

ALL SAINTS ALIVE  
THE NEWSLETTER OF ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH, COLLINGWOOD

OCTOBER 5, 2023

Welcome to our newsletter for a new month and a new season! Our parish is very active now that we have returned from "summer holidays". Many exciting things are happening and we encourage you to become involved in all the All Saints Church has to offer.

Yesterday, our Five Loaves outreach food ministry programme prepared 100 meals for those recipients who are unable to attend the Friendship Dinners, for the Busby Centre and for the Mobile Soup Kitchen outreach. A dedicated group of individuals prepared a delicious roast pork dinner with vegetables and desserts and others packaged the meals and delivered them to those in our community. Next week, our Food Ministry Programme continues with the monthly Friendship Dinner. Our church and community is so fortunate to have all these individuals willing to donate their time and food donations and creations to ensuring others in our community will have wholesome meals. The Friendship Dinner next week, is still in need of donations of time and food. Penny Bourne has provided us with informa-

FRIENDSHIP DINNER

Hi Everyone,

With this amazing summer weather we have been having it seems crazy that we are now at the beginning of October!

Our next Friendship Dinner will be on WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11th. We shall be serving a ham dinner to our guests, with scalloped potatoes, salads and, of course, desserts. We hope that you will be able to help us in some way. The sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall now, but you can always email me to let me know if you are available to help.

We will purchase the hams but will need donations of scalloped potatoes, salads and desserts as well as people to serve the dinners and to help with the clean up at the end of the evening. Monetary donations are always welcome, too! This may be given to the All Saints' church office, marked for "Friendship Dinner". Put your name and address on it so that we can send you a tax receipt.

Thank you for all the help you give for this important outreach. I am delighted that this month Paulette De Silva will be working with me to share the load, with a view to setting up leadership teams.

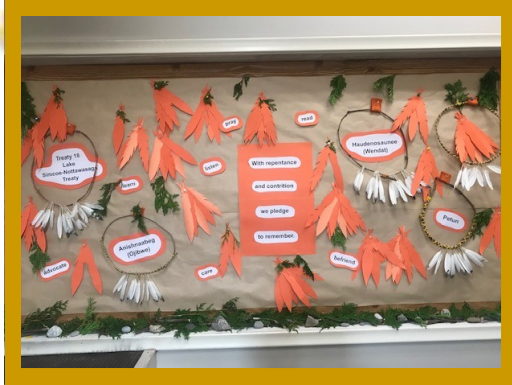
With best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving,  
Penny Bourne

**Community Friendship Dinner  
Wednesday October 11th 2023  
Dinner Begins at 5pm**

Ham  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Veggies  
Salads  
Dessert and Fruit



This Sunday is Thanksgiving Sunday and thanks to Margaret Thompson, our sanctuary will be decorated with the produce from our gardens. We are blessed with having parishioners donate these items and thankful for Marg and her team in decorating our church. We are so blessed in living in a part of our world that allows us to share these things with others. On this Thanksgiving Weekend, let us not forget those in our community, our country and our world, who are less fortunate.



Last Sunday we observed the special day of remembrance for the National Truth and Reconciliation Day. At our service orange feathers were given to all in attendance upon arrival in the church. During the offering, these feathers were gathered and placed on the bulletin board in the sacristy. On your next visit to the church, please make a point of viewing this special tribute to our commitment to our Indigenous brothers and sisters. Our Missional Team at All Saints has shared with us information on resources at the public library that will help us learn more about the path to Truth and Reconciliation.

**"With Repentance and Contrition We Pledge to Remember"** - We hope last Sunday's reflection using the orange feathers was helpful and that the bulletin board in the sacristy will be a reminder that we all have a part to play in the path to Truth and Reconciliation.

Below, please find a list of books that might be of interest to you and please note that our local library has a good selection of material to borrow.

**Tanya Talaga** - Seven Fallen Feathers, All Our Relations

**Richard Wagamese** - One Native Life (his memoir), Keeper'n Me, One Drum, For Joshua

**Bob Joseph** - 21 Things you Might not Know about the Indian Act

**Wab Kinew** - The Reason You Walk

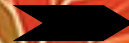
**Michelle Good** - Truth Telling, Five Little Indians

**Robin Wall Kimmerer** - Braiding Sweetgrass

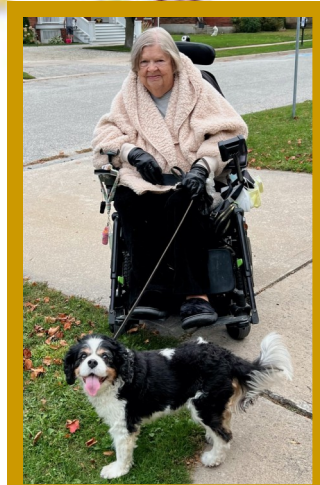
We are sure that parishioners could add to this short list. Please share through the weekly bulletin books that you have read that deepened your understanding.

In the future we will publish links to documentaries, films, podcasts, etc. that might be helpful as well.

From the Missional Team



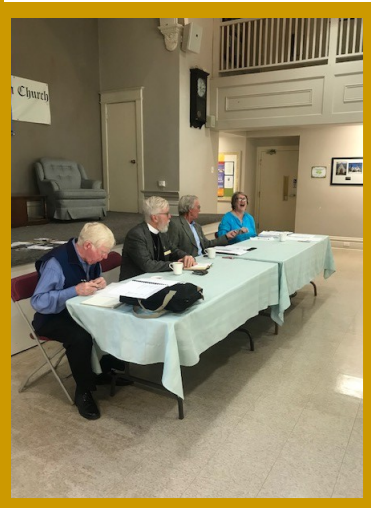
Another special event took place last Sunday at All Saints. In the afternoon, Father Michael held the annual "Blessing of the Animals" service. Please see the attached photos.



A small but loving group of parishioners and their very good doggoes turned up on Sunday afternoon last for our Blessing of the Animals service. We are happy to report that Fr Michael and Joy's dog, Canon Brodie, was much better behaved this year.



On September 24th, the All Saints Foundation held its annual general meeting after the morning church service. Chair Jim Cunningham presided and shared information from the Foundations operations over the past year. Thanks to Jim and his dedicated board members, a cheque was donated to the church for \$21,000.



Father Michael has also provided those who are taking part in the Narnia Book Study, with summary of “A Horse and His Boy. See below. He also invites anyone interested to join the group at the next meeting on October 25th, when they will be discussing the next novel in C.S. Lewis’s series “The Chronicles of Narnia”.

**Our Parish Journey to Narnia Continues:**

**A Horse And His Boy**

Our All Saints book study of The Chronicles of Narnia novels by C.S. Lewis recently met to discuss A Horse and His Boy (HHB). Lewis set this novel in the time described in the final chapter of The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe (LWW), when the four Pevensie children have become Kings and Queens of the magical realm of Narnia.



Unlike LWW, which travels between the “real” world of Lewis’ England and the land of Narnia, HHB is set entirely within the world of Narnia. We first meet Shasta, a boy who lives with his cruel fisherman father on the coast of the realm of Calormen. They are visited by a nobleman on a splendid horse, who lodges with them for the night, and Shasta overhears the nobleman bargaining with his father to buy him as a slave.

Fortunately for Shasta, the nobleman’s horse is named Bree, one of the Talking Animals of Narnia who was captured and brought to the cruel land of Calormen. Bree and Shasta resolve to both escape to Narnia and freedom, and on their way they meet a noble born girl, Aravis, who is fleeing an arranged marriage to a repulsive and much older man. Aravis also has a Narnian horse, named Hwin. The two young people and their talking horses agree to escape together.

While passing through the Calormen capital of Tashbaan, the four meet the royal Narnians, who are there on an embassy but soon find that they are menaced by the cruel Calormen ruler, the Tisroc. Shasta also discovers that he is a dead ringer for Corin, a companion of the Narnians and a prince of Archenland, a small kingdom allied to Narnia and on its borders. While in Tashbaan, Shasta and Aravis learn that the Tisroc wishes to conquer Archenland and is sending his son, Rabadash, with an army by a secret way.

The second half of the story is thus a race to save Archenland. During their journey north, Aravis and Shasta meet the mighty lion Aslan, the creator and guardian of Narnia, who has been guiding and protecting them all along. Aslan sends Shasta to warn Archenland, and it is saved after a bitter battle, when the Narnians, escaped from Tashbaan, come to raise the siege in the nick of time. Shasta discovers that he is really Cor, Corwin’s older twin, and the story ends as all good medieval romances do, with feasting, a wedding (Cor and Aravis) and the hero assuming his rightful kingdom.



HNB thus seems like a simple children's story, and in part it is. Lewis was drawing on his vast knowledge of medieval and renaissance romance and fantasy, while Calormen owes much to The Arabian Nights. However, as our group discovered, it is a surprisingly deep novel.

The motto of "Narnia and the North!" as our heroes ride to freedom reminds us that for Lewis, the journey from exile to our true homeland is of recurring interest (the lion Aslan comes from exile to reclaim his kingdom of Narnia from the White Witch in LWW). The Christian idea of God's people in exile seeking their true homeland is somewhere in the background.

Hwin and Bree, as Talking Animals, like all the good and fantastic creatures of Narnia, make us imagine Creation in a new way. Just as this week's Feast of St. Francis (Oct 4) reminds us that the earth and its creatures are an expression of God's love, likewise Narnia makes us see a world where humans and non-humans live as equals (though Lewis, as a good Englishman, could not resist describing a breakfast where kindly Dwarves feed the famished Shasta with toast and bacon!). Even the title, A Horse and His Boy, makes this point by reversing the order of words that we would expect.

Aslan is always in the background but always a powerful figure, hinting at God's love and providence in guiding the four to their proper home. While kindly, he is also a sometimes stern figure, leading others to self-knowledge so they can take responsibility for their actions and grow into goodness and maturity. Some refuse this opportunity: the cruel Rabadash scorns Aslan's efforts to redeem him, but Aravis, while not born a Narnian, is welcomed into a new and better life. Thus the idea of grace is a central theme for Lewis.

Our next meeting of our Narnian book study will be Wednesday, Oct 25th, at 1:30pm. We will be discussing the next novel in the series, Prince Caspian. Why not get your own copy and join us in this world that seems so deceptively simple and yet which invites us to grow in our own faith?

Sharon Goldsworthy has shared with us, information about a new group being formed at All Saints. Please see her report about this opportunity for the women of our Parish and community.

**ATTENTION WOMEN** - On the third Wednesday of each month, there will be an opportunity for women to get together for fellowship, support and spiritual growth. The group will run from 7:15 - 9pm and there is no cost to attend other than a free will offering toward purchasing tea/coffee/cookies/etc. The women will decide the topics for discussion, with an eye to discerning how our faith can be strengthened, how our faith supports us through our daily lives, how we can share our faith with others, how we can support each other, etc. If interested, please come out on Oct. 18th and enter by the ramp door. We will also have the Lobby door open in case anyone needs to use the lift.

We will be meeting in the church library

Contact: Sharon 705-441-2577

Birthday greetings go out this week to four parishioners. We hope that everyone had a wonderful birthday celebration.....

Stan Bain (95 years young)

I will not share the ages of the other birthday people!!!!

Susan Kenney

Shirley Sutton

Catherine Durrant (today!)

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

Reverend Sharon reminds everyone that "Colour Mediation" will start again on Saturday, October 14th.

Upcoming in November....All Saints Pub Night Returns! Please information below...

### **All Saints Pub Night**

Please save the date of Tuesday November 14 for our All Saints Pub Night. Smashing entertainment, a traditional English Pub dinner, prizes and sing-alongs. We will also be celebrating Father Michael's birthday and Rev. Sharon's birthday so please join us for a fun evening. More details to follow.

Our next newsletter will be "In God's Service", the newsletter of our Regional Ministry of South Georgian Bay. If you have anything you would like to share with our friends at Prince of Peace or St. Luke's, please send it to Nancy in the church office. Publication date is October 19th.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS RESIDES ON THE TRADITIONAL LANDS OF THE ANISHNAABE AND WENDAT PEOPLES. THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT REMINDS US OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO OUR RELATIONSHIPS TO THE AN-

## All Saint's Anglican Church Collingwood

# **Safety First Seminars**

7pm

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

**Monday October 16th 2023** Fire Prevention in the Home

**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