



O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who crownest the year with thy goodness, and hast given unto us the fruits of the earth in their season: Give us grateful hearts, that we may unfeignedly thank thee for all thy loving-kindness, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving, Book of Common Prayer)

As the old Prayer Book reminds us, “grateful hearts” are a gift of God that is cultivated through prayer and worship. It takes a prayerful mind to think of creation when others think of nature. It takes a worshipful heart to appreciate the cycle of seasons, from spring buds to fall crops, as part of God’s design to feed and care for us.

The food, plants, and decorations that we bring into church at Thanksgiving are thus prayerful and worshipful ways of cultivating our grateful hearts. These decorations remind us that God provides, and within the scope of our own lives, some of us find it quite easy to be grateful for our comfortable homes, for our families and for our rich, full lives, and of course our beautiful church.

However, a truly grateful heart is a gift of the Holy Spirit that comes from Jesus who stands in the midst of our Christian community. A truly grateful heart is thus a restless heart because it is also Christ’s heart.

A truly grateful heart sees beyond personal comforts to the needs of others, especially at this time of great insecurity in food and shelter. A truly grateful heart sees the groaning of creation in this time of climate change, and seeks the good of the world that God gave us.

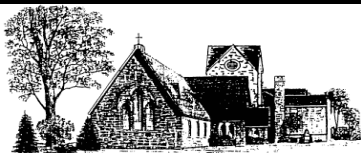
I, as your priest, see your grateful hearts and I give thanks for them. I particularly give thanks for our food ministries and for the way they are sustained by old and new parishioners alike. I also give thanks for the past work of our green team and pray that new volunteers will embrace this ministry in new ways.

In October we will be intentional about how our ministries grow from the grateful hearts that the Holy Spirit has gifted us with. Our ministry fair on October 22nd will be an opportunity to find ways to express your gratitude in ongoing and new ways. Our survey this spring found that you value All Saints for its many opportunities to contribute to our common life. From social media to social justice, from outreach to cooking to prayer and worship, there are many ways that we can put our grateful hearts to action, as you will see in the weeks ahead.

Dear Saints, I’m so grateful for the year that has passed, my first year with you. Joy and I (and Brodie, Canon Dog) have found a home and community, love and friendship and kindness among you. Let us continue to ask for the gift of grateful and active hearts, so others we have yet to meet may also one day be thankful that they too have found a church home amongst us.

In Christ,

Michael+
Rev. Dr. Michael Peterson, CD
Priest in Charge



The summer has come and gone for another year, and now we enjoy the fall with its cooler evenings and beautiful colours.

We recently enjoyed a lovely Back to Church celebration, sharing food and friendship, and a very meaningful talk about the programs at Samaritan House, which help so many women to rebuild their lives.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, we will all be aware of the many things to be thankful for ... family, friends, food and shelter to name a few. But we should also give thanks for our beautiful church and the caring community here. Father Michael and Rev. Sharon are here every day to lead us in worship and support, and we have an amazing team of parishioners who are ready to help in so many ways, sometimes at a moment's notice.

All this can only be done with your generous donations and bequests. As you are aware, though, the cost of providing these services has risen, as has everything else. We thank you for your support but balancing our budget is a juggling act! This is a tough time for many but it might be a good time to see if you can increase your gift to our church or maybe make a one time Thanksgiving donation.

On behalf of your Wardens, Catherine Durrant, Jake Johnston and Catherine Raaflaub, we wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Penny Bourne
Rector's Warden

Services

Wednesdays 10am - Holy Communion Followed by 11am Bible Study

Sundays - 9:30am - Holy Communion

Please join us for in person services If you are unable to attend visit our website at

<https://www.allsaintscollingwood.com/livestream-sunday-service-at-930am/>

For livestream and recorded Services

Morning Prayer

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8am

Evening Prayer

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 5pm

Elgin Street doors unlocked 10 minutes before the hour

Events

CO3 - Thurs Oct 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th - 10am

Choir Practice - Thurs Oct 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th - 7pm

Mother's Union - Fri Oct 13th - 7pm

Safety First Seminar - Mon Oct 16th - Feature presenters from the Collingwood Fire Dept
Jeff Gage and OPP Trevor McKean - Fire Prevention in the Home

Anglicanism 101 - Tues Oct 24th - How We Worship: liturgy, music, preaching and prayer
Presenter: Rev Sharon

Narnia Book Study - Wed Oct 25th - 1:30pm

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