

ALL SAINTS ALIVE  
THE NEWSLETTER OF ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH  
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Welcome back and Happy Summer!!! This is the first day of summer and the recent sunshine and high temperatures are definite reminders of summer weather. Enjoy the daylight time today.....this will be as good as it gets for 2024! Lots of daylight and sunshine ahead of us!!!

Activities around All Saints will slow down a bit over the next couple of months as our clergy and staff enjoy well deserved vacation time. We wish them well and hope they can enjoy this time to relax and rejuvenate!

June 20th /21st is also called the summer equinox and it had a special meaning for our Indigenous peoples. Father Michael shares with us, special words about how our Anglican Church recognizes this time of year....

### **This Land Is Our Land**

I write this close to Friday, June 21, a date which for some years in our Anglican Church of Canada has been fixed as the annual National Indigenous Day of Prayer. As many of you are aware, our Anglican Church of Canada, along with many other Christian churches in our country, has been on a long journey of reconciliation and understanding with our indigenous brothers and sisters.

This seems to be a good occasion to talk about the reading of the Land Acknowledgement which has begun our Sunday worship for many months now. Church is not the only place where you will hear a land acknowledgement - they are commonly used in government, higher education, and at civic events.

First, what is the purpose of the Land Acknowledgement? Our Diocese of Toronto website gives the reasons for it as follows:

“In the Church, this practice helps us acknowledge that we’re located in a particular place with a particular history and reminds us of our obligations toward both the land and to those who have inhabited it long before the arrival of Christian missionaries. It’s also our way of expressing a willingness to move toward reconciliation and a renewed, respectful relationship with Indigenous peoples.”

It’s also worth noting that in 2016 by the Primate’s Commission on Discovery, Reconciliation and Justice recommended that churches include land acknowledgements in their worship services.

I’ve written our Land Acknowledgement in the form of a prayer, in which we ask for wisdom, attentiveness, and a desire to repair relations, because these all seem to be things worth praying for.



Occasionally I'm asked what the purpose of saying these words is, and whether there's a danger that they become rote. To be frank, I've also heard that some parishioners are unenthusiastic about this practice.

Confronting our history is hard work. For older Canadians, our sense of history and national identity can be challenged when we hear indigenous people refer to us as "settlers". Canada Day, just around the corner, is an occasion of civic pride for the country that our own ancestors moved to, helped build, and fought for. The Land Acknowledgement is a way of helping us into a new reality as Canadians and as Christians.

It's difficult for many of us who don't know indigenous people to know what exactly we are meant to do. An indigenous friend of mine once told me that my job is to learn. Learning is an opportunity presented to all of us, through cultural events hosted by Collingwood's indigenous community, through books, and through conversations. In this time of climate uncertainty, we can all benefit from the deep wisdom of indigenous traditions around care of creation.

After this Sunday, the Land Acknowledgement will continue to be printed in our bulletin, though my intention is to no longer read it aloud at *every* service. It will be said at our vestry meetings, in certain seasons (Lent, a time of repentance, seems appropriate), and in June as we approach the National Indigenous Day of Prayer. We will continue to look for occasions to learn about indigenous people and to embrace reconciliation in meaningful, local ways.

Finally, let me just say that if hearing the Land Acknowledgement has made us uncomfortable, then it may have served its purpose.

Father Michael

As we prepare for summer activities, let us not forget a very important event that is taking place on Saturday, June 22nd! Our first "Garden Party" will be held on the Rectory property....over 75 people have registered and Father Michael and Reverend Sharon are guaranteeing wonderful weather and a 'good time' for everyone. This event is rain or shine, as we will 'close the dome and move into the Parish Hall' if necessary, but as I mentioned above, we do have a guarantee on good weather. A free will offering will be held to offset expenses and there will also be a 50/50 draw. Thank you to all the coordinators for this fellowship event!!



Our Food Ministries were very busy earlier in June. The Five Loaves programme prepared and delivered 96 meals to Out of the Cold, the Mobile Soup Kitchen and people in our community. The following week, the Community Friendship Dinner had another successful dine in dinner. Penny Bourne and Paulette De Silva share with us, their report on the event. Photos courtesy of Penny.....

### FRIENDSHIP DINNER

Again, a big Thank You to everyone for your help with this month's Friendship Dinner. We served burgers (beef and veggie) and many different kinds of salad and vegetables, and delicious desserts and fruit. It is always interesting to see how many different kinds of salad and dessert our volunteers can create! It was a busy evening and again we served over 100 guests and volunteers!

Our thanks to Jimmy for the music, Ginny for the flowers and to Sharon for washing the tablecloths each month. Also thanks to our four barbecuers, and to the kitchen crew and cleanup crew who always manage to make it a fun job!

Our hard-working Green Team gave us a lot of lovely fresh lettuce from the garden which we used in salads as well as giving some bags away to our guests.

Next month I think it will be sausages and hot dogs for dinner, so look for the usual email for signing up!

Thanks again,  
Penny Bourne and Paulette De Silva



Mary Lou Dunn, our Church Archivist, shares with us the history about our church altar.....

TROTT'S FURNITURE was Collingwood's oldest business firm, having opened in 1862. The family came to this area from Bradford. Samuel went to Barrie, while his son, Henry F. Trott, came to Collingwood and established a business in March, 1862. And in 1907 was succeeded by his son Harry Trott.

The business furnished many of the boats built in Collingwood.



Henry F. Trott made the beautiful altar in the sanctuary of All Saints' Church.

Sharon Goldsworthy has given us some information regarding the 'healing anointment' that is offered each Sunday at our church service. Why do we anoint with oil and prayer? ....

### **WHY DO WE ANOINT WITH OIL AND PRAY?**

**Lately we have had this question asked. Please see the article below.**

Jesus gave these directions to his disciples:

"He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease...And as you go, preach, saying, 'the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give." Matthew 10:1, 7-8

James 5:14 also has a directive for the church community, "Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up."

We remember as we invite the Holy Spirit to work through us that we are merely servants. It is God's glory that is to be seen in the results of our prayers. "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

The gifts of the Spirit mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12, which include healing, are not intended to elevate a human being or create a spectacular show, but to serve and help people.

Following is one possible way to help in understanding healing prayer.

**Step One: Believe the truth of God's Word in the Bible.** "I am the Lord who heals you." Exodus 15:26 "They cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress; he sent out His word and healed them..." Psalm 107:19-20a "O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me." Psalm 30:2 "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits—who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases..." Psalm 103:2-3

**Step Two: Believe that God is still healing today.** We come across many stories of present day healings in Christian books and magazines, but also, many of our fellow parishioners have wonderful experiences of God's healing touch in their own lives. Let's not be shy to share our experiences with each other.

**Step Three: Trust God with the results.** God's timing and God's ways don't always coincide with our expectations, however, we can trust God to bring us to a place of wholeness and peace. We need to remember that healing and curing are not the same. A cure is a medical fact, but healing goes deeper and touches the soul and spirit.

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Gill Elias has shared some very important, health related information for our newsletter. While we hope, think and wish, that COVID has left us, we must realize that this is definitely not the case. She and Alun have recently gone through a very trying experience. We share this information in our newsletter for the benefit of others who may encounter this. ASA is happy to report that Alun is much better!

**Once again our elderly and vulnerable are being put at risk...please do read this warning.**

Last Wednesday my husband came down with COVID. Apparently with the increase in travel it is on the rise again. I went to a prescribing pharmacy and asked for the Paxlovid. I was informed that pharmacists can no longer prescribe it, only your doctor can, and that the government is no longer funding it, so it will cost me \$1,400.00. (that is not a typing error).

That information left me stunned as you can imagine. However, later that evening I was speaking with a friend, who has worked in healthcare research all his life. He informed me that the information was in fact not totally correct.

Your doctor can prescribe Paxlovid under a LU (limited use) code for the elderly and vulnerable, and it will be covered by OHIP.

Thursday, I went to see his doctor and collected the prescription. Then immediately to the pharmacy. I arrived at 5.30 to be told that all orders for the next day must be in by 5pm, so they would not be able to order it until Friday and it would hopefully arrive by Monday. That would have been too late for my husband. Seeing my panic they kindly offered to phone other pharmacies in the area. There was not a single dose of Paxlovid to be had between here and Barrie, including Collingwood Hospital. And to make it worse, no pharmacies receive drug deliveries on the weekends.

Once again, my friend came to my rescue and secured me a dose of Paxlovid from Sunnybrook Hospital and I was able to drive down and pick it up.

I'm happy to say my husband is recovering slowly. I would also like to thank the pharmacists at Stuart Ellis for trying so hard to help in this awful situation.

Gill Elias

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, Sean, Dorothy, Nancy, Katy, Terry, John, Ann Pope.

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.

**A thanks to all who donated to the yard sale and a greater thanks to all who helped.** Any items left have been given to other charity Groups and help groups in Collingwood, so help continues. We raised over \$2,100.00 dollars to date.



**All Saints Anglican Church  
Colling- wood**

**Après Golf Service**

**5pm Eucharist  
Saturday July 27th**

**Tom and Nancy Crawford  
Celebration of Life**  
Monday July 8 1pm - 3pm  
The RSVP page can be found at <https://kscope.ca/tom&nancy>  
If you are unable to RSVP  
please contact the office and  
we can help