

IN GOD'S SERVICE
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE REGIONAL ANGLICAN MINISTRY OF
SOUTH GEORGIAN BAY
OCTOBER 19, 2023

Welcome to our fall newsletter of Prince of Peace, St. Luke's and All Saints Churches. Since Back to Church Sunday in September, our churches have become 'hives of activity'. It is amazing to see and hear the human energy in the services and the programmes at all three churches. With all the turmoil in our world, it is wonderful that we all have a place of comfort, guidance and for reassurance.

Often, when I go for coffee after a Sunday morning church service, the words to a sitcom television programme from the 1980's come to mind....

"Making your way in the world today takes everything you've got,

Taking a break from all your worries, sure would help a lot.

Wouldn't you like to get away? Sometimes you want to go...

Where everybody knows your name and they're always glad you came..."

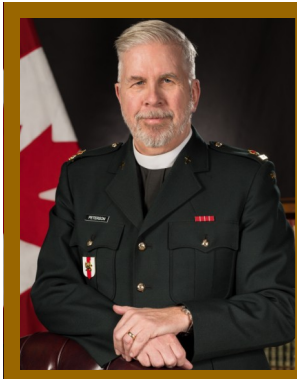
...(theme from 'Cheers')

Our newsletter salutes our priests, Michael, Sharon, Louise, Gordon and Deacon Lorna...our church staff members, wardens and the multitude of volunteers who all help make our churches vibrant places for worship and fellowship.

Please follow along as we salute all the wonderful activities that have, are and will take place at St. Luke's, Prince of Peace and All Saints!

Michael's Contributions for the Regional Ministry Newsletter

Hello friends!



By the time you've received this, Harvest Thanksgiving will be a pleasant memory, our churches mostly cleared of vegetables and cornstalks, and it will soon be time to break out our Advent wreaths Christmas decorations.



As we bask in pleasant crisp sun and bright autumn leaves, I'm thankful for the business of our three congregations, because that business is driven by our desire to serve God and our call to embody the gospel of the loving, risen Christ who lives among us.

Besides the work that that we are called to do - packing food bank boxes, running book sales and fashion shows, and cooking food for the hungry - I'm inviting you to find time to pause from our ministries and feed our souls.



This fall and winter there are several options to learn and deepen our faith. Our clergy team has pooled their knowledge and wisdom to offer "Anglicanism 101", a series of talks on our Christian faith in its Anglican expression.

All talks in this series are offered twice on the day they occur, at 1pm at Prince of Peace and again at 7pm at All Saints. Rev. Sharon Johnstone kicks off the series on Oct 24th with a talk on How We Worship as Anglicans.

On Saturday, December 2nd, at All Saints, Rev Louise offers a one day retreat as we move into the waiting and mystery of the Advent series. Louise+ will bring a wealth of wisdom and faith to this day, and I encourage you to register (spaces are limited).

More information on both these days is included in this newsletter.

Finally, I'm greatly encouraged by a meeting of the clergy and wardens from all three churches that occurred at the end of September. It was the first time we've all sat down together to hear one another's hopes, dreams, and challenges as churches.

This meeting encouraged us all to work harder to share information between St Luke's, Prince of Peace, and All Saints on a more regular basis, and to think of activities that we might do together as parts of the Body of Christ.

I'm hoping to see some of our Creemore and Wasaga Beach friends at our pub night at All Saints on November 14th, and we are planning a day when our Ukrainian friends at St. Luke's might teach us all to make pirogies! Doesn't that sound delicious! May God bless us all in our ministries and life together in Christ.

Michael+
Priest in Charge, The Regional Ministry of South Georgian Bay

Anglicanism 101 Series Starts Next Week

I am quite excited that our Anglicanism 101 Series launches next week, 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.

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 1 pm 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.

Register for Anglicanism 101- What it means to be an Anglican

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October 24 - How We Worship-liturgy, music, preaching and prayer

November 7 - How We Got Here-history and theology

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January 16 - How We Serve the World-outreach and public awareness

January 30 - How We Get Things Done-governance and decision-making

News From St. Luke's, Creemore -

Deacon Lorna May, Rev. Sharon and their team at St. Luke's are busy spreading the good news and helping others through their outreach in the Purple Hills! Deacon Lorna shares some of the great news. (and photos!)



Newsletter from St. Luke's

We have just celebrated the season of Creation, and we are grateful for the opportunity to worship God in Southern Georgian Bay with all the beauty that surrounds us.

St. Luke's was gifted a donation of school supplies to support children and teens returning to NCPS, Worsley Elementary and Collingwood Collegiate and continue to support the hot lunch program at NCPS.

Our foodbank has increased in families over the summer. We now support 37 families weekly, with donations from Foodland (Creemore and Stayner), 100 Mile Store, YF Patisserie, Creemore Farmer's Market, local beef farmers and Miller Dairy. We are thankful for the support in our community which allows us to provide fresh fruit and vegetables weekly. Thank you to our faithful volunteers who help pack and deliver our donations.

To enrich our worship services we are hoping to learn three new hymns and a canticle before Advent, with the help of Fr. Sharon and her guitar!



Our first Double Toonie lunch will be in October. This is a community event which is held on the last Wednesday of the month. It's wonderful to see friends and neighbours and newcomers enjoy fellowship over a bowl of warm soup!

We continue to be blessed by our Ukrainian friends. Details are being made to have a "learn to make pierogis" day.

The Creemore Coyotes and the Stayner Siskins are having an exhibition game in Creemore November 18. The entry fee will be a donation to the St. Luke's Community foodbank! Thank you to Tom Macham for this initiative. There is wine tasting from 4-5:30 and then the puck is dropped at 7:30 with 3 on 3 or 4 on 4 to make his an entertaining evening for the supporters!

I am presenting a workshop on Rural Poverty for the Social Justice and Advocacy Conference on October 28. This is a morning session, where we will gain understanding and awareness of those who are in need.

Sincerely,
Lorna



Under the leadership and guidance of Rev. Louise, Prince of Peace in Wasaga Beach is a very active church in the community. Read all about the many programmes that are being offered to parishioners and to members of the community.



**From Prince of Peace, for the Regional Newsletter
News from Prince of Peace, Wasaga Beach**

God is certainly at work at Prince of Peace, Wasaga Beach! In recent weeks the children have been learning about the stories of Joseph and Moses in Genesis and Exodus. We marked the Season of Creation with special liturgies during the month of September.

We finished the season of creation with a Blessing of the Animals, where altogether Rev. Louise Dightam blessed 13 dogs, 2 cats, a rabbit, a turtle and a chicken – both in person and on Zoom!



September brought the restart of Bible study, our potluck dinners, men's group and single ladies lunch, plus we're adding Messy Church and a Spirituality Group for Women to our offerings. A friendly group continues to "walk with Julie" every Monday. Our semi-annual book sale was a great success, with \$1,600 raised and all remaining books going to the penitentiary and charitable organizations, renewing our commitment to keep things out of landfill.

We are looking forward to joining the Anglicanism 101 and Praying into Advent offerings, and extend a warm welcome to the community to join in any of the events coming up at Prince of Peace.

In outreach news, we have restarted our weekly parents and tots program (hosted at the RecPlex), and recently used our "noisy change" to provide school supplies to high school students who are clients of the Wasaga Beach Ministerial Food Bank, where Rev. Louise serves on alternate Thursdays. Our clotheslines of toiletries has been well used over the summer months, and when the weather gets cooler, we will switch to supplying mittens, hats and socks.

The children got an early start on our October food drive by harvesting the potatoes they had planted at our summer VBS camp. The potatoes were donated to the St Luke's, Creemore food-bank.

We continue to invite our community to "Come and See" the great things God is doing at Prince of Peace, and love to welcome guests if you find yourself in Wasaga Beach some Sunday.

Submitted by: Rev. Louise Dightam, Assistant Curate

Coming Up at Prince of Peace this Fall:

Oct 15 Potluck Supper – 4:30pm – 6:30 pm

Oct 21 Meat Pie Sale

Oct 25 Fashion Show – upcycle used clothing and enjoy an entertaining fashion show – 7 pm

Nov 4 at 9 am to Nov 11 at 9 pm Online Time, Talent and Treasure Auction

Nov 19 Potluck Supper – 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Nov 25 Prince of Peace in the Wasaga Beach Santa Claus Parade

Dec 16 Bake and Craft Sale – 10 am to 2 pm

Dec 17 Community Carol Sing – 7 pm

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services at 9:30 am and 7 pm

Dec 25 Christmas Day Service

Weekly at Prince of Peace

Sundays at 9:30 am - Worship Service (in-person and streamed on Zoom)

Mondays at 9:30 am - Walk with Julie (except if pouring rain)

Wednesdays at 10:30 am - Morning Prayer/Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7 pm - Men's Group



Monthly at Prince of Peace

Single Ladies Lunch – second Tuesday of the month

Spirituality Group for Women – third Thursday of the month, 1-4 pm (begins in Nov)

Messy Church (for families with children) - fourth Saturday of the month, 4-6 pm

Other Information for the Newsletter:

Register for Praying into Advent: A Quiet Saturday, Dec 2 at 10 am to 3 pm

The Rev. Louise Dightam will lead us through a quiet day of prayer, reflection and community. We will explore different ways of meeting God in stillness, music, scripture and images. Lunch will be provided. This will be held at All Saints Anglican Church, Collingwood. Space is limited – please register by signing the sign up by emailing PrinceofPeaceChurchWB@gmail.com or leave a message at 705-429-5242.

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All Saints Collingwood continues to be an active place of worship and fellowship. In preparation for Thanksgiving, Margaret Thompson and her team decorated the entrances to the church, as well as inside. Thank you Marg and Tiffany for the photos!



The Food Ministry Programme at All Saints continues to be an important outreach, both to our community and to parishioners. Warden Penny Bourne and her team of volunteers served up another amazing Friendship Dinner last week. Her report follows. A week before, 100 meals were delivered to those unable to attend the Friendship dinner at the church. Meals were also sent to the Mobile Soup Kitchen and to the Busby Centre.

THANK YOU...

Yet another very successful Community Friendship Dinner was held at All Saints' last evening. The menu was ham (purchased), scalloped potatoes, veggies, salads and many delicious desserts. Everyone loved the meal and there was plenty for take-home packages, too. We served almost 100 guests and volunteers, all of whom are grateful to be able to spend an evening out with friends and good food.

Again, I send a big thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, energy and food to make this so successful. We had several first-time volunteers this month, including Chaplain Gordon Mintz. Thank you, too, to our amazing clean-up team ... so many dishes and pans!

Also, we are very grateful to those who support us with a financial donation to enable us to provide this important ministry together with the Five Loaves program.

Our next Friendship Dinner will be on Wednesday November 8th.

Please remember to save your empty plastic containers (yogurt, salad etc.) and bring them into the church kitchen.

With best wishes,
Penny

This coming Sunday (October 22), a Ministry Fair will be held after the church service. (unfortunately it will not include cotton candy and rides!) Rather, this is an opportunity to learn more about the many ministries being offered at All Saints. Our recent parish survey confirmed that many at the church said they loved the fact that our parish has so many ways to get involved. Instead of a sermon, various folks will speak about what their teams do and how you can help. We hope that you will come this Sunday and go away energized (and busier!).

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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 ex-

Upcoming events at All Saints..

Colourful Meditation-October 21, 28 at 2 p.m.
Narnia Book Study-October 25th at 1:30 p.m.
Men's Breakfast-October 26th at 8:00 a.m.
Pub Night-November 14th at 7:00 p.m.
Safety First Seminar-November 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Birthday greetings this week, go out to Velma Cook. (Saturday, October 21st) and anniversary wishes to Elaine and Jim Cunningham.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



In your prayers this week, please remember those in your parish, who are ill or have asked for your prayers. We pray for caregivers, our pastoral care teams 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.

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