

ALL SAINTS ALIVE  
THE NEWSLETTER OF ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH  
MAY 2, 2024

Welcome to a new month! Flowers abound thanks to the April showers. The weather seems to be on the cusp of heating up, just in time for planting flowers and vegetable gardens. So, what do May-flowers bring, (besides Pilgrims...sorry, I know it's old!)? Well, I'm not sure about the flowers but the month of May brings many things at All Saints...first of all, a new look to our church...

Our church has now re-opened and what a beautiful sight to see! Thank you to everyone who has been involved with this project. Catherine Raaflaub and Penny Bourne have led the way and there have been many volunteers who have assisted along the way. A special tribute goes out to a parish-ioner who made a commitment to the church to spur on this renovation. Penny Bourne shares this tribute with us....

**Mary Lou Henderson**

We have a lovely new wool carpet throughout the church and chancel. This has been made possible by a generous bequest from the estate of Mary Lou Henderson, a parish-ioner of All Saints' who passed away in 2020. We are very grateful for this as the old carpet was becoming quite threadbare in places and replacing it would be very costly.

We are also grateful to Deans Carpet One in Duntroon for their amazing work in laying the carpet for us.



The process behind the church renovation required a great deal of planning and thanks to our team of clergy, wardens, volunteers and the tradespeople involved, the project was a resounding success! Here is a summary of all that was done...thanks to Catherine Raaflaub for this report!





**All Saints' Anglican Church**  
**Priest in Charge - The Reverend Dr. Michael Peterson CD**

April 2024

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your patience and support as we have worked to enhance our worship space, in the church and online.

Over the last few months you will have noticed new TV monitors, new speakers in the ceilings and new microphones that will allow our AV team to pick up the sound of our joyful singing! These last three weeks, as we have worshipped in the parish hall, the work has continued; some of the work is highly visible and other hidden!

We have removed all old and redundant wires and equipment and while the old carpet was removed, we took the opportunity to cut a trench in the floor to bury conduits to run cables, and wires and what not. The floor in some spots still requires painting but that will come. All this work required moving pews and reattaching pews. In the process, we tightened up and refinished some of our pews and even found some old, hand forged square headed nails! Please let an usher or warden know if you find any pews needing attention.

We also took the opportunity with the old rug removed, to installed new heating pipes, along side the still working ones so we are ready when the time comes to update our new heating system, without disturbing the new rug and isn't our new carpet just stunning!?

There are so many people that made this work possible, beginning with our contractors, who worked in and around each other and within our tight schedule. We would like to encourage you to support these local businesses if you have need as they really did a wonderful job for us.

Reflective Solutions Audio Visual Ltd  
Kostick Demolition  
BonMech Mechanical

Journey Electric  
Cooksville Concrete Finishing  
Deans Carpet One

So much love was heaped on our lovely, historic church. Thank you to the AV team of Brian, Doug, and Bill for taking apart our old system and with the help of Chris at Reflective Solutions and our new equipment, managed to put it all back together again! Pews were lovingly repaired and restored by Warden David, the mess was tidied up with the help of our cleaning crew, our custodians, Penny and the Catherines. Father Michael and the men's breakfast crew helped put the books all back and the Altar Guild got us set up and back in church for Sunday!

Lastly, thank you all for your support of our worship in the Parish Hall. Thank you to Rev Sharon, Rev Carol and Rev Michael for their creative "Church in the Round" and for Barry who just brought his own piano and carried on!

While the carpet was made possible thanks to a generous bequest, donations are still being accepted for the other projects and we do appreciate your generous support.

With thanks,  
Your Clergy and Wardens

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**O** GOD, our heavenly Father, who didst raise up thy faithful servant Athanasius to be a Bishop in thy Church and to feed thy flock: We beseech thee to send down upon all thy Bishops, the Pastors of thy Church, the abundant gift of thy Holy Spirit, that they, being endued with power from on high, and ever walking in the footsteps of thy holy Apostles, may minister before thee in thy household as true servants of Christ and stewards of thy divine mysteries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



*St. Athanasius of Alexandria*

### **Remembering St. Athanasius, “The Father of Orthodoxy”**

Imagine being fired from your job and chased out of town, not once, not twice, but five times! That would get rather discouraging, and make one doubt one’s life choices, unless that person is St. Athanasius, whose feast day we celebrate today, 2 May.

Athanasius was born in Alexandria, Egypt, around 298 AD, in the last days of the pagan Roman Empire. He came from a wealthy family, received a good classical education, and was a committed Christian. By the time he was ordained a deacon in 319, the persecutions were over and the Emperor Constantine had declared Christianity as the official religion of the Empire.

However, Christianity in those days looked a lot like a bare knuckles bar fight. A priest in Alexandria named Arius began a massive theological controversy when he declared that Jesus was made like any other creation of God, albeit made before all other things were made. Athanasius, however, held that while Jesus was “begotten” (past tense of the old world “beget”), meaning that he was the *Son* of God, Athanasius also maintained that Jesus’ was “coeternal”, meaning that there had never been a time when he was not the Son of God.



By the time Athanasius became the bishop of Alexandria in 328, Arius had been excommunicated for his views, but Arius' powerful friends included emperors and bishops. The Arian party managed to depose Athanasius and send him into exile on five separate occasions, but Athanasius stuck to his guns and so earned the nickname "Contra Mundum", or Athanasius against the world. Athanasius ultimately prevailed, and died peacefully as Bishop of Alexandria in 373.

Today these disputes seem like ancient history, but the church owes Athanasius its gratitude because it's important to try to speak with precision, even about divine mysteries. The phrases "Begotten, not made" survives in the Nicene Creed because of Athanasius, who rightly insisted that if Jesus was merely a creature, like us, then how could he save us? A longer statement about the nature of Christ and the Trinity is called The Athanasian Creed, and it is included in the old Book of Common Prayer (p. 695) though it is seldom heard in churches today.

So, if you're ever convinced of the rightness of your cause, but feel like giving up because it seems hopeless, say a prayer to St Athanasius, whom we remember today as "The Father of Orthodoxy".

### **Some More on Julian of Norwich, Golden Halo Winner**

In our last ASA, I promised a little more on Julian of Norwich, the 14th century English mystic and woman writer who was the winner of this year's Lent Madness competition.

In 1373 she had a series of visions, which she called Showings, that were written down in a book called The Revelations of Julian of Norwich. She's been described as a mystic who was down to earth and realistic about the human condition even though her "heart and mind are so utterly in heaven".

In one of her writings, she described how we are "Enfolded in God":

*"For as surely as we owe our being to the endless strength of God, to his endless wisdom and his endless goodness, just as surely we owe our safe-keeping to the endless strength of God, his endless wisdom and his endless goodness."*

*"For though we poor creatures feel debates and strifes within ourselves, yet we are all mercifully enfolded in the gentleness of God, in his kindness, in his benignity, in his goodwill."*

*"For I saw full surely that every good thing - our endless friendship, our dwelling place, our life and our being - are all in God."*

I pray that all who read this are encouraged by Julian's wise words, and feel enfolded in God's love.

In the next ASA, I'll talk about Julian and her famous cat.



Statue of Julian , Norwich Cathedral



A special event took place a month or so ago. On March 26th, Reverend Heather received her stole for 25 wonderful years of ministry. We are so happy to have been a part of those 25 years!! Thanks to Pat MacKeracher for sharing this with us! Congratulations Heather!!!



You will notice that there will be a few women missing from church this Sunday, including Rev. Sharon. The AWARE retreat takes place near Peterborough this weekend and Rev. Sharon and a number of parishioners from All Saints will join other women from all over Ontario. We wish them a safe journey and a wonderful and rewarding experience.

Father Michael and the members of our book study group will be discussing the next book by C.S. Lewis, 'The Screwtape Letters'. This modern Christian classic will be discussed at an in-person session on Thursday, May 9th at 1:30 p.m. at the church.

Our Five Loaves Food Ministry had another successful community outreach meal last evening. Over 100 meals of meat pies, potatoes, vegetables, rolls, and desserts, were distributed to the 'Mobile Soup Kitchen', the Busby Centre and to individuals in our community. Thank you to everyone who assisted in this event and to Sharon and Gill for coordinating. Moira Southwell and Sharon Goldsworthy shared with us, a new way to 'mash potatoes' .....kids, don't try this at home alone!!





Our Community Friendship Dinner takes place next Wednesday. Penny Bourne shares with us, information on this food ministry....

**ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH  
FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY DINNER  
WEDNESDAY MAY 8TH, 2024**

Hi Everyone,

Time to think about another Friendship Dinner. Our dinners are becoming even more popular each month! In April we served more than 100 guests and volunteers.

This month we will be serving Chicken Parmesan, Rice, Veggies, Salads and Desserts.

We will need help with setting the tables, kitchen help, serving the foods and cleaning up at the end of the meal, as well as providing salads and desserts.

If you can help with any of this please send me an email indicating your preference or go to the signup sheets in the parish hall. We appreciate all help as these dinners are a vital part of our Food Ministry.

If you are bringing in empty food containers for take-out, please run them through the dishwasher and put the lids on each one. This makes it much easier for our servers.

Many thanks for your help,  
Penny

**Community Friendship Dinner  
Wednesday May 8th 2024  
Dinner Begins at 5pm**  
Chicken Parmesan  
Rice  
Vegetables Salads  
Dinner Roll  
Desserts





Our Parish Archivist, Mary Lou Dunn, tells us about the origins of a couple of sayings....very interesting....

**Here are some facts about the 1500s:**

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, "Dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of

Our Green Team keeps us informed on what we should be doing in our daily lives in order to protect our environment. Its weekly reports in our church bulletin, contain important information. Recently, in recognition of Earth Day, Kathi Wilkinson made a presentation on why we must reduce the use of plastics in our lives. Did you know that in the making of plastic, the extraction and transportation of fossil fuels emits up to 13.5 million metric tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere? Kathi has been an avid advocate for a cleaner environment. For her presentation, she shared her message through her apparel!



The month of May brings many other things to our Parish. Please mark these dates on your calendar....

CO3-every Thursday morning  
Choir Practice-every Thursday evening  
Nottawasaga ACW Deanery Day-May 7th in Barrie  
Friendship Dinner-May 8  
Book Study-May 9  
Choral Evensong at Christ Church in Meaford-May 9 at 7:00 p.m.  
Pentecost Sunday-May 19th  
“A Spring Thing Church Fundraiser Yard Sale”-Saturday, May 25 at 8 a.m. at All Saints

In your prayers this week, please remember those whose names are found on our Parish Prayer list. We pray for their caregivers 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, SSN, Irene McVeigh, Brian, John, Gail, Penny, Dimi Ntantoulis, Sean, Dorothy, Nancy, Jamey Bain, Katy, Terry.

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.



# BCP CHORAL EVENSONG

## FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Thursday  
May 9 | 7 PM  
Christ Church,  
Meaford

Join us for a service of  
beautiful music, prayer, and  
Choral Evensong as parish  
choirs and congregations  
join together to celebrate the  
Feast of the Ascension of our  
Lord!

**RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**



CHRIST CHURCH  
ANGLICAN  
MEAFORD



ST. GEORGE'S  
THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF  
THE BLUE MOUNTAINS



*All Saints*  
ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

34 Boucher St. E, Meaford



# YARD SALE

**All Saints Anglican Church Collingwood**

**A Crafter Dream Of A Yard Sale**

**Saturday May 25th 2024 8am - 2pm**

Flowers, Ribbons, Wreaths, Greens Mostly

New Decor Materials

For Celebrations, Halls, Floats and

Regular Yard Sale Stuff

Tell Everyone You Know Boxes of Free Stuff Too