

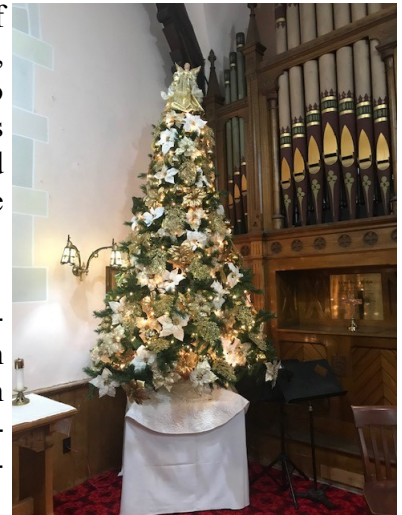
ALL SAINTS' ALIVE
THE NEWSLETTER OF ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH
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Welcome back to a new month—a very busy one at All Saints. September is always the month of “new beginnings”....the return to regular meetings of committees and church groups, of special events and time to re-ignite those friendships that may have been temporarily put on hold because of summer activities. CO-3 held its first fall gathering earlier today....our annual All Saints' Golf /Dinner Fun Day will take place on Sunday and “Back to Church” Sunday will be held on September 17th. A full list of many activities will follow in our newsletter.



DID YOU KNOW.....that the history of the Parish of All Saints' Collingwood, parallels the history of this town in so many ways. Our early church leaders were also leaders in the community and many of them served many terms on the town council.

DID YOU KNOW... that our church heritage and historical artifacts have been documented and preserved and are often used as primary research for writers, historians, documentary producers and others....



DID YOU KNOW ...that the decorations which adorn the walls and halls and doors of the church and Parish Hall, were designed, organized, erected and often handmade by one individual....

DID YOU KNOW...that we owe a tremendous amount of gratitude to Bruce Mackison who made it one of his retirement ambitions, to preserve the history, not only of Collingwood, but of the men and women whose spiritual home was found at All Saints Church....and to those who lived and contributed to the well being of the citizens of this community.



THANK YOU BRUCE
REST IN PEACE

This week, please keep Jean and her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.



Father Michael has shared with us information about “The Daily Offices”. These are fixed hour services originated with Apostle Paul’s direction to the early Christians... “pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances”. Father Michael explains the history of The Daily Offices and how it has evolved in the church over the centuries. He also shares with us, how we at All Saints’ can be involved in our own daily offices at the church.

The Daily Offices: A Rich Resource of Anglican Spirituality

The Apostle Paul urges us to “pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Th 5:16-18).



This is a tall order when we have to feed ourselves and others, work, sleep, provide care, and do the myriad other things that occupy our time.

The early church compromised; St. Benedict set fixed times of the day and night for prayer for monastic communities, which became known as the canonical hours: small services called matins and lauds (usually counted as a single hour), in the middle of the night; prime, at sunrise; terce, 9 a.m.; sext, noon; none, 3 p.m.; vespers, sunset; and compline, bedtime.

These fixed hour services became known as the Daily Offices, from the Latin word officium meaning duty, following the idea that Christians had a duty to pray regularly.

During the English Reformation, Thomas Cranmer simplified the daily offices and boiled them down to four services: Morning Prayer (also called Mattins), Noon Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Compline. All four of these services can be found in the 1962 Prayer Book. Thus our tradition of daily prayer is essentially Benedictine.

Cranmer’s idea was that these short and simple services could give clergy and laity alike a structure for regular prayer and scripture reading that would deepen their spiritual lives while allowing them to live and work in their daily lives.

Old time Anglicans will remember Morning and Evening Prayer on Sundays and some who have lived in institutional settings may know the offices as well. Compline got Fr. Michael through a difficult year at a church boy’s school and he loves it to this day.

Sadly, most Anglicans today don’t get much chance to say and hear this ancient and rich prayers, which can ground us in our faith and orient our day on God and God’s purpose for us.



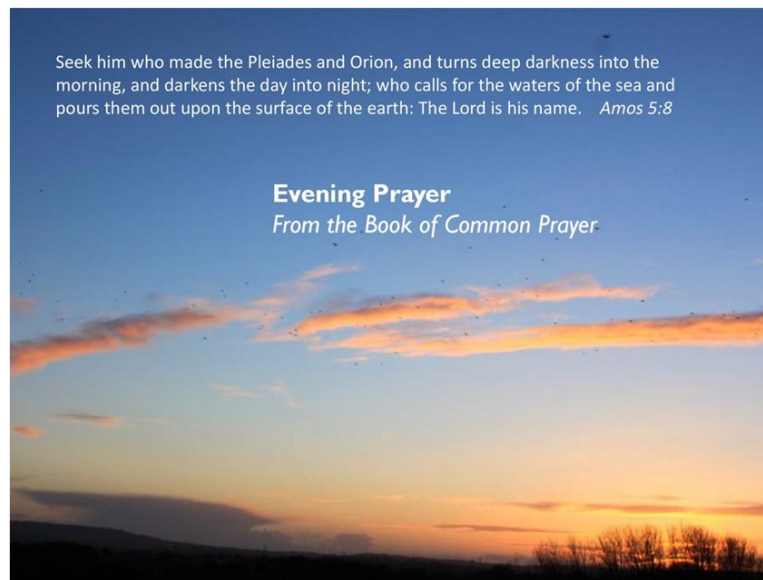
Starting on Tuesday, September 12, Rev. Sharon and Michael will offer Morning and Evening Prayer in the choir stalls on the following days and times:

Morning Prayer: Tuesday and Thursday at 8am
Evening Prayer: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 5pm

Services will be adapted from the Book of Common Prayer and are easy to follow. There will be no Eucharist, hymns, or sermons and each service takes about 20 minutes. The church doors will be unlocked 5-10 minutes ahead of time. When clergy are unavailable to lead, lay people are perfectly welcome to say the offices, and Sharon and Michael can provide instruction on that (it's easy).

If you can't attend but would like to try the Daily Offices at home, there is a simple version which you can download from <https://anglicancompass/dailyofficebooklet> and there is also an app that you can download from the Prayer Book Society at <https://prayerbook.ca/common-prayer-app/>

Of course, the daily offices are purely optional, so take this merely as an invitation to deepen your prayer life if any of these days, times or methods are convenient. As is true of most things Anglican, the old rule applies: all may, some should, none must.



A big thank you goes out to Warden Catherine Raaflaub who organized a most successful "Doors Open" event at All Saints' Church and Rectory on Saturday, August 26th. Many visitors were treated to personal, guided tours of the sanctuary, Parish Hall and our Rectory. A number of the visitors remarked that, despite living in Collingwood for years, they have never ventured inside the church and hall, nor the Rectory. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked as guides during the event!



As was mentioned above, our All Saints' calendar is very busy during September Here is a summary of some of the events that are taking place during the month...

CO-3 started today and will continue every Thursday at 10:00 am

Choir practices will be held every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm

Mothers Union will hold its first meeting on Friday, September 8th at 7:00 pm

Women's Clothing and Accessories Sale will be held on Saturday, September 9th starting at 9:00 am

All Saints' Annual Golf/Dinner Fun Day takes place at Batteaux Creek on Sunday, September 10th.

"Back to Church Sunday" will be held on September 17th at 9:30 am

The annual meeting of the All Saints Church Foundation will be after the church service on Sunday, September 24th.

Foundation

Our AGM will be held this year in the Parish hall, shortly after the conclusion of the church service Sunday September 24 2023 that morning 11:15am. The coffee hour will be held in the library. All Foundation members are welcome, as well as any other interested parishioners, who are encouraged to become lifelong Foundation members, for a fee of \$5.

The Narnia Book Study group will meet on September 27th at 1:30 pm

Men's Breakfast Group will hold its monthly breakfast on September 28th at 8:00 am

For more information regarding "life at All Saints", please visit our website.

The book on the history of music and musicians at All Saints' is still available for sale. Please contact Nancy in the church office (705-445-3841).

All Saints' Music Ministry Book Copies of a book prepared by our previous music director, Keiko, are available for order. This colour, spiralbound 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 .

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthday greetings this week, go out to Ann Pope and Ron Emo! We hope they both had a wonderful birthday.

Saturday, August 12th was a day of celebration! Kim and Jane Parody gathered with family and friends at the church to renew their marriage vows. In spite of a tornado warning, it was a lovely service and dinner. Kim and Jane thank everyone for their love and support. It meant a great deal to have the church family present for this celebration....and a huge thank you goes out to everyone for all their help in so many ways.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Belated anniversary greetings are extended to Penny and Anthony Bourne.



In your prayers this week, please remember those whose names are found on our All Saints' Prayer List. We pray for their caregivers and for all who assist others in need...and as mentioned before, please keep Jean Mackison, her family and her friends in your thoughts and prayers.

“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.

We also remember Ann Bye and prayer for her family and friends. Ann's funeral will be held at All Saints on Saturday, September 9th.

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



**Community Friendship Dinner
Wednesday September 13th, 2023
Dinner Begins at 5pm**

Menu

Pulled Pork on a Bun

Corn on the Cob

Choice of Salads

Dessert and Fruit



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