

IN GOD'S SERVICE  
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE REGIONAL MINISTRY OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCHES OF SOUTH  
GEORGIAN BAY  
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Welcome back to our regional ministry newsletter! We trust that you are having a most wonderful summer. Mother Nature has been very good to us, warm temperatures and the necessary precipitation when needed, for our gardens and lawns! We wish everyone, the very best as we move through July and into August. (not to rush the summer of course!!!!)

In this newsletter, we have changed the format somewhat...we still have news from each regional parish but we have not separated them in our newsletter format...in other words, there is no separate section for the three parishes.

Lots of good things are happening in our regional ministry and Father Michael and his team are eager to announce all the news!! Our parishes continue to share God's message and to carry out his work among our congregations. We are sad to say goodbye to Rev. Louise as she embarks on the next stage of her journey of faith and ministry. We wish her the very best and thank her for her ministry at Prince of Peace and in South Georgian Bay. We look forward to welcoming Rev. Dr. Amy Pauley on September 1st to our regional ministry. Rev. Pauley will have a two year appointment as Assistant Curate to All Saints and will be working primarily in the Parish of Prince of Peace. Our regional ministry is expanding as well! The Church of the Good Shepherd in Stayner will become part of the South Georgian Bay Regional Ministry and we are excited to welcome our Anglican friends from Stayner. God's word knows no boundaries or borders...we are all part of His Kingdom!

Father Michael shares with us his thoughts....



### **A Message from the Priest in Charge**

Dear friends in Christ:

Recently I preached a homily on how we as Anglican parishes need to resist what I call "The Franchise Mentality". What do I mean by that? The Franchise Mentality as I see it is the temptation to see each of our churches like a sort of spiritual Tim Hortons, competing for Anglican customers with our own mix of worship and programs. As part of our sales pitch, each church bills itself as a friendly and welcoming community, yet we've tended to view the neighbouring churches warily as competitors, when in fact we are all part of a larger community called the Body of Christ.

Our local name for the Body of Christ is the Regional Ministry of South Georgian Bay, a grouping of churches that shares clergy, resources, and this newsletter. We're slowly learning how to find new ways to share ideas, programs and leadership.

This summer, our community of churches grows larger as we welcome the people of Good Shepherd, Stayner, into our Regional Ministry. Their priest, the Rev. Susan Snelling, concludes eight years of faithful service at Good Shepherd this month and as of August they will be without a minister.

If you recall last Sunday's gospel, Jesus had pity on the people who were like sheep without a shepherd (Mark 6.34). Our clergy team has agreed to step in and share ministry while we integrate Good Shepherd into our region and welcome their people into our part of God's family. We hope to secure Diocesan funding to help with ministry costs, but for now our motto is "No sheep left behind!"

On Sunday, Sept 29, we are planning a joint service for all four churches in our region, when we can get to know one another better as friends and as brothers and sisters in Christ. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

May God grant you and yours peace, rest, and safe travels this summer.

Father Michael Peterson  
Priest in Charge, Anglican Regional Ministry of South Georgian Bay

As mentioned above, Rev. Louise is moving to continue her ministry in Toronto. She shares a "Farewell Message" with us .....



#### **Curate's Farewell:**

##### **A Message from the Rev. Louise Dightam**

It was very heartwarming to see 65 people – and 6 children – at my final service at Prince of Peace. I recall how intense my first few months were! I helped at VBS in my second week. Then I buried our beloved Marlene Hayes. I made my fashion show debut in clergy wear, wearing PJs and holding a teddy bear. We rang the bell and said prayers at the death of Queen

Elizabeth. I blessed 11 dogs at our Blessing of the Animals service, planned services, preached every Sunday. And together we were all working to build back up our beloved churches after the pandemic.

I made some mistakes and we laughed over them. I figured different people came to church on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning, and so I thought I could get away with using the same sermon – but the congregation at Prince of Peace caught me out! I tried to help make meat pies until someone gently suggested I switch from crimping the edges of the meat pies (in which I am apparently not very talented) to sticking labels.

And through it all I have been supported by incredible people. It wasn't me who led Vacation Bible School or Messy Church, or who made the float for the Wasaga Beach Santa Claus parade. I didn't plan potlucks or book sales or fashion shows. I didn't coordinate the schedule of readers, or greeters, I didn't set the altar Sunday after Sunday. It was the congregation. Thank you!!

My second Sunday at Prince of Peace I set up a children's corner, hauled in a few of my children's books, printed out a few activity sheets and began praying for children to join us. Now it is "action central" back there, and once again we have the joyful sounds of children in our midst, and at Messy Church.

Kingdom work is never finished, but I leave this region knowing that all three churches are thriving and healthy, that you will all continue to grow and be a beacon of God's love in South Georgian Bay.

Being called by Jesus and then sent out to proclaim the Gospel and make disciples in a new town is particularly part of the role of a priest. And so am I being sent out to a new place – to be priest-in-charge at St Barnabas, Chester on the Danforth in Toronto. I carry with me your prayers and everything I have learned here.

My prayer for you is that you keep loving each other, that you bless everyone who comes in your door and that you carry that blessing out into your community. Because that is what makes all the difference.

Rev. Louise Dightam, outgoing Assistant Curate

Dr. Amy Pauley is about to join our regional ministry team...please meet our new curate!



### **Meet Our New Curate**

This September we look forward to welcoming our new curate, the Rev Dr Amy Pauley, to our regional ministry team. Amy will spend most Sundays providing pastoral care and leadership to the people of Prince of Peace, Wasaga Beach, but will also be with and learn from all of our congregations.

Amy was born and raised in Barrie. She studied at Carleton University and the University of Ottawa. There Amy got a PhD in Theology, concentrating on Christian ethics. After finishing up her studies, Amy returned home to help care for her sick father and to pursue a vocation within the church. From 2019 to 2021, she attended Trinity College in the Toronto School of Theology. In 2020, Amy served as the Lay Pastoral Associate at St Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church in Barrie. From 2021

to 2024, Amy was the community minister for both St Margaret's and Trinity Anglican Church, Barrie. As the community minister, Amy enjoyed preaching and presiding and supporting ministry to the wider Barrie community. This entailed co-chairing the breakfast coalition, hosting the advocacy group, "Barrie Housing and Homelessness Justice Network", and leading stewardship projects for community space involving renovations, and building extensions. Amy seeks to use her gifts toward worship, Bible studies, fresh expressions of prayer and worship, and Christian fellowship activities. Amy was ordained a transitional deacon in the Anglican Church of Canada on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2024. She also has a big puppy named Wally.

Father Gordon gives us some insight into this summer season.....



### **Summer Recreation and Re-creation By the Rev. Canon Gordon Mintz**

If you were anything like me as a child, the countdown to summer vacation began not long after the first day of school. Only the countdown of the number of “sleeps” until Christmas brought more excitement than the beginning of summer when school was officially out! The days were longer, and we could play in the neighbourhood with our friends (most often street hockey or hide and seek) until the street lights came on. As adults, our perspective on summer changes. It can be a busy time as well as a time for rest and recreation. It often involves seeing family and friends. Almost all families have their joys

and their wounds, so if we are honest, it can be emotionally exhausting at times.

Summer brings with it not only longer days in terms of sunlight but a season of opportunity to deepen our relationship with God, and the family of God and to make memories with our loved ones. Perhaps those memories include having honest and authentic conversations with people close to us to reshape and re-create those relationships with new dynamics that are healthier for all concerned. Perhaps healthy boundaries need to be reinforced or established. Almost always, forgiveness needs to be asked for and sincerely offered to others, drawing on the well of living water and Grace which we are offered and called to express.

It is important to remember that most faiths remind us to make the most of the season in which we find ourselves and that there is restorative value in rest. “To everything, there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven.” (Ecclesiastes 3). First Nations spirituality has much to teach us in this regard. Our faiths also strongly encourage rest and relaxation. The verb “rest” is defined by Merriam-Webster as “to cease work or movement in order to relax, refresh oneself, or recover strength.” Merriam-Webster also defines “relaxation” as “the state of being free from tension and anxiety.” In the Hebrew or Old Testament scriptures God established a Sabbath principle so that we would rest, have time to enjoy creation and recover strength for the mission of life before us (Exodus 20:8-11). Jesus continued this teaching and was known to withdraw from the crowds to pray and to rest as part of his rhythm of life and told his followers to be not anxious (Matthew 6:25-34; Luke 4:42; 5:16). An important part of recreation, or re-creation, is rest. God demonstrates a pattern of rest at the end of the creation account when he “rested from all his work that he had done in creation” (Genesis 2:3). The God who does not tire stopped and rested. This story tells something important about the rhythm of life God desires for us.

In psychology, the practice of Mindfulness is gaining in popularity. The essence of Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) is being fully present in the moment and accepting where the river of life is taking us, recognising that we are in the moving river but also in a boat that we still are responsible for steering. In Christian terms, to me, it is akin to discipleship: to walk peacefully in the enjoyment as well as the strife of life, knowing, seeking and trusting God. It strikes me as a confluence of those old great hymns Be Still and Know that I Am God and I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew. He moved my soul to seek Him, seeking me.

Whatever this season holds for you, I hope that you can enter into it with Faith, knowing that what God has in store for you will be good if you let it. Remember that even God took time to rest. Take time to rest, to reconnect, and to recreate for this too is in season.



### **Save the Date!**

The Anglican Regional Ministry of South Georgian Bay invites you to a joint church service on Sunday, Sept 29th, at St. Luke's, 22 Caroline Street W, Creemore, at 11am. Lunch will be provided afterwards.

Let's get to know one another better and let's celebrate God's goodness together!

Please note that this service replaces the normal morning services at All Saints, Prince of Peace, and Good Shepherd. More details to be provided soon.

### News from Around our Churches!

#### **News from Prince of Peace**



#### **Aug 18th: A Summer Hymn Sing Along!**

Prince of Peace is hosting a hymn sing on Sunday August 18th, at 4pm, followed by a potluck dinner. Bring your friends! The accompanist will be Barry De Silva, music director at All Saints. Come enjoy the music and the air conditioning.

#### **September Book Sale**

Prince of Peace will soon be gearing up for its annual book sale, which takes place on September 13th and 14th. Book donations will be accepted on September 12th in the morning or Sunday Sept 8th from 11am-1pm.

#### **Online Auction in November**

After the success of last year's auction, Prince of Peace will be running another online auction in November. Start thinking now about what you want to donate - last year we had baking, treasures and art, experiences like a boat ride and bowling, services like a bike tune-up and more!. Deadline for submissions is Thanksgiving weekend.

#### **News from All Saints**

#### **Back to Church Sunday**

Our Back to Church service is Sunday, September 15th. Our guest preacher will be David Krause, our Diocesan Missioner, and the theme will be Mission ImPossible. Please stay and join us for lunch afterwards and meet our new Curate, the Rev. Dr. Amy Pauley.

#### **Jean Mackison Memorial Service**

A memorial service for Jean Mackison is planned for Saturday, September 28th, at 11am at



### **A Christian Education Study Series**

Tuesday evenings, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM, at All Saints Anglican Church, Collingwood September 17th, 24th, October 1st, 8th, 22nd

#### **Leader: Ms. Olivia Crowe**

Olivia is a member of Prince of Peace, and has a lifelong passion for children's ministry and for Christian education. She has diplomas in ministry from Wycliffe College and McMaster University.

#### **Topics and Dates:**

September 17th

Introduction, exploring the covenant in the Biblical Sense, a walk through the Old Testament

September 24th

God's covenants through Adam and Noah

October 1st

God's covenant through Abraham

October 8th

Mt Sinai and God's covenant through Moses and David

October 22nd

Jesus new covenant of Grace

**Sessions to last 60-75 minutes**



### **A Birthday for Buddha**

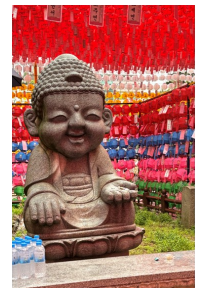
#### **The Rev. Canon Carole Bateman**

My husband Murray and I had the opportunity recently to travel through Indo-China, starting in South Korea.

We arrived in Seoul on Buddha's birthday. Every Temple was decorated with lanterns and lights. Many of the lanterns had prayer intentions hanging from them. Thousands of people moved in and out of the Temples from early morning until late at night. Observant Buddhists entering a

Temple do so by first removing their shoes and walking through the left 'sinful side' door. There is a raised sill on the base of the door so that a person must bow slightly as they lift their foot to enter - a sign of reverence. Once in the Temple, one should offer a prayer of thanksgiving before requesting the grace they seek. Gifts of food, water, flowers or money may be left and prayers can be made standing, kneeling or with a bowing motion. The smell of incense is present as the smoke 'brings the prayers to heaven'.

Depending on the Temple, the Buddha represented may be old or young; thin or fat; gilded in gold or made of stone. The walls and ceilings are elaborately painted. The 'kindling of the lantern' symbolizes the dispelling of darkness of a mind clouded by desires and attachments. The traditional lanterns illuminate wishes that honour the birth of Buddha, who perused a life of wisdom in striving for a better world; illuminating a path with the 'light of wisdom', journeying alongside disciples in companionship, and spreading heartfelt wishes for the world to find peace.



It was an amazing time to be amongst people celebrating their faith and culture.

Our All Saints archivist, Mary Lou Dunn, shares with us a bit of the history of the Nicene Creed which we say during our Sunday services. Note to our friends in Wasaga Beach, Creemore and Stayner, Mary Lou is an author....in 2019, she wrote a very comprehensive history of All Saints Church entitled, "Priests, Pulpit and People". If you are interested in obtaining a copy, please contact Mary Lou through the All Saints office.

### **Nicene Creed - What is the meaning of Nicea?**

Definitions of Nicaea. noun. an ancient city in Bithynia; founded in the 4th century BC and flourished under the Romans; the Nicene Creed was adopted there in 325. example of: city, metropolis, urban center. a large and densely populated urban area; may include several independent administrative districts.

What is Nicaea called today?

Nicaea - Wikipedia  
city of İznik

The ancient city is located within the modern Turkish city of İznik (whose modern name derives from Nicaea's), and is situated in a fertile basin at the eastern end of Lake Ascanius, bounded by ranges of hills to the north and south.

Our Food Ministry programmes are gearing up for the August meals....On Wednesday, August 7th, the Five Loaves programme will send meals to Out of the Cold and the Mobile Soup Kitchen, as well as 50+ people in the community. The Community Friendship Dinner will once again, offer a sit down dinner on Wednesday, August 14th in the Parish Hall at All Saints. Penny Bourne and Paulette De Silva share with us the report on the last dinner, held on July 10th.

### **FRIENDSHIP DINNER**

Again, a big **Thank You** to everyone for your help with this month's Friendship Dinner.


With the remnants of Hurricane Beryl barrelling through Collingwood that evening, we were not sure how many guests we would have. Surprisingly, we had almost a full house! About 90 people braved the weather and came for dinner and we served barbecued sausages and hot dogs, and many different kinds of salads and delicious desserts and fruit. It was a busy evening!

Many thanks to Jimmy for the music, Cathy McKay for the flowers and our four rather damp barbecuers, and also to the kitchen crew, servers and clean up crew who always manage to make it a fun job!

Next month we are planning a special dinner, so look for the usual email for signing up in August.

Thanks again,  
Penny Bourne and Paulette De Silva

**All Saints' Anglican Church Collingwood  
Community Friendship Dinner  
Wednesday August 14th 2024  
Dinner Begins at 5pm  
Maple Barbecued Pork  
Corn  
Potato Salad  
Salads  
Desserts and Fruit**



We cannot guarantee that the donated food at our dinners is free from allergens



All Saints Church assisted the very successful Collingwood Music Festival this month by providing rehearsal space for two of the performing groups. We thank David Trafford and Father Michael for assisting these groups. See attached photo (l to r Patricia Cano, Father Michael, Tomson Highway and Marcus Ali).

On Saturday, June 22nd, All Saints held its First (Annual?) Garden Party. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had other ideas for outdoor dining and the party was held in the Parish Hall. Thank you to all who assist, including Barry and the men's party. (I think I saw Ricky Nelson in the choir!)



In your prayers this week, please remember those in our Parishes who are not well and those whom prayers have been asked. We 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, Sean, Dorothy, Nancy, Katy, Terry, Ann Pope.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE PARISHES OF PRINCE OF PEACE, ST. LUKE’S, CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD AND ALL SAINTS, RESIDE 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,

