

ALL SAINTS ALIVE  
THE NEWSLETTER OF ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH  
COLLINGWOOD  
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Welcome back to our bi-weekly newsletter. Our church has been a very busy place in February. Last Sunday, marked the Feast of the Transfiguration and the end of Epiphany in our church calendar. This week we observed Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday and now we begin the Lenten period. Also, mark February 25th on your calendar for our annual Church Vestry Meeting. Please check the church website for more information on services in Lent.

Warden Catherine Raaflaub has provided us with exciting news about our sound and projection systems in the church. As well, she walks us through the new church website! Thank you Catherine and all who have been involved in these changes!

**AV update**

We are excited with the plans for the new sound system at All Saints. We hope to begin in the next few weeks so the work can be completed in time for our Holy week services!

We will have new speakers in the ceilings, now larger display screens and microphones to pick up our joyous singing and to allow everyone to see and hear our life giving worship.

The work will initially involve scaffolding to install ceiling speakers and electrical work to remove old and replace with new but we hope there will be no interruption to Sunday worship services.

We would ask you to consider a gift to this project if you haven't done so already. This project impacts everyone- in the church and on line, so please give generously.

Please see Warden Catherine Raaflaub if you have any questions about this project.

**The New Website is up and running! -**

Over the fall we have been working with a local web design company to refresh our website, to make it easier to navigate and put everyone you need all in one place. To see the new site, please refresh your saved websites, or better still delete the old one and add us again. If you are seeing the photo of the bell, you are still on the old site.

**Helpful tips:**

To find our newsletter All Saints' Alive- the blue button appears on the top center of your mobile phone or ipad. When you click here you will see all the newsletters archived with the most recent one on top. On your computer the blue button for All Saints' Alive is located on the top right of your screen.

To find our services along with the corresponding bulletins and readings- on your mobile phone or ipad, scroll down to where you see a TV screen icon and Live Stream Services. Click on the TV screen and it will take you to the most recent service with bulletin, announcements and readings. On your computer, along the top banner you will see Services and Events. Click here and it will take you to the in person and live stream page. Click on the live stream service button or watch archived services.

To find our complete calendar of events-on your mobile phone you can get to our calendar of events by clicking the top right red "hamburger" menu and click on services and events. Scroll past the services and you will find events with an up to date calendar. On your computer, you will find services and events along the top banner. Click here and scroll down past the services to the calendar.

We hope this helps.

Any comments, suggestions regarding the website please email [allsaintschurch@bmts.com](mailto:allsaintschurch@bmts.com) or speak to warden Catherine Raaflaub.

Our Food Ministry programmes have been busy in February. On February 7th, the Five Loaves group provided over 50 meals to "Out of the Cold" and the "Mobile Soup Kitchen" outreach organizations and delivered another 50+ meals to individuals.

Last evening, the Friendship Dinner Team served a "dine-in" dinner in the Parish Hall. Penny Bourne has shared information about this outreach evening.

**What an evening!** Last night's Friendship Dinner was also a Valentine's celebration so there was plenty of hearts and chocolate! We served about 95 guests and volunteers a delicious dinner of maple glazed pork, roasted potatoes, vegetables, salads and amazing desserts including a large chocolate fondue! Everyone loved it! A HUGE thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped with this important ministry.

Sharon Goldsworthy has shared information regarding 'A World Day of Prayer'. This year the service will be held at All Saints Church on Friday, March 1st at 2:00 p.m. Please join us at this service that invites us to enrich our faith experiences with those of Christians from other countries and cultures and to pray for others around our world. This year's service was written by the WDP Committee of Palestine. Everyone is welcome!



The Women's Group of All Saints Church will meet next Wednesday, February 21st at 7:15 p.m. in the church library. They will be exploring Archbishop Tutu's and the Dalai Lama's meditations on 'joy'. All are welcome! Feel free to bring a friend!

Moira Southwell has reminded the women of All Saints about the AWARE Conference that will be held this spring. Information can be found here....

**AWARE (All Women Alive, Renewed and Enriched)** is back!  
This is a women's retreat held at Elim Lodge (Peterborough) May 3, 4, & 5 offering spiritual refreshment, challenge and a lot of fun too!

The theme this year is "How God Lights a Fire in our Hearts."

The speaker is Laurie Robertson, who is a member of the Aware Team and the Music Team. “Her passion is to spark people up in their faith so as to live out their baptismal promises of serving others and seeing Christ in all people.”

The Chaplain is our very own Rev. Sharon Sangster.

The weekend offers talks by the speaker, small group discussions, worshipful music, a variety of workshops, wonderful food & fellowship as well as blissful solitude, sitting by the lake listening to the loons.

For more info, please call the office 705-445-3841 or see the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. If we register together, we can possibly room together with friends. There are lots of cottages that sleep anywhere from 4-8 people.

Earlier in the month, a ‘Candelmas Service’ was held at All Saints. Our friends from St. George’s assisted Father Michael and Deacon Lorna in the service. The choir from St. Georges and Christ Church, Meaford, and organist Barry, provided the wonderful music. (photos).



Are you looking for a way to help people in our community attain food security? Collingwood Today recently did a report. The link is attached.....

<https://www.collingwoodtoday.ca/local-news/step-one-feed-the-people-step-two-save-the-planet-8296106>

Reverend Sharon reminds us that “Colourful Meditation”, will resume on Saturday, March 2nd. More information is included in her report.

### **COLOURFUL MEDITATION**

Colourful meditation will resume each Saturday, 2pm-4pm, for the month of March – 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th. Meditation is a practice of slowing our minds down, taking time to leave the stresses of our lives for a short while, and it is a time to listen to God. We meet together in the board room. Materials are provided and participants select the image they would like to work on. Quiet reflective music is played. Occasionally there is some conversation, but generally it is a time to be quietly in God’s presence. Refreshments are provided. All are welcome. No previous experience is necessary.

As some of ASA readers will know, the sports world gets caught up in “March Madness”, the playoffs involving university basketball teams in the United States. Well, Episcopal and Anglican churches are not going to be outdone by sports! Last year, Father Michael introduced us to “Lent Madness”! The main difference between the basketball and church madnnesses (is that a word???), is that everyone wins in the church event. All participants learn more about those ‘saints’ that have gone on before us. Please consider getting involved this year. Father Michael, our head coach, has provided us with directions.

### **Lent Madness Is Back!**

Last year you will recall that we engaged in a silly and fun exercise called Lent Madness, an annual competition which teaches us about some of the heroes of the Christian faith. Lent Madness is back, and this year is full of interesting saints who could easily go all the way to win The Golden Halo.



Always a fan of a good Irish saint, I like Adomnan of Iona, the 7<sup>th</sup> century biographer of St. Columba and who is credited with some of the first rules to try and make warfare more civilized by protecting non-combatants. We could use him today. The Emerald Isle is also represented by St. Brigid of Kildare, who may have started her career as a Celtic fire goddess, and by Conaire, the patron saint of stubborn women.

Biblical saints are well represented by Andrew the fisherman and apostle, Cornelius the centurion who welcomed Peter, Joseph of Arimathea who gave his tomb to Jesus and his grieving friends, Thomas the apostle, and Lazarus, who presumably forgave Jesus for recalling him from the joys of heaven to emerge from his tomb.

Anglican contenders for the Golden Halo include the “Tudor Duo”, the church musician William Byrd (actually he died a Roman Catholic but he wrote lovely music for Queen Elizabeth) and Thomas Cranmer, the father of our Book of Common Prayer. The Two Thomases go head to head TODAY so be sure to vote!

Other Anglicans include two US bishops of the 1800s, Jackson Kemper, who crisscrossed the US Midwest, sometimes by foot, and whose mileage claims must have been exorbitant, and the delightfully named Henry Benjamin Whipple, an outspoken critic of the wars against the US indigenous peoples.

Some dark horses that could go far this year include a pious and learned nun, Rafqa of Lebanon, Joseph Vaz who went poor and barefoot among his people in Sri Lanka, and the indispensable Zita, patron saint of lost keys.

So how do you play? Simply start going to [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org) where you will find a new matchup each day in Lent except on Sundays. You can also follow Fr. Michael’s blog at [www.madpadre.blogspot](http://www.madpadre.blogspot) for his commentary and predictions.

As always, Lent Madness is simply an opportunity to learn, to pick your favourites, and maybe boast to your friends at your skill in picking a winner.



Happy birthday greetings this week go out to Susan Belcher and Donita Ruppert. We hope both Susan and Donita had wonderful days!



In your prayers this week, please remember those who are on our Parish Prayer List. We also pray for their caregivers and 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, SSN, Irene McVeigh, Brian, John, Gail, Penny, Barb, Loraine, Janice, Dimi Ntantoulis, Sean, Dorothy.

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

**Lent and Holy Week**  
**Lenten Series Tuesday 12noon**  
February 27<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>

**Maundy Thursday**  
6pm Holy Eucharist

**Good Friday March 29**  
12noon

**Easter Sunday March 31**

## **An Appeal for the new sound system @ All Saints Church, Collingwood**

Dear Friends,

Our original sound system was installed well before COVID and was augmented to enable our live streaming. As we have grown our congregation, in person and online, we have felt the strain on our audio/visual system. We have sought to enhance our speaker system and have included additional screens, new microphones and a sound and lighting board to capture our vibrant worship services so that everyone at home and in church can see and hear them!

All of this comes with a considerable price tag.

We have received some designated funds to help with this expenditure and we are grateful to the international dinner team and the ACW for their support, and thank you to those who responded to our Giving Tuesday appeal, but even with a potential grant from the diocese, we need to raise \$15,000 to cover the shortfall.

Please consider a designated gift to our new sound system!

Your Wardens and Priests



**Forward Day by Day** small and big books are available for the months of February, March and April 2024 by donation. Please contact the office if you would like one.