

ALL SAINTS' ALIVE
THE NEWSLETTER OF ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH
COLLINGWOOD
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Welcome back to our church newsletter! Summer is moving along, but lots of sunshine still to come our way!

All Saints' has been quite active during the summer months, with great attendance at services and many celebrations afterwards at coffee hours. Birthdays, anniversaries, wedding celebrations and other events have resulted in plenty of cakes being consumed and Michael Kacmar has been making and serving urns of coffee! Activities at the church continue this weekend with "Doors Open", a day long celebration of special properties. On Saturday, All Saints Church and Rectory will welcome visitors between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4 p.m. Catherine Raaflaub has coordinated this event and she shares with us more information on the history of our church.

Warden Penny Bourne reports that the Community Friendship Dinner on August 9th was a tremendous success! Her report follows....

FRIENDSHIP DINNER

We had another successful and well-attended Friendship Dinner at All Saints' earlier this month. Our guests enjoyed a dinner of barbecued sausage on a bun, a selection of delicious salads and veggies, and some very yummy desserts! We fed about 94 people in the hall, guests and volunteers, and gave 24 packed meals to the Mobile Soup Kitchen who then deliver to those in need. Gill also took 8 meals to the Busby Centre. A total of 126 meals and there was plenty for second helpings and some take homes.

We owe a BIG thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who gave their time on Wednesday and all who donated the food. Without you it wouldn't happen! It was great to see some new volunteers, too!

We also thank COBS Bakery for their donation of hot dog buns. And thank you to Shirley for the table decorations and Sharon for laundering all those white tablecloths!

Our next dinner will be on September 13th, we are not sure what the menu will be yet, perhaps corn cobs will be part of it, if so the shuckers will be needed! I hope to see you there.

Penny

Father Michael returns from holidays this weekend and has provided us with an update on the busy schedule for the month of September at All Saints'. In his report he has reminded us of "Back to Church Sunday", on September 17th.



All Saints Social Media Update:

Our parish has a new social media account. Users of X (formerly known as Twitter) can follow All Saints at [@AllSaintsCWd](#) Our most active social media presence continues to be our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/allsaintscollingwood

You can also find Fr. Michael's sermons and occasional thoughts and book reviews on his blog, www.madpadre.blogspot.com

Fr. Michael Away

Michael and Joy will be away on holidays from August 17 through August 25. Rev. Sharon will be covering pastoral emergencies.

Church Host Volunteers Needed

We would like to open the church at certain times during the week (TBD), in order to give visitors a chance to rest, pray, and experience our worship space. To do so we would need volunteers who can welcome guests and generally mind the store. Shifts would be two hours. If you would be interested in volunteering, please email Fr. Michael at madpadre@gmail.com

Back to Church Sunday

Back to Church Sunday returns this year! On Sunday, September 17th, our guest speaker during the service is Ms. Kerry Ploughman, manager of Samaritan House, a non-profit providing transitional housing, counselling, and new starts for women and children who have experienced domestic violence. Samaritan House is a recipient of funding through our Diocese of Toronto FaithWorks program, and this Sunday will also kick off our parish FaithWorks campaign.

Returning and Upcoming Events

Wednesday Eucharist Resumes: Wednesday, Sept 6th, 10am

Wednesday Bible Study Resumes: Wednesday, Sept 6th, 11am - noon

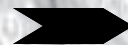
Choir Practices Resume: Thursday, Sept 7th, 7pm.

Men's Breakfast Resumes: Last Thursday of the month: Thursday, September 28th, 8am

Thursday Afternoon Eucharist Resumes: Last Thursday of the month: Thursday, Sept 28th, 2pm

Narnia Book Study

We continue our study of the Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis on Wednesday, Sept 27th, at 1:30pm, when we discuss the next book in the series, A Horse And His Boy. Discussion starts at 1:30pm, but all are welcome to come early and share a pot-luck lunch with the folks from the Bible Study.



“All Saints” is a common name for Anglican and Church of England churches. Father Michael has provided us with the history of one of our oldest namesakes, All Saints Church in York, England.

A Namesake Church in York, England

Not far from the River Ouse in the heart of York, England, is a namesake church, All Saints, North Street. I mentioned this church briefly in the last edition of ASA but thought a long description of it might be of interest.

While our church here in Collingwood is old for a Canadian church, All Saints, York, was a Saxon church first built in the tenth century, though nothing from the original church survives. Today the walls, ceilings and stained glass date from the 14th and 15th centuries; the oldest window dates from 1330.

The church was one of several in medieval England that was home to an anchoress. In late medieval England, an anchoress was a holy woman who had visions and who devoted herself to prayer and worship. Julian of Norwich is a famous example. All Saints, York, was home to several of these women, who lived in a specially built house or anchorhold attached to the back of the church, and who could observe the services through a special window, or “squint”.

Of the All Saints anchoresses, the most well known was Emma Roughton, who in 1421 had a series of visions of the Virgin Mary.

All Saints is also home to a rare medieval statue of St. William of York, a 12th century Archbishop. William is said to have died from a chalice that was poisoned by a rival during the mass; church politics were very hardball in those days!

A statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary is also prominent and is revered during the liturgy. As you might therefore expect, the flavour of All Saints, York, is very high Anglo-Catholic, and the scent of incense mingles with the ancient stone and wood as you enter.

The interior is graceful and very well cared for by an active congregation. Perhaps one day we can organize a pilgrimage there! You can find the church website at www.allsaints-nothstreet.org.uk

Street View of All Saints, York:

The church spire was built around 1395; it is now obscured by nearby shops and hotels, but is the tallest spire in York apart from the Minster.



Our Wardens' Report from Penny Bourne, outlines some of the changes taking place at the church, including new signage.

Wardens' Report

You may have noticed that the front pieces of the two front pews in our church have been removed. This should give more room for those with wheelchairs or walkers to attend services. It may look a bit strange now but when we have completed the planned carpeting, it should be lovely.

To make accessibility easier we are also looking into installing a permanent ramp at the Ste. Marie Street door.

Other projects that the wardens have been working on recently include a new eye-catching sign on the Ste. Marie Street side of the property, and a re-vamping of the All Saints' website to give more information about our church and our ministries. The ladies' washroom will soon undergo some repairs and installation of new stalls.

Back to Church Sunday will be September 17th. Fr. Michael has organized a speaker from Samaritan House in Barrie, and we are working with the Welcome Committee to provide a light lunch after the service. Please bring your friends and family to share this with us.

Our next Corporation meeting will be September 12th. If there is anything you would like us to consider, please contact Penny Bourne, Catherine Durrant, Catherine Raaflaub or Jake Johnston.



All Saints Foundation chair, Jim Cunningham reminds member of the Foundation that the Annual General Meeting will take place at the conclusion of the church service on Sunday, September 24, 2023. All Foundation members are welcome, as are any new members. The membership fee is a one time donation of \$5.

The All Saints' Annual GOLF/FUN DAY will be held on Sunday, September 10th. Please see the attached poster!

Moira Southwell has a reminder that the ever popular, CO3 group, returns to the Parish Hall on Thursday, September 7th at 10:00 a.m. For anyone who is not familiar with this programme, feel free to chat with Moira or a warden at church on Sunday morning. All are welcome to attend!

Reverend Sharon plans to reconvene "Colourful Meditations" on Saturday afternoons in October. Stay tuned for more "colourful information!"



Happy Anniversary Greetings to out to Kathi and Robert Wilkinson! The date of the anniversary is still a few days off (September 5th), but ASA wants to make sure of the greeting before the date!

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

In your prayers this week, please remember those whose names are found on our Parish Prayer List. We pray also, for their caregivers and for all who assist others. This week, we ask that you keep the family and friends of Ann Bye and Gay Harper in your thoughts and prayers. Both parishioners passed away this past week.

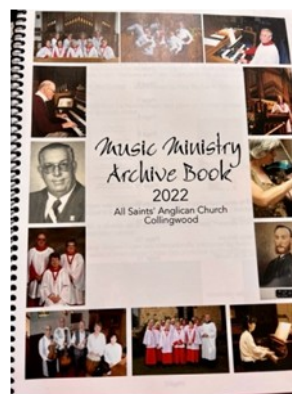
“Please pray for these people during the week” - Ayako Yoden, Brenda Teeter, Bob Teeter, Sandra Girdle, Mary Ratensperger, Bev Baxter, Paul Reid, Eric Vignola, Wolf, Marnie Potter, SSN, Irene McVeigh, Brian, John, Gail, Penny, Barb, Loraine, Janice, Carolyn, BAM.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS RESIDES ON THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE ANISHNAABE AND WENDAT PEOPLES. THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT REMINDS US OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO OUR RELATIONSHIPS AND TO THE LAND ON WHICH WE LIVE, LEARN, SHARE AND PRAY.

All Saints' Fundraiser
Women's Clothing and
Accessories
Saturday September 9th
at 9am
Cash Only
Tell Your Friends

All Saints' Music Ministry Book

Copies of a book prepared by our previous music director, Keiko, are available for order. This colour, spiral-bound book tells the story of the musicians and choirs that have led worship here since the founding of All Saints'. A copy is currently in the church library for you to examine and to help you decide whether you would like one.



Individual Copies are \$20 each, with proceeds going to help our music budget. You can contact Nancy at the church office to order your copy, or leave an envelope with \$20 (cheque or cash) in the collection plate with a note saying that you would like a copy. The deadline for orders is Sunday, Sept 24th.

All Saints' Anglican Church
Annual Golf/Fun Day
Batteaux Creek Golf Club Teeing off 3pm
Sunday September 10th, 2023



2:30pm Registration

*Golf 9 holes with a cart & salmon dinner or chicken dinner
\$92 including tax & tip*

6pm Dinner – only \$32

Amount payable to golf club that day by visa, mastercard, debit or cash

Putting contest \$5 (cash)

*Any Question or To Book Your Spot Call
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