

ALL SAINTS ALIVE
THE NEWSLETTER OF ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH COLLINGWOOD
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Welcome back to our church newsletter. We hope all is well with you and your family members!!

Lots of wonderful things are happening at All Saints and best one gets their roller blades/skates or whatever, ready, because you will need them to keep up with all the great things happening at our church.

This Saturday, All Saints is hosting a ‘Crafter’s Dream of a Yard Sale’! Incredible deals are to be had for crafters looking for ribbons, flowers, greens, etc. And more deals can be realized on hundreds of other things available! The fun starts at 8 a.m. and continues until 2 p.m. Come out and support All Saints. Thank you to Marg Thompson and her team of volunteers!



The activities continue on Saturday with our first “Après Golf Service”. On the last Saturday of each month (until September 28th), a 5 pm Eucharist will be held in the church and refreshments will follow afterwards. All are welcome!

Saturday Après Golf Service - Beginning on Saturday, May 25th, and on the last Saturday of each month through the fall, we will have a 5pm Eucharist for all interested in attending. We will be using the Book of Common Prayer for these services. All are invited afterwards to a brief time of refreshment and friendship next store in the Rectory hosted by Fr. Michael and Joy, as well as Brodie and Beatrix the Church Dogs. If you would like to come and can contribute refreshments, please email Michael at madpadre@gmail.com

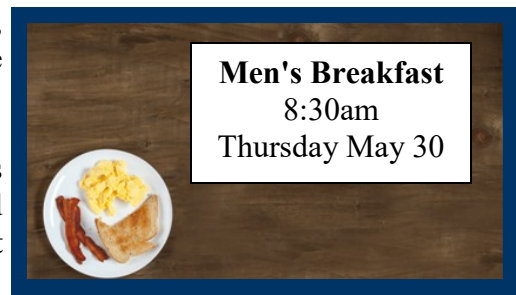
All Saints Anglican Church Collingwood

The last Saturday of each month
Starting May 25th until September 28th
5pm Eucharist

Followed by refreshments in the library

May events continue with CO3, choir practice on Thursday, May 30 and the Men's Breakfast group, also on the same day.

For those of you who like to plan ahead, mark your calendars for Saturday, June 8th. All Saints will hold its second 'Women's Breakfast', starting at 9:30 a.m. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall.



The Women's Group will have its monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 19th at 7:30 p.m. and let's not forget our "Rectory Garden Party" on Saturday, June 22. Please see the sign-up sheet, also in the Parish Hall.



Father Michael shares with us information about Pentecost and Whitsunday. We celebrated the Day of Pentecost last Sunday at church, but in our church's history, it is commonly referred to as 'Whitsunday'. Michael explains why. He also shares with us information about the current book study on C.S. Lewis's book, 'The Screwtape Letters', as well as the 'golden halo' recipient, Mother Julian. Enjoy!

Pentecost or Whitsunday?

Last Sunday, May 19, was the Day of Pentecost, which is often called "the birthday of the church". Pentecost recalls the first appearance of the Holy Spirit which empowered the disciples and allowed them to go out and become the church in the world.

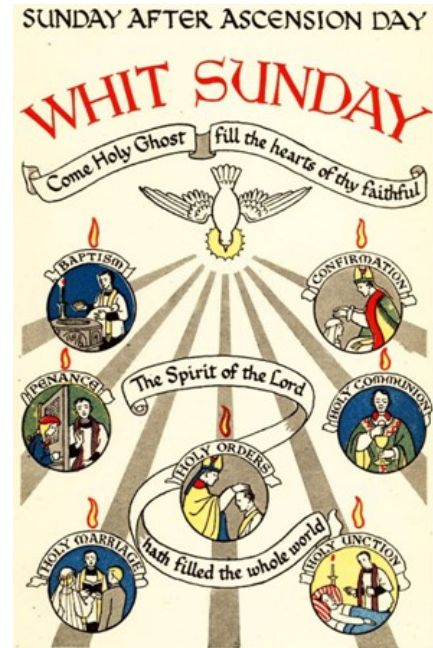
Pentecost always falls on the fiftieth day after Easter, and the old Book of Common Prayer says that this day is "commonly called WHITSUNDAY". This name is confusing, because "Whitsunday" literally means "white Sunday", though the liturgical colour is red for the flames of the Holy Spirit that descend on the apostles (see Acts 2:3). So why the name Whitsunday?

A brief dive into early church history tells us that while new believers being instructed in the faith (called catechumens) were usually baptized on the Vigil of Easter (the Saturday before Easter Sunday). However, those who weren't ready by the Vigil were baptized on Pentecost, when they received new white robes to symbolize their new identity as Christians.

In the Anglo-Catholic tradition, Whitsunday is the preferred name and it is seen as a day when we remember the gifts of the Holy Spirit which include the traditional seven sacraments (though the Thirty Nine Articles only recognizes two, Baptism and Communion, as "ordained by Christ" (BCP p. 708).

In the old Prayer Book calendar, "Whitsuntide" runs from Pentecost/Whitsunday to Trinity Sunday, and includes three "Ember Days" (Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday) when we pray for those who "are called to any office or administration in the church".

Last Sunday many of you wore red for Pentecost Sunday, but those wearing white could have said that they were honouring the older name of Whitsunday. So red or white were both good.



Reading *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis

Our Rector's book study has met twice to discuss C.S. Lewis' well-known book, *The Screwtape Letters*, now a Christian classic. The idea for *Screwtape* came to Lewis one day as he was sitting in church. He imagined a book "useful and entertaining" book called "As One Devil to Another [which] would consist of letters from an elderly retired devil to a young devil who has just started work on his first 'patient.'"



It is funny how mortals always picture us as putting things into their minds: in reality our best work is done by keeping things out.

— C. S. Lewis —

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Lewis published *Screwtape* in 1940, when England was in its most perilous days of the Second World War. By this point in his career Lewis was a well-known public intellectual whose talks on the need for the Christian faith were carried on BBC radio. It was a time when people were dealing with fear of death, anxiety for the future, and all the challenges to morality of a nation mobilized for war.

In our study we all commented on how it is a difficult book to read, as it requires us to consider the spiritual life from the demonic point of view, and Lewis himself said that writing it was unpleasant and gave him a “spiritual cramp”.

However, *Screwtape* is a wonderful and imaginative study about our struggle to be moral beings whose lives and values are fixed on our relationship with God. The character Screwtape well understands temptation and all the moral failings, such as pride, lust, greed, vanity, that the church once called the deadly sins. The devils fear God, but they also know that God has left humans free will to make their choices in life, and their favourite tricks are to use subtle temptations to make humans doubt their need for God. Damnation, Lewis would say, is the soul isolated and alone because it thought it had no need for God. Lewis would say more about hell in a later book, *The Great Divorce*. He always felt that the damned condemned themselves, and that they would be welcomed back in heaven if they only wished to return.

C.S. Lewis would have disapproved of the fascination with evil that leads to films such as *The Exorcist*. As he famously said, it is just as wrong to think too much about devils as it is to think too little about them. What Lewis does well, I think, is to combine a modern understanding of human nature with a traditional understanding of Christianity, always leaning on the grace and goodness of God which *Screwtape* and the devils can never understand or overcome.

Our final discussion on *The Screwtape Letters* will be Wednesday, June 26th, at 1:30pm. Please email Fr. Michael at madpadre@gmail.com if you would like his study guide for the book.

Mother Julian and Her Cat

In March our Lent Madness event introduced us to many heroes of our faith, including the winner, the 14th century English mystic, Julian (**stained glass window of Julian and her cat at Norwich Cathedral**) of Norwich. I've been going on about for some time, and there is a bulletin board in the pass through between the church and the hall with some interesting facts about her.

As I write this my large ginger cat Lui is purring loudly by my elbow, which is appropriate, as Julian is often depicted in art with a cat. No one is sure if she actually had a cat, but she likely would have had one to keep the rats away from the small enclosure where she lived. Cats were permitted to anchorites (or hermits) and so Julian is often depicted in art



with a cat, as in this stained glass window from Norwich cathedral.



There is also a children's book, *Julian's Cat*, by Mary Little (Moorehouse, 1989) which is still available on Amazon. Would it be going too far to say that Julian is therefore the patron saint of cat fanciers?

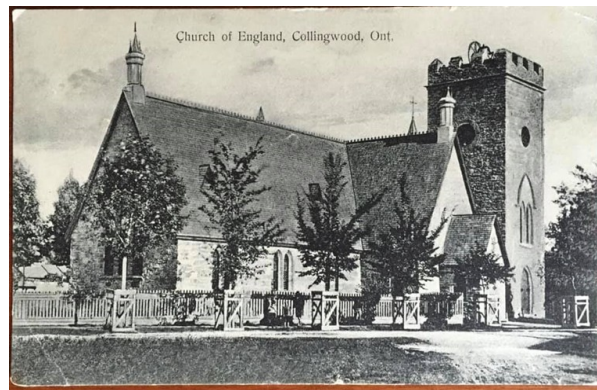
Thurifer Needed

Fr. Michael would like to train one or two people who would be willing to act as a kind of server called a thurifer. This person would carry and use the device, called the thurible, used to burn small amounts of incense during some services.



Our Parish Archivist, Mary Lou Dunn, has provided us with a wonderful 'postcard' and information from the 80's....the 1880's that is!

In the 1880's, Rev. Kirkby sought to beautify the church. The crenellations along the peak of the church were part of his efforts to do this. "The symbol of secular lordship, the crenellated tower, derived from the responsibilities of secular lordship to defend the community were thus appropriated to symbolise spiritual dominion."



Our Food Ministry programmes are preparing for the June dinners but Penny Bourne reports on the very successful May Friendship Dinner.....

FRIENDSHIP DINNER MAY 8th, 2024

THANK YOU!!

Our dinner this month was Chicken Parmesan, Rice, Beans, Veggies, Salads, Desserts and Dinner Rolls! We served about 90 guests from the community and some of our volunteers. There was extra food for guests to take home for another meal the next day.

Before dinner, Fr. Michael offered a chance for anyone who wished a quiet moment of prayer or anointing to accompany him in the church.

Thank you to the cooks, servers and dishwashers as well as all those who provide food and funds! Thank you also to our musician, Jimmy, and all those who help behind the scenes decorating tables, washing tablecloths and greeting our guests.

Our Friendship Dinner is a vital part of our outreach Food Ministry, even more so now that so many in our community are suffering food insecurity.

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. Thank you to those who have done this.

Next month our dinner will be on Wednesday June 12th and as we now have two new barbecues, we may see hamburgers on the menu!

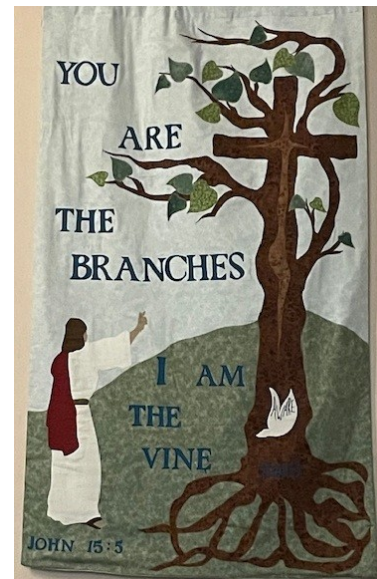
Sharon Goldsworthy shares with us, information on the new banner hanging in the worship area....

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

Have you noticed a new banner hanging in our worship area. This is on loan to All Saints from AWARE, the women's retreat. Each year a theme is chosen for the weekend and for many years a banner was created to reflect the theme. These banners are then loaned out to churches for the year. This particular banner was created in 2013 and will be a lovely reminder to us all to stay rooted in 'the vine'.

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5



The month of May has lots of celebrations taking place! Birthday greetings go out this week to Kim Parody, Cheri Kelly and Susan Leat. As well, we wish Donita and Brian Ruppert and Catherine and Brian Raaflaub anniversary wishes!



Special mention should also go to our four-legged friends. Canon Brodie is proud to announce the arrival of his new assistant, Deacon Beatrix, and Kim Parody introduced ‘Sid’ to All Saints Church last Sunday!



In your prayers this week, please remember those whose names are found on our Parish Prayer List. We also pray for their caregivers and for all who help 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, Sean, Dorothy, Nancy, Jamey Bain, Katy, Terry, John.

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

Tom and Nancy Crawford Celebration of Life
Monday July 8 1pm - 3pm
The RSVP page can be found at <https://kscope.ca/tom&nancy>

Weekday Morning and Evening Prayer services are permanently discontinued. Thank you to all who participated.

