

ALL SAINTS' ALIVE  
THE NEWSLETTER OF ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH  
COLLINGWOOD  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

Welcome back to our bi-weekly newsletter. This Saturday we officially welcome the fall season. Where did summer go??? Hopefully the weather forecast for this weekend will keep reminding us of summer!

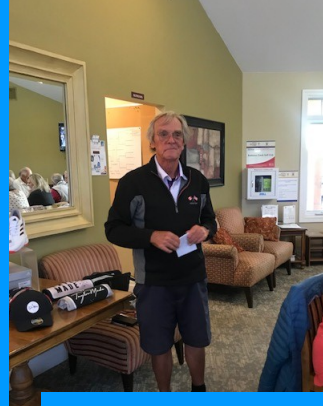
And in speaking of the seasons, Sharon Goldsworthy reminds us that on this coming Sunday, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Awen Gathering Place in Harbourview Park, there will be an opportunity to honour the Fall Equinox through the Indigenous cultural teaching and knowledge sharing. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our Indigenous brothers and sisters and our world.

Also, check out a youtube video under Town of Collingwood-Awen Gathering Circle. This is a 10 minute video about the creation of the Awen Gathering Place.

Back To Church Sunday occurred last Sunday with a wonderful service and celebration of faith! All Saints' offered its parishioners a warm, friendly and inclusive service of worship and a most inviting time of informal fellowship during the brunch afterwards. Thank you to our Welcome Committee under the leadership of Gill Elias.



On September 10th, our annual Golf/Dinner Fun Day took place at Batteaux Creek. We thank Jim and Elaine Cunningham for all their work in making this happen. Mother Nature cooperated in the afternoon and everyone had a wonderful time golfing and eating!!! Jim kept everyone informed on the day's events and results! We appreciated all the work.



After church this Sunday, the annual meeting of the All Saints Foundation will be held in the library in the Parish Hall immediately following the church service. All members of the Foundation are encouraged to attend. Chairman Jim Cunningham will share with the members, the successes of the Foundation over the last year. If you are not a member and wish to join, the membership fee is a “one-time” donation of \$5. You will then become a lifelong Foundation member. For more information, please contact Nancy in the church office (705-445-3841).

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Father Michael has shared with us, his thoughts about church music.... “In Praise of Church Music”...

**In Praise of Church Music (?)**  
**Thoughts On A Beloved and Vexing Topic**

Recently a dear friend gifted me with a stack of tattered music books that had belonged to her pious grandparents. The books contained old four part psalm settings, Victorian hymnals, and Hymns and Songs of the Church of England Temperance Society. These old books hint at a lost world of church music, one so different from the Christian praise anthems of contemporary megachurches. Any Christian encountering these old books could either pine for a golden age, or think good riddance to fusty old tunes, depending on their taste in worship.

But maybe changing tastes in music have always been thus? While reading the introduction of the 1938 Anglican hymn book (the old blue book), I came across the rather startling admission that hymn books have a relatively short life span of twenty five years: “Each generation, with its problems and outlook, must seek new ways of expressing its ideals and aspirations. Taste in literature and music changes.”

And music did change. Perhaps you can remember that red hymnal produced jointly by the Anglican and United Churches in 1971 (who can forget “God of Concrete, God of Steel”?) which gave way to our current hymn book, Common Praise (1988), which tries to please a wide variety of tastes, combining Taize songs, Wesleyan hymns, and contemporary songs from the African church. Tastes and books change, but the changes are often messy and fractious.

In the latest issue of The Anglican (Sept 2023) there is a fascinating interview with Robert Busiakiewicz, former music director at St James’ cathedral in Toronto. He has spent his life in church music and has seen his share of fights, though none so bad as when an 11th century Abbot had his monks killed because they wouldn’t sing psalms the way he wanted them to!

For Busiakiewicz, our conflicts over church music stem from two causes. On the one hand, many of us think church music should be sacred, a sacrifice of our best skill and talent to God (complex harmonies, soaring organ fugues, that sort of thing) whereas others are suspicious of music that is too formal, too much like a performance. This second way of thinking wants church music that involves us and makes us happy, so for example a jazz vespers service or a Christian rock concert, old bible camp songs or even just “Shine Jesus Shine”.



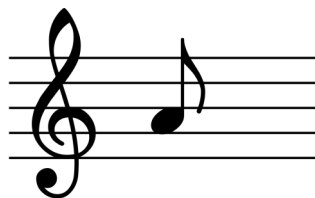
So what makes for good church music? I've been ordained long enough to know that ten Anglicans will have at least ten opinions: Traditional? Modern? Accessible? Serious? Folksy? Organ? Guitar? Reverent? Happy? At the end of the day, Busiakiewicz muses in the interview, maybe we can just be honest and say that it's ok to sing and play something in church because we like it.

For my own part, I'm a bit of a traditionalist. My soul is attracted to four part psalms, chanting, Latin anthems and the Merbecke Tudor communion setting. But, I also realize that those are my tastes, and I wouldn't inflict them on you (at least not all the time!). At All Saints, I think our music is a bit of a conversation between different ways of thinking about church music.

For example, last Sunday, Barry offered a piece, "Streets of Our Town", which was inspired by the 1969 folk song "Streets of London" by Ralph McTell. Each verse offered a vignette of characters we see around Collingwood. The tune was compelling, and the lyrics painted stories, but what made it work, and what saved it from being merely maudlin, was that the song led us as disciples to think about our Christ-given duty to "the least of these". The song made us think about the gospel, and so I thought it worked as church music in a very creative way.

So maybe we can agree that our worship music is an offering to God, so we should try to do it well, and we can agree that different times in the church year work well with certain kind of music (so Good Friday, for example, will have sombre music that draws us to the cross). However, at the end of the day, maybe we can also give ourselves the freedom to say that church music, like music generally, is aesthetic. It exists to make us happy. And seeing as music makes us happy in different ways, since we are all different, maybe we can see church music as conversation rather than as conflict.

Father Michael



The Food Ministry programmes at All Saints' have had a busy start to the month. On September 6, Fives Loaves delivered 50 meals, (homemade meatballs, salad and desserts), to people in the community and a week later, the Friendship Dinner team hosted over 100 diners in the Parish Hall. As well, another 30 meals were delivered to Out of the Cold programme and to the Mobile Soup Kitchen. We are so appreciative for all the work that parishioners and community members do, in order to provide this much needed outreach. Penny Bourne has provided us with an update on the Friendship Dinner.

### THANK YOU!

We had a very successful Friendship Community Dinner on Wednesday. We served about 100 in-house guests and volunteers as well as sending 15 meals to the Busby Centre and 29 meals to the Mobile Soup Kitchen who deliver to those in need.

Our diners enjoyed a delicious dinner of pulled pork on a bun with corn on the cob, a variety of salads and a big selection of desserts and fresh fruit. They were very appreciative and enjoyed second helpings, too!

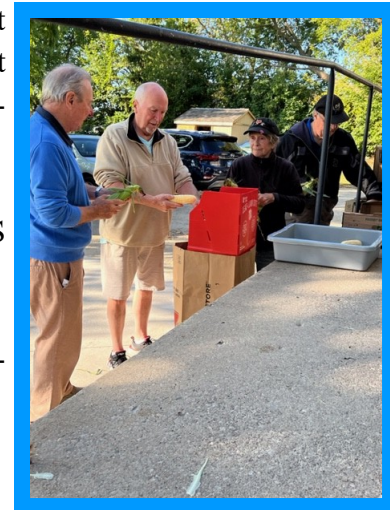
A very Big Thank You to all our wonderful volunteers.

Many people rely on this dinner not only for the food but also for the friendship, and without your help we would not be able to do this. So many of our guests thanked us personally after the meal last night.

Thank you also to COBS Bakery for the buns and CURRIES MARKET for supplying the corn.

Next month's Community Dinner will be Wednesday October 11th, just after Thanksgiving!

Watch for the sign-up sheets!



On Tuesday of this week, a group of parishioners gathered at the church to discuss Food Ministry. Some changes are being made to coordinate the delivery of these programmes. The preparation of the meals for Out of the Cold and the Soup Kitchen will now be done by the Five Loaves team. More information on these outreach programmes will be forthcoming.



Our new church sign has arrived! Next time you are out driving in the evening, check out the sign on Ste. Marie Street! Thanks go out to Catherine Durrant, David Trafford and Pat MacKeracher and the Garden Guild team for preparing the sign and the site!



One of our volunteers at Friendship Dinners is Patrick Salvagna, a student at Georgian College. Last winter he noticed classmates from other countries, struggling with our cold Canadian winter.

"Patrick Salvagna is a Georgian College student and a valued member of our Community Dinner ministry team. We are happy to support his initiative to provide international students at Georgian with warm weather clothing and non-perishable food items. As you can imagine, many students from other countries pitch up here in the early fall and their first Canadian winter is a rude shock! We have some items from last year's appeal that you kindly gave us, and we will be passing them on to Patrick, but we could use more. If you have gently worn winter clothing items or wish to bring some non-perishable food, please bring them to the church and leave them in the donation baskets at the door between now and 20 October. Many thanks, Fr. Michael"

**WELCOME WITH WARMTH**

GEORGIAN COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WINTER  
CLOTHING AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE

JACKETS MITTENS SCARVES TOQUES

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Birthday greetings go out to Angela Piercey.  
We hope she had a wonderful day!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



A New Holiday.....

### **A FLORIDA COURT SETS ATHEIST HOLY DAY**

In Florida , an atheist created a case against Easter and Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days.

The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!"

The lawyer immediately stood and objecting to the ruling saying,

"Your honour, How can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays..."

The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counsellor, is woefully ignorant."

The lawyer said," Your Honour, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists."

The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fool's Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned.."

You gotta love a Judge that knows his scripture!

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

**“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, Carolyn, Candice Swartz, Lisa Swartz.

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

**All Saints' Anglican Church  
Blessing of the Animals  
Sunday October 1st 2pm**



*All are welcome to join us and bring their family, friends  
and pets with all dogs leashed please*

*Outside at the Garden at the Corner of  
Elgin Street and St Marie Street*

*"The righteous person cares for the needs of animals"*  
*Proverbs 12:10*

**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