mitts & Kay
- Mrs. Setsuko Yamashita: Doi Peter & Louise, Gallop Fred & Haruko, Ikuta Makoto, Iwata Genevieve, Koyanagi Susie, Kuramoto Martin, Mayede Patsy, Minato H, Miyazaki Patti, Morizawa Chiyoko, Mukai Akiko, Murao R., Nishi Kayoko, Sakai Tomiko, Sakamoto Bud, Takahashi David & Keiko, Tasaka Joyce, Tasaka Kaz & Chic, Teraguchi Lorne, Tomihiro Kazuko, Yamanaka Keiko, Yokota Carl, Takeya Sushi
- Mr. Mitsuo Tanigami: Tanigami Michiko, Doi Peter & Louise, Higo Kelvin & Kay, Kiss Pearl, Murao R., Nagata Sayoko, Niwatsukino Betty, Tasaka Joyce, Anonymous
- Mr. Takemi Miyazaki: Romaniuk Darlene, Dan & Catherine

Mr. Yoshikazu Oura: Hirano Masami

- Mrs. Katsuko Sawada: Sawada Jack
- 1st year memorial service of the late Mrs. Eiko Kokubo: Izumi Basil & Etsuko, Kokubo Alice
- 13th year of the late Mr. Shigeru Niwatsukino: Koyanagi Susie, Tomihiro Kazuko

54th year of the late Mr. Tokichi Niwatsukino: Koyanagi Susie, Tomihiro Kazuko

Your Donations are needed and appreciated!

Donations are the single largest source of income for the temple. Although there are no scheduled events, expenses do not stop. We want to be able to restart programs as soon as possible, so we thank you in advance for your contribution.

2021/22 Membership paid: Dickens Kinuko, Hamanishi Keiko(2020), Kamachi Ken, Matsuo David, Miki Ken, Niguma Kazuko, Sakamoto Bud

Tanaka, Hitoshi

Tani, Ichino

Tanaka, Yoneharu

DECEMBER 2021 MEMORIAL SERVICE (Please bring your "Homyo".)

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| Amadatsu, Toshi | Kanno, Sakae | Mori, Kiyoshi | Niwatsukino, Ume | Sakiyama, Aiko | Uyeda, Haruo |
| Asari, Sadajiro | Kariya, Yoshio | Morishita, Kino | Nomura, Kimiko | Sameshima, Kuniyo- | Yamashita, Douglas |
| Doi, Tomoyuki | Katayama, Gorosuke | Morishita, Tome | Ohara, Chieko | shi | Yesaki, Miyakichi |
| Goto, Tokiyo | Kawasaki, Shizuko | Nakane, Mitsutaro | Okano, Sekiji | Shinde, Eiko | Yokota, George |
| Hama, Sayo 'Sally' | Kimura, Kiyoko | Nakano, Kiichi | Omori, Hiroshi | Suzuki, Fumi | Yokota, Shigeo |
| Hamade, Hiroshi | Kobayashi, Kotome | Nakano, Sadao | Sakai, (Frank) Yo- | Tateyama, Kazue | Yoshida, Yonekichi |
| Hamaura, Motaro | Koyanagi, Herby | Nakatani, Inosuke | nekazu | Takasaki, Yukio | Yoshida, Yoshiko |
| Harada, Misako | Koyanagi, Chuzo | Narukami, Uta | Sakai, Yoshiko | Tanigami, Hideko | Yukawa, Katsue |
| Higo, Yui | Kuramoto, Jiro | Nishi, Hitoshi | Sakata, Eiichi | Ruth | |
| Hikita, Kojiro | Maekawa, Fujie | Nishi, Yoshiko | Sakata, Yone | Teraguchi, Nami | |
| Hirose, Tanejiro | Matsuyama, Iyo | Nishikihama, Mitsuo | Sakata, Tomizo | Tsumoto, Takeshi | |
| Kanno, Eiji | Mukai, George Seishi | Niwatsukino, Keiko | Sakashita, Yutaka | Uno, Yoneko | |
| JANUARY 2022 MEMORIAL SERVICE | | | | | |
| (Please bring your "Homyo".) | | | | | |
| Akune, Nariyoshi | Hirose, Asako | Kuramoto, Kunji | Nevins Tabata, Seiji | Sakata, Myrna | Tarumoto, Hamasa- |
| Arima, Janet Setsuko | Hirota, Naokichi | Kuramoto, Miyako | Marcus | Sakiyama, Kumataro | buro |
| Asari, Kikue | Inouye, Ray | Matsubara, Chiyoko | Nishi, Isao 'Wes' | Sakiyama, Mume | Teraguchi, Mosaburo |
| Domae, Hisajiro | Inouye, Tomi | Matsuo, Diane Chieko | Nishi, Minoru | Sameshima, Toshiharu | Tezuka, Yasuko |
| Domai, Nobuo | Ishida, Chotaro | Matsuo, Shizue | Nishi, Toyo | Sameshima, Toshiyuki | Uyeyama, Soichi |
| Hamada, Reiji | Iwata, Hisaye | Morimoto, Nobuko | Nishii, Noboru | Sano, Shizuko | Uyeyama, Yoshie |
| Hamade, Tsutomu | Kawaguchi, Tomiko | Morishita, Hirako | Niwatsukino, Hiroshi | Sato, Keizo | Yamamoto, Kazumi |
| Hamade, Unosuke | Kawase, Tadayoshi | Murakami, Atsushi | Nomura, Sakie | Shimizu, Tamotsu | Yamashita, Teruo |
| Hamaguchi, Choichiro | Kimura, Hisashi | Mukai, Sadako | Oye, Kazue | Shiyoji, Mieko | Yesaki, Masami |
| Harada, Akiko | Kitamura, Michiko | Murao, Kenji | Oye, Koyo | Takasaki, Hisako | Yesaki, Suyeko, Suzy |
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Otabe, Tsuvoshi

Sakata, Meri

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Sakamoto, Mamoru

Nakata, Makio

Nakamura, Fujie

Nakano, Minako

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17th World Buddhist Women's Convention

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Year of 2023

May 07 Leave Canada for Japan May 08 Arrive in Japan, free at leisure May 09 Full day Kyoto and Otsu tour (TBD) May 10 Celebration memorial service at Nishi Hongwanji Temple May 11 WBW Convention at Kyoto ICC May 12 WBW Convention at Kyoto ICC

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"よく一念喜愛の心を発すれば、煩悩を断ぜずして涅槃) "よく一念喜愛の心を発すれば、煩悩を断ぜずして涅槃) ^{(4,1,2) きゃ(12)のと} ^{2(1,6)} 兄聖・逆謗斉しく回入すれば、衆水海に入りて一味なる がごとし" (親鸞聖人の正信偈より)

昨年の今頃、長い一年がようやく暮れになり、2021



な猛暑、7月と8月はかつてないほどの規模の山火事、 そして11月に入ってからの大雨と洪水はこれから先も 私たちの生活に影響を与えそうです。

災難や苦しみは今に始まったわけではなく、お釈迦 様が生きておられた2,500年前も、親鸞聖人が生きてお られた800年前にも当然あったわけなのです。だからこ そ、お釈迦様が二十九歳の時に出家し、悟りへの道を

婦人会からのお知らせ



吉原ヒロコ

2021年も終わろうとしています が、婦人会は少しずつ動き始めまし た。12月19日(日)の9時からお 寺のお掃除をします。今年はあまり 活動もなく食品バザーもありません でした。

日曜日の法要の後にお茶とお菓子を 出していましたが、ズームで法要が 行われたため、それさえもありませ んでした。

皆さんと直接お会いする機会はありませんでしたが、 会員や法友が品物をたくさん持ってきて下さったの で、お寺の外でガレージセールを行いました。幸いに も形らず時にはお日様も出ました。また、日本人 形や日本の食器も頂きましたので、これらのセールを いずれ行います。日本の食品は今も売っています。 恒例の恵信尼様並びに婦人会追悼法要が11月28日(日)に行われ、約30人の会員と非会員がお寺でお参り をなご支援をお願いいたします。

オフィスからのお知らせ

今年も終わりに近付いてきました。お寺のオフィスの 営業時間帯です。勝手ながら、12月24日~27日 まで休ませていただきます。また12月31日から2022 年1月4日まで休ませていただきます。今年も皆様に 色々とお世話になりお礼を申し上げます。また、来年 もお寺の行事に皆様の御参加を楽しみにお待ちしてい ます。どうぞよろしくお願いいたします。 求められたのです。そして、12月8日に ボッダガーヤーというところの菩提樹の 下で35歳の時に悟りを開かれたと言われ ています。お釈迦様の悟りを記念するた めに毎年12月の第二日曜日に成道会法要 をおつとめしております。また、このよ うな世の中であるからこそ、御仏のお導 きが必要ではないかと思います。

浄土真宗の御開山親鸞聖人も800年前 に天台宗の僧侶として20年間修行に励 み、最終的にお念仏のみ教えに出会われ たのでりも、どんしのみ教えに出会われ たなどよりをしたいいろうと、今 でいます。「一念書の心」とはていた だいた喜びの一定のことなのです。 今年の年末年始は去年できなかった除

ーク中の中木中如は云中できながった除 夜の鐘と修正会のお参りを行いますの で、皆様もお寺にお参りにお出でになり ませんか。

最後になりましたが、今年も皆様の暖 かいご支援をいただき、お礼を申し上げ ます。皆様には穏やかで良い新年を迎え られますよう、念じ申しあげます。 合掌

生田真見



お寺で売っている日本食品

| 削り節 | (大きな袋) |
|--------|-----------|
| 福神漬け | 赤 |
| 福神漬け | 茶色 |
| 玄米茶 | (1 kg) |
| 稲荷用あげ | (40 枚) |
| 麺つゆ | (1リットル) |
| | (5包み入りの箱) |
| 白味噌 | (1 kg) |
| たくあん | |
| たまりソース | |
| 梅干し | (5種類) |
| 焼きのり | (gold) |

オフィスからのお報せ

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成道会法要 2021年12月12日

約2500年前にお釈迦様がインドの 北部にあるボッダガーヤー村で菩提 樹の下で35歳の時に悟りを開いた といわれています。その日が12月8 日であったと伝わっています。そし て、毎年お寺では12月にお釈迦人 の修しています。日本語のお参りは 12月12日午前11時半に行われます ので、お参りを一緒にしましょう。

お寺の年末大掃除

12月19日(日)午前9時か ら年末の大掃除が行われます。 皆様のお寺です。一人でも多く の方がご参加くださるよう、ご 協力お願い致します。





除夜の鐘

『除夜の鐘つき』が大晦日に行われ ます。本堂に集まった老若男女が次 々と本堂の横にある鐘をつく。おか げさまで一年が過ぎました。背負い きれぬご恩のなかでありがとう...

『除夜』は『夜を除く』の略であり、この『夜』とは仏 教の『煩悩の闇』を指しています。仏教では我々は皆百 八つの煩悩を持っていると言われています。そして、百 八つの除夜の鐘をつくたびに、今年自分の心におこった 煩悩が消え去り、新年を清らかな心で迎えることができ るといわれているのです。 2021年の間に起きた全ての出来事が除夜の鐘の響き

2021年の間に起きた全ての出来事が除夜の鐘の響き と共に夜空へ消え去っていき、2022年の元旦を新た な希望を抱きながら迎えたいと思います。

大晦日の午後11時半から今年最後の法要がございま す。その後、除夜の鐘を鳴らします。ご家族、お友達を お誘いの上、お越しくださいませ。

修正会法要

新年の法要、修正会は元旦午前10時から行われます。初 詣のお参りは午後2時までです。どうぞ、お越し下さい ませ。

