

ALL SAINTS ALIVE  
THE NEWSLETTER OF ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH  
COLLINGWOOD  
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Welcome to a new month of the year! The snow yesterday was the precursor of what we expect to see over the next five months! For those who like winter activities, that is definitely a comment that makes you happy! And for those of you who are not a fan of snow and colder weather, I will say no more!

For those of you who were able to attend last Sunday's service or to watch on the live stream, you were fortunate to hear a most thoughtful sermon from Father Michael. He ventured into the Middle East turmoil and explained in a most profound way, the background to this conflict. I encourage you to search out the sermon or visit Michael's blog. ([www.madpadre.blogspot.com](http://www.madpadre.blogspot.com))

Michael's report...

In last Sunday's homily, Fr. Michael spoke about the work of the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem in the current conflict in the Holy Land, and how deserving they are of our prayers and support (see [www.madpadre.blogspot.com](http://www.madpadre.blogspot.com)) if you missed the homily.

One way we can help is to support the Primate World Relief and Development Fund's appeal for the al-Ahli Arab hospital.. This Anglican-run hospital in Gaza City is a place of shelter and medical treatment for those caught in the fighting. You can donate online via <https://pwrdf.org/pwrdf-accepting-donations-to-support-gaza-hospital/>.

Donations are also possibly by phone at 416-822-9082 (leave a message toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 and PWRDF will return call) or by mail. Send your cheque to PWRDF, 80 Hayden Street, 3d Floor, Toronto, ON, Canada, M4Y 3G2. Please indicate "Gaza Hospital" in the memo field.

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All Saints is a very busy place in this "pre-advent" time. As you will read in this newsletter, a new church service is being offered, our Food Ministry programmes continue their outreach to the community, Pub Night is just around the corner-November 14th and it is SOLD OUT!, CO-3 continues every Thursday morning, Colourful Meditations on Saturday afternoons, book study, Safety Seminars, women's and men's groups, the special presentations on Anglicanism 101 and our weekly church services! Lots of opportunities to share in the fellowship and express one's faith!

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The All Saints Food Ministry programmes are 'back in action'. Last evening, the Five Loaves dinner was delivered to 52 recipients plus another 50 meals sent to the Mobile Soup Kitchen and Out of the Cold (Busby Centre programme). Thank you to Sharon, Gill, Moira and their team of helpers and drivers for another very successful venture.

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Penny Bourne shares with us, information regarding the Community Friendship Dinner taking place on Wednesday, November 8th in the Parish Hall. There are numerous ways in which you can assist this great event.

Penny's report.....



## FRIENDSHIP DINNER

Friendship Dinner continues to be a well attended event enjoyed by many guests from the community. On Wednesday Nov. 8th, we shall be serving a dinner of chili, rice, salads, desserts and fruit to approx. 100 people. This ministry depends on volunteer donations of time and food, so if you feel able to help in some way, please sign the volunteer sheets in the parish hall or contact me at [penny-bourne2@gmail.com](mailto:penny-bourne2@gmail.com)

Thank you to all those who have already signed up!

Also, we always need clean plastic containers (yogurt, salad, soup etc.) for take aways, so if you have some, please leave them in the church kitchen.

## Community Friendship Dinner Wednesday November 8th 2023

**Dinner Begins at 5pm**  
*Chili Vegetarian and Meat*  
Rice  
Salads and Veggies  
Choice of Desserts  
Tea Coffee and Juice



We cannot guarantee that the donated food at our dinners is free from allergens

Father Michael and the Book Club are continuing to discover the special stories in the Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis. He shares an update on the discussion that he and his fellow "Narnians" had upon reading the third book in the series, "Prince Caspian".

## Rediscovering Narnia: Reading C.S Lewis' Prince Caspian



Our project to read the entire Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis is now half way through. This Tuesday, about a dozen of us "Narnians" met to discuss the third book in the series, Prince Caspian (PC). We continue to be amazed and delighted at how these apparently simple children's fantasies contain depths of meaning and offer insights into how we live our faith.

Written in 1950, PC is set one English year after the events described in The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe, but when the four Pevensie children (Peter, Susan, Lucy and Edmund) are summoned back to Narnia, they find themselves in the ancient ruins of the castle, Cair Paravel, where they were once kings and queens. Slowly, the children realize that during one English year, centuries have gone by in Narnian time (time travel and alternate worlds always fascinated Lewis).



During those centuries, catastrophe has again befallen Narnia. The realm has been conquered by an evil king, Miraz, and Aslan, the Talking Animals, and Old Narnia are now just legends spoken of in hushed tones. Miraz's nephew, Caspian, is told these legends by his nurse and then by his tutor, but learns that his uncle has forbidden any mention of them, for the tyrant Miraz and his people secretly fear the return of Aslan.

When Caspian flees his uncle's castle, he discovers that the Old Narnians - dwarves, fauns, Talking Animals - are real and live in remote places where they yearn for freedom. Caspian is proclaimed rightful king of Narnia, and with the help of the Pevenisic children (who realize they have been summoned back to Narnia to help Caspian), and with Aslan's return, they defeat Miraz and bring freedom back to Narnia.

In our reading, we noted the fragility of Narnia (it was previously conquered by the White Witch in the first book) and the longing of the Old Narnians for the return of their rightful king, which is a very Christian theme. Soon in the season of Advent we will once again wait expectantly for the king who will save us from captivity to sin and death.

Likewise PC is about the importance of memory and the need to tell and retell the stories of who we really are and the hope we have in God's son (whom Aslan often represents). As Caspian's tutor says, "my old heart has carried these secret memories for so long that it aches with them". At a time in our history where the Christian stories are falling into neglect, PC has much to teach us about the need to re-learn and keep telling these stories.

Our identity as Christians is likewise shared by the stories we hear and retell during our worship, stories of hope, of the goodness of our king, and of his coming again. Our stories also tell us that we have great potential, that God wants us to be more than we are, in the way that the children of Narnia can become heroes, kings and queens. Thus these simple stories can lead us to the truths at the centre of our faith.

Our next Narnia book study is on Wednesday, Nov 29, at 1:30 pm, when we discuss *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*. We'd love to welcome you to our company of "Narnians".

Anglicanism 101, an insight into the Anglican traditions within Christianity, has begun. Father Michael reports on the first lecture in this series, held on October 24th. The next lecture in the series will be held next week at 7 p.m. at All Saints.

### **Anglicanism 101 Series Starts Next Week**

Our Anglicanism 101 Series launched on October 24th.

This series is an attempt to gather the strengths of our regional clergy team to offer an accessible and informative series of talks on the Anglican tradition within Christianity.

Our own Fr. Sharon led off with a very fine talk on the origins of Anglican worship, explaining its many symbols, colours, and prayer books.



We want to explain the how's and why's of how our faith tradition does things. For example, why is it that our services are so similar to the Roman Catholic Mass, and yet we have women clergy! How did that happen? Was it something to do with Henry VIII and his divorce?

Or, why do Anglicans say that it's ok to believe in the Bible AND believe in dinosaurs and evolution?

This series is for longtime Anglicans who still have questions (I know they exist, and in large numbers!) as well as for folks who may have come to Anglican worship after a long time away, or from other Christian traditions. We hope that this series will be informative for all of you, and we also hope that it may help some prepare for baptism, confirmation, or renewal of their faith.

Our series begins on October 24th as Rev Sharon talks about how and why we worship. Each talk will be offered at 1pm at Prince of Peace in Wasaga Beach and then again at 7pm here. We will also make video recordings of these sessions and post them online for those who can't attend or who are wintering in warmer climes. See the information in this newsletter for more information.

On Saturday, November 4th, the first "Saturday Night Eucharist" will be held. Please learn more about this new church service in Michael's report....

### Introducing Our Saturday Night Eucharist



Starting on Saturday, November 4th, we are launching a new service, a Eucharist that will run every Saturday at 5pm. The folks behind it are the clergy, Michael and Sharon, as well as Patricia Baldwin, who brings a wealth of wisdom and knowledge of contemplative spiritual practice.

**Why are we doing this?** We want to offer an option for those parishioners and visitors who may not be able to attend our 09:30 Sunday service. We also want to create a space where we might explore some of the depths of our Anglican tradition.

**What will these services be like?** These services will be a work in progress. Some will feature periods of silence and space for contemplation. Some will feature simple hymns from the Taize tradition. A few may be more formal, with chanting and perhaps even incense. Short meditations instead of formal sermons. Whatever we do, the eucharist will be at the heart of each Saturday evening service.

**Will these services be recorded or streamed?** We're thinking not. We want to keep the Saturday evenings simple and in the moment., so no slides, screens, or streams We also want to minimize the demands on our tech crew so they're fresh for Sunday mornings.



**Will these services replace Après Ski?** Absolutely not. Come the ski season, from January through March, parishioners are welcome to contribute to the food and drink that makes the Après Ski services their own special thing.

**What's the goal?** The goal is to see if we can sustain a Saturday evening eucharist that offers something a little different from our Sunday practices, while deepening our spiritual lives. Much of the church growth literature agrees that strong churches are ones that focus on nurturing and forming people in their faith lives.

**Can I get involved?** Absolutely. Michael, Sharon and Patricia will welcome all offers of help as we experiment and worship together.

The Mission Action Planning Team has provided us with information about a special programme organized through the Town of Collingwood....

#### **From the Mission Action Planning Team**

As listening leads to reconciliation the following might be of interest to some.

The Town of Collingwood is proud to announce the launch of a new and wonderful creative series!

Join us for Yonnhe'ón:we - A Celebration of Indigenous Arts on November 9th, 2023

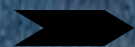
Yonnhe'ón:we, a series celebrating Indigenous Arts is launching on November 9th, at the Simcoe Street Theatre in Collingwood.

This event is the first of a year-long series that honours the life-giving spirit of storytelling. Hosted by Collingwood Poet Laureate Jillian Morris, Yonnhe'ón:we promises to be an evening of immersive storytelling through the mediums of poetry, film, and contemporary dance.

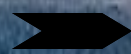
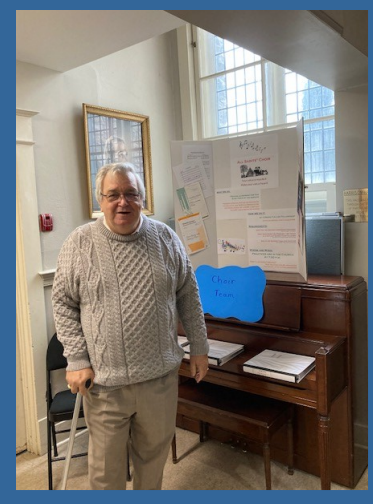
Full details about the event as well as how to purchase tickets can be found at either of the following links:

<https://www.collingwood.ca/culture-recreation-events/festivals-events/yonnhe-nwe-indigenous-art-series-simcoe-street-theatre>

[https://simcoestreettheatre.ca/?tribe\\_events=yonnheonwe](https://simcoestreettheatre.ca/?tribe_events=yonnheonwe)



Thanks goes out to Warden Catherine Raaflaub for organizing the recent Ministry Fair at All Saints Information about many parish clubs and organizations was shared after the church service a couple of weeks ago. Photos attached!



Birthday greetings go out to Leslie Mackay this week. We hope she has a wonderful day!!



In your prayers this week, please remember those whose names are found on our Parish Prayer List. We pray for their caregivers and for all who assist others in need.

“Please pray for these people during the week” - 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, Candice Swartz, Lisa Swartz, Dimi Ntantoulis, Sean, Dorothy.

This week we remember a former member of our Parish. Jim Wilkes was a active member at All Saints a number of years ago. He was a lay preacher and reader. Jim passed away last week. Please keep his family in your prayers.

As well, we are sad to announce the passing of Nancy Taylor. Please keep Ron and his family in your prayers.

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 AND RELATIONS TO THE ANCESTRAL LANDS ON WHICH WE LIVE, SHARE, LEARN AND PRAY.

## All Saint’s Anglican Church Collingwood

# Safety First Seminars

**7pm**

Feature presenters from the  
Collingwood Fire Dept Jeff Gage and OPP Trevor McKean

**Monday November 20th 2023** On-Line Safety

**Monday December 4th 2023** Christmas Home Safety

**Monday January 15th 2024** Personal Safety

**Monday February 19th 2024** Fire Department

**Monday March 18th 2024** Abuse and The Law

Since 1906, the **Canadian Church Calendar** has been a useful and beautiful addition to the walls of homes, sacristies and offices across Canada. As has been the custom, the calendar includes a range of photos featuring beloved Anglican churches across the country. Additional details include notes on liturgical colours, saints' days, important dates, previous and next month calendars on each page spread and more. If you are interested in purchasing a calendar please contact the Church office. We will post a cost once the Anglican Church of Canada estore has received the calendars and set their price.

**Christmas Flowers** - If you would like to decorate the Church this Christmas with flowers you can call the office 705-445-3841 or e-mail [allsaintschurch@bmts.com](mailto:allsaintschurch@bmts.com) with your wording by 10am Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>. Flowers can be left in the Church beginning Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup>.

We have 20 beautiful artificial poinsettias. If you would like to make a donation to the Church (a ministry of your choice) in memory of a loved one please contact the office and we can display one of the poinsettias in their memory. A note will be placed in the Christmas Eve Bulletin and on the Screen.

