

Dharma Service with Rev. Aoki on Zoom

Please contact Rev. Aoki at:
rev.aoki@gmail.com
to receive the Zoom link
or email the temple

(Service takes approximately 30
minutes - Meditation, Sutra Chanting,
and Dharma Talk)



Online (Zoom)
May Shotsuki
Gotane
Service
Saturday, July 3rd at 10AM
Saturday, July 24th at 10AM
Saturday, July 31st at 10AM

Sunday, July 11th

@ 10:00 a.m. at the VBT
Obon/Hatsubon/Shotsuki
by invitation only

Saturday, July 17th
@ 10:00 a.m.

Obon/Shotsuki/Memorial
via Zoom

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Buddhism is Not a Difficult Teaching



Recently, there were two incidents in the news which I found difficult to accept. They made me reflect on the value of religion. The first, was the recent discovery of the remains of 215 young residential school students at the Kamloops Indian Residential School site. The other tragic news, was the loss of four members of a Muslim family killed in a “pre-meditated” vehicle attack in London, Ontario.

We have offered moments of silence at our services in the month of June. I was asked how I, as a Buddhist, reflect on these sad incidents in the mirror of the Dharma. When I think of Buddhism and share its teaching with others, it reminds me of this old parable contained in “The Gatha of the Seven Ancient Buddhas”.

In the old days, in China, a wise old Zen Master lived high up in a tall pine tree. People of the time called him the ‘Bird’s Nest Monk.’ When Minister Po Chu-yi was commander of Ch’ien T’ang district, he made a special trip into the mountains to visit him. Po said, “It’s very dangerous where you’re sitting, Zen Master.” The Master said, “My danger may be very great, Minister, but yours is even greater!” Po said, “I am the commander of Ch’ien T’ang. What dangers can there be?” The Master said, “When fuel and fire are joined, consciousness and identity do not survive, how can you not be in danger?”

Po further asked, “What is the overall meaning of the Buddhist teaching?” The Master said, “Do not commit any evil; practice the many virtues.” Po said, “Even a three year old child could say that!” The Master said, “Though a three year old child can say it, an eighty year old man cannot carry it out.” Po then bowed and departed.

I often tell people that Buddha-Dharma is not a difficult teaching to understand, but sometimes Buddha-Dharma is difficult to accept or practice. In Jodo Shinshu, this is why we need to continue to listen to the teaching while being embraced by Amida’s compassion and wisdom.

Namo Amida Butsu

Tatsuya Aoki



Message from the VBT Board

Finally, we are beginning to see a light at the end of the tunnel. Aoki Sensei reported at the recent board meeting, that Dr. Henry spoke of removing COVID restrictions slowly, in light of the improved conditions the province is experiencing. As well, the number of vaccines administered is getting higher and higher. However, the board feels that we must remain diligent, and re-open with caution. Therefore, the temple would like to encourage members to attend Obon services at the outdoor cemetery services and restrict physical attendance at the temple. Aoki Sensei will invite Hatsubon families only, and possibly July shotsuki families to the temple service and, again, invite all others to go to the cemetery of their choice to observe the annual ritual. The time and dates of the temple service and the cemetery Obon observances can be found elsewhere in this publication. Furthermore, we feel that it would be safer to cancel the Obon Odori for this year.

The exterior window of the Social Hall facing Jackson Avenue was broken by a vandal recently. Our security camera has recorded the culprit, and the incident has been reported to the police.

The effect of the COVID pandemic has prevented the BC Jodo Shinshu Federation from offering the annual scholarship for undergraduate students. Due to insufficient funds, the federation will not be offering any scholarships for 2021. We hope that by next year the scholarship committee will be accepting applications from aspiring students.

Soon we will be able to gather at our temple. Thank you for your understanding and your continued donations and contributions. Yoroshiku onegai shimasu!

The Board



2021 Hatsubon (First Obon Service) 初盆

2020	JUL	Yukiko Takata	2020	NOV	Akemi Otaki
	AUG	Shoji Tabata		DEC	Kuniko Joshi
	SEP	Shizue Hamaguchi			Herbert Nakashima
		Yasuko Komori	2021	JAN	Mitsuru Tanaka
		Tom Okada		FEB	Takashi Toki
		Eiji Uyeda		MAR	Minoru Tanaka
	OCT	Dean Okamura		APR	Tsuki Aratake
		Kimi Shimabukuro			Yoshie Matsutani

Memorial Years of 2021

1st Year - 2020

17th Year - 2005

3rd Year - 2019

25th Year - 1997

7th Year - 2015

33rd Year - 1989

13th Year - 2009

50th Year - 1972

VBT Committee Corrections & Update

There are many committees that help keep the temple running smoothly. We listed most of the committees in last month's issue. There was an error. The correction is:

Funerals: Frank Hamanishi/Bob Akune

Also, Social Media and PR will be combined, to create the **Communications Committee**. Jason Lesage will chair this committee, as well as a committee focused on Volunteers from outside our membership. Thank you, Jason!

Greetings from the Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple

Greetings everyone,

Summer is arriving with warm weather, and clear skies. With many people now getting their 2nd Covid-19 vaccination shots we can now look forward to seeing family and friends outdoors and, if things go well, get together indoors too.

This year our temple will be holding two Obon services. Rev. Aoki will be leading an online service via Zoom on Saturday, July 10th starting at 2:00pm. It will be our Obon and July Shotsuki service and everyone is welcome. The link to join the service is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81064488518?pwd=WEt1V2luTU1lN3BJQzgz5b2UrL2RTQT09>

Meeting ID: 810 6448 8518

Passcode: 325947

Our second Obon service will be on Saturday, August 7th starting at 2pm and it will be IN PERSON at our temple! Rev. Aoki will be leading that Obon and August Shotsuki service and is looking forward to seeing many of you there. We will be making sure things are safe for everyone and that means we will require everyone to register in advance as seating will be limited. Please email Lori at lori.north@gmail.com or phone Lucy at **604-856-6492**. We will need your name and the number of people in your household bubble that will be attending. Please register even if you are not sure. We will be contacting everyone closer to the date to confirm the numbers to make sure that we can accommodate as many people as are safe.

Our fundraising efforts this year are through donations and our Digital Marketplace where you may purchase pens (\$5.00), lights (\$10.00), cards (\$5.00/set), or masks (\$10.00). For more information on our Marketplace please email fvbtemple@gmail.com or call Lori at **604-351-7183**. We are now able to receive e-transfer payments via fvbtemple@gmail.com. Donations, membership fees and purchases may now be made via e-transfer or by cheque. To send a cheque, please mail it to:

PO Box 1619, Aldergrove, BC, V4W 2V1

In gassho,

Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple



Powell Street Festival Update

In the past, the Vancouver Buddhist Temple has participated in and hosted activities during the Powell Street Festival. Due to the ongoing pandemic, this year's Festival will look different from past years.

The Vancouver Buddhist Temple will not be hosting activities this year. The temple is taking a cautious approach before fully opening its doors to the public.

The Festival itself is organized by the Powell Street Festival Society. Any questions regarding the Festival can be directed to:

info@powellstreetfestival.com **or** (604) 739-9388

How to Donate to the VBT

1. e-transfer (our preferred method)
temple.vbt@gmail.com



2. PayPal @ VBT Website
www.vancouverbuddhisttemple.com



3. Canada Helps: www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/vancouver-buddhist-temple/



2021 Service and Meeting Dates

Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 3rd -
Dharma Service @ 10 am

Sunday, July 4th -
Cemetery Service
@ 9:30 am (Forest Lawn)
@ 10:10 am (Ocean View)
@ 11 am (Mount. View)

Wednesday, July 7th -
Cemetery Service
@ 10 am (Maple Ridge)
@ 10:30 am (Whonock)
@ 11 am (Hatzic)

Sunday, July 11th -
Hatsubon/Obon/Shotsuki
@ 10 am at VBT (by invitation only)

Wednesday, July 14th -
Cemetery Service
@ 10 am (Valley View-Surrey)
@ 10:40 am (New West.)
@ 11 am (Coquitlam)

Saturday, July 17th -
Obon & Shotsuki Service
@ 10 am

Saturday, July 24th -
Dharma Service @ 10 am

Saturday, July 31st -
Dharma Service @ 10 am

*** All services, except where indicated, will be via Zoom. Please email the VBT to receive the link, or use the QR code:



2021 JULY SERVICE

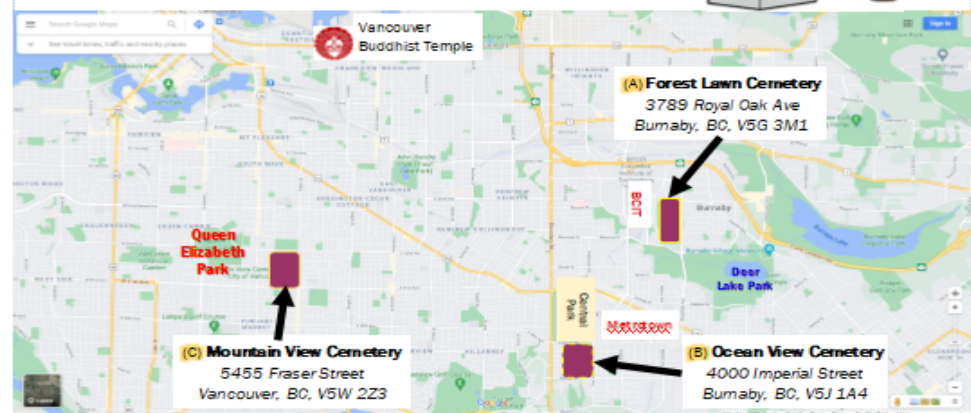


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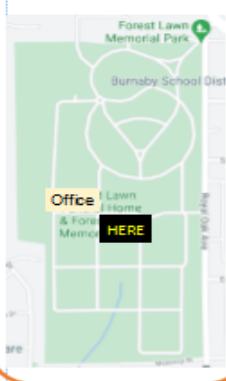
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Dharma Café is in summer break in July and August.				1 Canada Day 	2	3 10AM Dharma Service
4 Cemetery Services 9:30AM FOREST LAWN 10:10AM OCEAN VIEW 11:00AM Mt. View (South) 11:30AM Mt. View (North)	5	6	7 Cemetery Services 10:00AM Maple Ridge 10:30AM Whonock 11:00AM Hatzic (Mission)	8	9	10 Temple Meeting *No Service
11 10am Hatsubon/Obon/Shotsuki at Buddhist Temple (invitation only this year)	12	13	14 Cemetery Services 10:00AM Valley View (Surrey) 10:40AM New Westminster 11:00AM Coquitlam	15	16	17 10AM Online OBON and JULY Shotsuki Service
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 10AM Dharma Service
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 10AM Dharma Service

2021 OBON



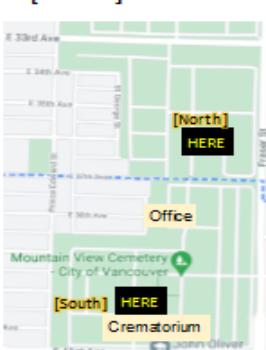
(A) Forest Lawn
Sun, July 4
9:30 am



(B) Ocean View
Sun, July 4
10:10 am



(C) Mountain View
Sun, July 4
[North] 11:00 am
[South] 11:30 am



For this year, we will observe Obon / July Shotsuki Service at cemetery sites instead of at the temple. There are less restrictions with outdoor services. Even if you do not have a niche/plot at the cemeteries, please come join one of the services officiated by Rev. Aoki. Donations will be accepted and greatly appreciated.

YOUR DONATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!



The Temple is Gradually Reopening for Shotsuki Service

It has been a long time since the start of Covid-19 Pandemic restrictions. Some people have joined temple services through Zoom. Since this does not work for everyone, the temple will be starting special limited openings for in-person Shotsuki Memorial Services starting **Sunday, July 11th @ 10:00 a.m.** in the temple's Hondo with adherence to provincial guidelines for physical distancing, self-screening and contact tracing.



Depending upon the demand, the temple may be able to accommodate a **second service @ 11:30 a.m.** The temple will add sessions, if more are required, so please **RSVP well in advance**. A separate **on-line Obon and July Shotsuki service** will be held on **Saturday, July 17th at 10:00 a.m.** Unfortunately, due to logistics and safety, the Obon Odori will not take place this year.

Reservations (RSVP) Required

Due to a maximum of 30 attendees (taking into consideration the health and safety of all attendees, the VBT has set 30 as the maximum for an indoor service), those who want to attend must make a reservation and follow the temple's pandemic guidelines. **Priority** will be given to this year's Hatsubon families, and to families who would have had their Hatsubon last year. **The last day to reserve** for Hatsubon families is **Monday, July 5 @ 12:00 p.m.** First come, first served. After that, July Shotsuki families wanting to attend the in-person service can reserve a spot. **The final day to reserve a seat is Thursday, July 8th @ 12:00 p.m.**

To make reservations for the July Hatsubon/Obon/Shotsuki Memorial Service, please **contact the VBT office** at either (604) 253-7033 or temple.vbt@gmail.com. Only those who receive a confirmation for a specific time and date can attend.

Pandemic Guidelines

As restrictions ease, the VBT prefers to take a cautious approach. For July and August, at least, there will be socially distant and limited seating in the Hondo.

Upon entry to the building:

- masks/face coverings must always be worn
- sanitize hands
- complete questionnaire and contact information sheet
- follow direction arrows and go directly to your assigned seat
 - “ household members may sit together
 - “ please do not leave your assigned seat, and remember to stay socially distant (2 metres)
- large bags and backpacks are not permitted in the Hondo
 - “ a plastic bag will be supplied

During your visit:

- line up 2 metres between households/bubbles and use incense from the small cups for Oshoko
- one person at a time in washrooms
- the Social Hall and Kitchen are not available for use

Upon exiting the building:

- sanitize hands
- exit promptly and do not stay and mingle with others
- exit either onto Jackson Avenue (Hondo exit) or through the garage
 - “ follow the direction arrows

As requirements are constantly changing, please check our website: vancouverbuddhisttemple.com for updates...

LET'S ALL BE CAREFUL, CALM and KIND

July Shotsuki (Memorial) List

The July Shotsuki monthly memorial service will be held virtually (via Zoom) on Saturday, July 17th at 10:00 am.

1959

YADA, Shige
*TAKEBAYASHI, Tei

1960

*WATANABE, Hiroshi
*NAGATA, Sano

1963

*TANAKA, Masuya
*TSUMURA, Tonoyo

1964

*YOSHIDA, Iwataro
*KOHARA, Tsuneo

1965

MIZUTA, Jisaburo
*OTANI, Shige

1966

TSUJI, Tatsuya

1967

*FUKUI, Chika
*OMORI, Takanosuke
*HINATSU, Shigeru
*SAKAI, Fujie
*TANAKA, Koharu

1969

*NAKAMURA, Yoichi

1970

*NAKAO, Hatsue

1972 - 50th year

*UYENO, Toyokichi
*SAKAGUCHI, Shigeo
*MUTO, Saburo
*HISANAGA, Aizo

1973

OMAYE, Kiyokazu
*KAGAWA, Kuni
*KITASAKA, Tosaburo

1974

*YOSHIDA, Takeshi

1975

MIYASAKI, Saijiro
*YOSHIDA, Kinu

1976

RYUJIN, Takeji

1977

HAMATAKE, Yasu

1978

HORII, Kiyooki
*KURASHIGE, Naoko

1979

*BANDO, Hidejiro
*MURATA, Uno

1981

*TAMAKI, Hiroko
OTSUJI, Ito
*NAKAGAWA, Hatsu

1982

*IDA, Kikui

1983

*NAKASHIMA, Yoshito
YOSHIKAWA, Susumu

1984

*NAKAMURA, Takeo
*TANAKA, Harry
*NITTA, Kitaro
*SATO, Shino
*KONDO, Hiroshi

1986

*TAKEUCHI, Masu
*NISHIMURA, Shigeyuki
TATEYAMA, Shinpachi

1988

KODA, Haru

1990

NISHIMURA, Naka
*MURAO, Tokiko

1991

*MIYUKI, Yoko
TATSUMI, Tatsu
*UYENO, Zenzo

1993

*KUMAMOTO, Takayuki
*KOYANAGI, Keiichi

1994

*SEIBOLD, Terry
*TANIGAKI, Toshiko
*MAYE, Shigeo

1995

OKAZOE, Susumu
KARIYA, Isamu
MORI, Akiyo
OYE, Yasukichi
MORI, Nobu

1996

TANAKA, Junichi
NISHIMURA, Taro
INOUE, Teiji
1997 - 25th year
UYEDA, Toshiko
UYEDA, Hisakichi
TANAKA, Shigeo
YASUDA, Minoru

1998

*MARUYAMA, Sharon
YAMAOKA, Nobue

1999

HIKIDA, Masaharu
MARUNO, Satoshi

2000

NAKATANI, Takao

2001

YAMAUCHI, Takashi

2002

*TAKAMA, Akira

2005 - 17th year

TANAKA, Douglas Takeo

2006

HATTORI, Motoharu
KOJIMA, Joe Ju
KARIYA, Fumiko

2007

KIMOTO, Haruye
KIKUCHI, Tomi
KITANO, Yoko

2008

NAKAGAWA, Toshio

2009 - (13th year)

TAKENO, Masuko
KAWAMOTO, Makoto,
ISHIKAWA, Sadako

2011

TANAKA, Kaoru

2012

TAMAKI, Shigeharu
SUZUKI, Tamako

2013

OKADA, Kazuko
TANIZAWA, Fusako

2014

SATO, Kimihiko
TAJIRI, Helen
TAMAI, Miyoko
SAKATA, Mieko

2017

UYEYAMA, Yoshiko

2018

KOJIMA, Raymond
KOMATSU, Kazuko
ANDO, Mark

2019 - (3rd year)

TANAKA, Alice
HATTORI, Sayo
IMAZUMI, Seiichi
YOSHIKAWA, Hikaru

2020 - (1st year)

TAKATA, Yukiko



**The on-line Shotsuki Service will be held on Saturday, July 17th via Zoom @ 10 am.

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Also, you can dial-in to the service.

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