

ALL SAINTS ALIVE
THE NEWSLETTER OF ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH
COLLINGWOOD, ONTARIO
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Welcome back to All Saints Alive! A new month is upon us and soon, a new season. Farmers are harvesting the bounty of their fields and Mother Nature is creating a plethora of colours. Students and teachers are returning to their classrooms and groups and organizations, including churches, are re-energizing!

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**SEASON OF
CREATION**
SEPTEMBER 1-OCTOBER 4

This month we enter into a time that our Diocese calls The Season of Creation. While it’s not an official liturgical season, like Lent or Advent, the Season of Creation is an opportunity for us to reflect on what one of our Eucharistic Prayers calls “this fragile earth, our island home”.

Thinking of the planet Earth as Creation, or thinking of Nature (as we habitually call it) as Creation, are not in any way anti-scientific. As Anglicans we believe that science can explain many things about the world and the cosmos, but at the same time we believe that the world and the cosmos are, in wonderful and mysterious ways, God’s handiwork. Thinking of Earth and Nature as Creation, especially as we approach Thanksgiving, is a profoundly thankful way of acknowledging God’s goodness and gifts to us, and to reflect on our obligations as stewards of those gifts.

Through the Season of Creation we will include this Collect as part of our worship.

[Collect for the Stewardship of Creation](#)

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and remembering the account that we must give one day, grant that we may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

As you watch the leaves turn and as you prepare your garden for winter, take a moment to give thanks for the wonderful gift of Creation, and reflect on what you can do to hand it on to generations to follow.

After a summer break, we are pleased to return to share the news of our Parish and the Regional Ministry of South Georgian Bay. Exciting things are happening at our church and we look forward to the upcoming church year.

Father Michael has returned from holidays and shares with us his thoughts about September....

Rector's Reflection

Rest, Work, and Church Life: An End of Summer Meditation



Dear saints:

Perhaps it's because I've been a student for too many years, but the last days of August always make me feel anxious. As you will recall from your own school days, on the far side of Labour Day there were always new faces, new subjects, assignments and challenges, even new schools, all waiting to rudely end the reveries of summer.

The church year, like the school year, starts in September. Cottagers return, programs start up, and it's time to plan the activities that will lead us through the rest of the year - Back to Church Sunday, Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day, and suddenly it's Advent! As you will see from the rest of this newsletter, September in our busy parish life is a time to hit the on ramp and get into high gear. I have to remind myself that none of this is cause for anxiety, for being God's people and living the foretaste of God's kingdom that is a healthy parish life are a great blessing.

But if parish life is a blessing, it can be a demanding blessing, because there is work ahead of us: special services, dinners, events, old and new programs, and the routine that makes the weeks speed by. It all leads me to wonder, where in our church life is the boundary between work and rest? How do we make a busy parish happen while looking after ourselves?

Even Jesus struggled with this question. On at least one occasion, he recognized that his friends needed to slow down and be alone with him and the Father. After his disciples return from teaching and healing, Jesus tells them to 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while' (Mk 6.31), and yet they are followed by crowds in need. On another occasion, seeing similar crowds, Jesus says to his disciples that 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few' (Mt 9.37), which makes it sound like there's only so many of us and so much that God wants us to do! So which is it?

Perhaps it's not a coincidence that the first of the so-called Comfortable Words in the old Book of Common Prayer are these: "Come unto me all that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will refresh you" (Mt 11.28).

These words of Our Lord acknowledge the work or labor that we are called to, and also acknowledge the burden of such work that can make us feel "heavy laden", but there is the promise of refreshment and restoration, like a cool drink after hot work in the sun.

Our parish life *should* feel like refreshment. Even in our business, we should feel that we are nourished by God's word and sacraments. We should feel that we are encouraged by our fellow saints. We should feel that we can rest in the presence of the Holy Spirit the Comforter, and we should feel that we can find strength in the promise that Jesus is the friend who will always walk with us, even to a blessed end. If our life as church only feels like a burden, then we are doing church wrong.

This fall I encourage you to reflect on whatever ministry you are, or may be called to, in the life of our church. For everything there is a time. If it is time for you to work, then may you work joyously. If it is time for you to rest, then take a break without shame or reluctance. My prayer for all of us is that our church work may be good work which brings us and others into the life and love of God in Christ.

Grace and peace be with you.

Michael+

Canon Gord, like many of us, remembers the changes that come about when August ends and September arrives....he calls this “A Season of New Beginnings”.....

A Season of New Beginnings, by Father Gordon Mintz



Here we are arriving together at a new crisp fall to welcome us with its new opportunities as Saints of God. I remember as a young person that the anticipation of the first day back to school brought mixed feelings of anxiousness about new teachers and situations. I would eagerly anticipate seeing of my friends again and learning new things, even though that meant a return to homework. It also meant the start of hockey season was nearing – maybe this would be the year for our Maple Leafs!

Fall often brings new beginnings. Whether it was a new grade in school, new posting when we were in the military, or new projects, it usually meant change, which I often experience as stressful. However, did you know that every cell in your body regenerates over a seven-year period and some, like skin cells, much more quickly than that? Therefore, by virtue of being alive we are always changing. God entrusts us with free will to steward the course of our lives and longs for us live fully into each new season we are given. If guided by prayer and listening with our heart, we can channel the stresses of life into a deeper walk with the Lord.

Ours, like most faith traditions, reminds us to make the most of the season in which we find ourselves. “To every thing 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. We are in a time of year when we are about to celebrate the harvest - the bountiful fruits of the Earth – the gifts from our Creator God. The leaves turn colour and the air grows crisper. As you notice these changes, I would encourage you to take time to reflect about what new beginnings this season brings for you. How can you make the most of them? What are you looking forward to and what will be more challenging? What resources do you have at your disposal physically, emotionally and spiritually and what can you do to bolster them? Taking stock helps us to be the best stewards of the life gifted to each of us and prepares us for the journey ahead.

God bless each of you and your families as we approach this new season and its beginnings for us!

Gordon+

September has also brought ‘new beginnings’ to our regional ministry team! It is exciting to announce the new ministry of Rev. Dr. Amy Pauley, the new curate who will be leading the Parish of Prince of Peace. Rev. Amy shares a bit about herself and background....

Curate’s Corner - The Rev. Dr. Amy Pauley



Warm greetings and salutations. I'm delighted to be here. As I write this, I've been here for a little over a week. I moved to Wasaga Beach from Barrie. I'm getting to know the place and Collingwood too. I've been unpacking and arranging and getting ready. I'm settling into my new home. The move was challenging and amazing.

It was hard for me because of what I'm leaving behind. My congregations and ministry in Barrie, my mom and brother, and my 2 dogs, Wally and Sushi. They're so cute. It's fortunate that I live only 40 minutes away. We can visit. And the drive happens to be beautiful. This leads to

the amazingness about the move. This place is beautiful. The Bay, the beaches, the forests and trees lining the roads. I'm sure there are ugly spots. But even my trips to the box stores are lovely. Its like I'm wearing "beauty goggles". Everywhere I look there's something or someone new to behold. All I can do is be grateful for this way of seeing. God is here. And God is generous. Moving is amazing. It gives me fresh eyes for this beautiful world.

Tomorrow is my first day, September 1st. And I'm looking forward to meeting the congregations. It's a gift to be able to serve in new communities. My calendar is filling up with opportunities. In this first month, I hope to be captivated by all the gifts people bring and to contribute my own gifts to our ministries together. Thank you for welcoming me into your community.

Rev. Sharon wishes us a "happy new year"!.....



HAPPY NEW YEAR! No, it is not January, but the coming of September means the start of so many things. We have had a bit of a break over the summer, and now it is back to our regular routine and programs in our churches. Driving to the office this past Tuesday I was delighted to see how many families were outside taking the "first day of school" pictures. Some were small groups, and one was a larger group with grandparents, parents, with siblings all

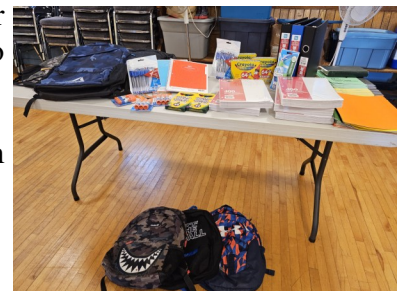
decked out in new clothes and huge smiles on their faces. Fresh starts can be exciting and challenging. We hold all our students in prayer as they begin their new year of learning, and we pray for their health and safety.

But not everyone is as fortunate as the families I saw. We have families who face "renoviction", homelessness and food insecurity. Those new shoes and jackets were just not possible this year. As we seek to find solutions for those in need, we also have the opportunity to assist in other ways. St. Luke's Community Foodbank has grown by leaps and bounds over the last two years. We originally had three families two summers ago. We now deliver, weekly, fresh fruit, vegetables, meat and staples for over fifty families in Creemore and surrounding area. That number includes over 100 children. We also now provide school snacks for four local schools. A new addition in the spring was to provide hard boiled eggs for the children, which apparently has become very popular.

We were blessed this past month with donations of backpacks, pens, paper, markers, binders, notebooks and such for our families. This may seem a small thing, yet for the children it can make quite a difference. They too now will have "new" to start the school year. They too have the excitement of new things for the year. By doing this, the children are not set apart because of their less-than-ideal situations. They fit right in with the rest of the class. This lends dignity to all! We then held a "blessing of backpacks" after service on Sunday, sending our thoughts and prayers out with the supplies. Many, many thanks go to all who donated for these children.

Every time we reach out to help another, we are so very blessed in return. It truly is "more blessed to give than receive".

Sharon+



All Saints Alive is pleased to announce that David Penhale will be our Parish representative for the Primates World Relief and Development Fund. David shares his thoughts about the PWRDF.....



PWRDF

We are grateful to parishioner David Penhale who has agreed to become our parish's PWRDF representative. Here is a short message from David:

“The Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) is the Anglican Church of Canada’s agency for sustainable development and humanitarian relief. By engaging Anglicans across Canada, PWRDF supports projects to improve the well being of community members and break the cycle of poverty with a focus on health, empowering women and girls, food security and climate change, and Indigenous programs.” (from the PWRDF website). To help support this important outreach, I am taking on the role of PWRDF representative for our parish. You’ll be hearing more about PWRDF in the months to come. As a first step, please include this ministry in your prayers.

David Penhale”

Since our last newsletter, our Food Ministry Programmes have been quite active. In August, the Five Loaves group served 110 hamburger meals to the Mobile Soup Kitchen, the Busby Centre and individuals within our community. Last evening, it once again delivered 100+ meals to the same groups.

Our Community Friendship dinner group hosted dine-in guests on August 14th. Penny Bourne and Paulette De Silva report on that dinner and share with us information on the September dinner on September 11th.

ALL SAINTS' FRIENDSHIP DINNER Wednesday August 14th, 2024

We had a very successful Friendship Dinner last Wednesday night, with a number of young adults attending in addition to those who usually come for the dinner. We received many compliments at the end of the evening for our food and welcoming space.

The dinner this month was subsidized by a group of ladies from OslerBrook Golf Club, who gave us a very generous donation for this. Thank you to all of them and to Pam Campbell and Kathi Wilkinson for organizing this.

We served an in-house dinner to a total of 97 people! The menu was a barbecued pork chop with maple butter sauce, corn cobs, potato salad, green salads and coleslaw as well as buttered rolls and veggie trays. Our dessert table was filled with goodies including a full size cake and a wonderful display of fruit donated by one of our parishioners.

Curries Farm Market kindly donated all the corn and M & M Meats gave us a special price for the pork. Please thank them.

A huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, some of whom stepped up to fill the spaces left by those on vacation!

Our Food Ministry at All Saints' is a large part of our Outreach Program and together with our Five Loaves Dinner program (delivered meals) this month we have served 205 meals to people in the community. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Our dinner next month will be on Wednesday September 11th and we hope to see you then.

Thanks,
Penny and Paulette

**ALL SAINTS' FRIENDSHIP DINNER
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH**

Hi Everyone,

Well, another month has come and gone and it is now time to ask for help with the next Friendship Dinner at All Saints'. Our dinner will be next Wednesday, September 11th. As it is the last of the summer, we shall be serving barbecued sausages and hot dogs, corn, salads and desserts as well as tea, coffee and juices.

We will purchase the sausages and buns, but we are asking for donations of salads and desserts (each to feed 15), and veggie trays or fruit trays.

For the past few months we have had almost 100 guests so you can imagine how much food we need! Of course, we also need lots of help with set up, serving the food and cleaning up afterwards (dishwashing and putting away the tables and chairs).

This dinner means a lot to our guests in the community, so if you are able to give an hour or two to help with this vital ministry, please let me know by sending me an email.

Financial donations are always gratefully accepted and may be made by e-transfer or in person to the office! Please make sure that your name and address are included for tax returns, and mark it for Food Ministry.

Thank you,
Penny

All Saints' Anglican Church Collingwood Community Friendship Dinner
Wednesday September 11th 2024 Dinner Begins at 5pm
BBQ Sausages Hot Dogs Corn Salads Desserts
We cannot guarantee that the donated food
at our dinners is free from allergens



Mary Lou Dunn, our Parish Archivist, in her 'history bites' column, gives us some insight about a special place in Turkey—Cappadocia....

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Cappadocia, a semi-arid region in central Turkey, is known for its distinctive "fairy chimneys," tall, cone-shaped rock formations clustered in Monks Valley, Göreme and elsewhere. Other notable sites include Bronze Age homes carved into valley walls by troglodytes (cave dwellers) and later used as refuges by early Christians.

The region had early contact with Christianity. The Acts of the Apostles reports that Cappadocian Jews were present in Jerusalem during the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost (Acts 2:9), and the First Epistle of Peter mentions Cappadocia among the persecuted Christian communities of Asia Minor (1 Peter 1:1). In the 4th century three Cappadocian theologians—Basil the Great, Gregory of Nyssa, and Gregory of Nazianzus—made important contributions to Christian thought in their writings, refuting Arianism and elaborating on the doctrine of the Trinity.

Cappadocia has hundreds of cave churches with beautiful fresco paintings from the 9th and 10th centuries. Byzantine Christians carved these monasteries and churches as sacred spaces to worship Jesus.

Upcoming activities at All Saints—September is a very busy month at All Saints....best to get your pen and paper and calendar ready to record all that is happeningor have your fingers rested in order to enter everything on your i-phone! Here we go.....

- Sunday, September 8th...All Saints Annual Golf Fun Day
- Wednesday, September 11th...Community Friendship Dinner, 10am Eucharist and Bible Study
- Thursday, September 12th and 19th...CO3 and Choir practice
- Saturday and Sunday, September 14th and 15th.... “Doors Open Ontario”....see Announcements
- Sunday, September 15th...Back to Church Sunday and luncheon to follow....see poster...thanks to Gill Elias for coordinating the brunch!
- Tuesday, September 17th...Covenant Bible Study series begins....see poster
- Wednesday, September 18th...Women’s Group meets
- Thursday, September 19th.... Next edition of ALL SAINTS ALIVE

For those who need to plan further in advance, please note these dates...more information will be included in the next ASA newsletter.

- Art Crawl -September 21st 4pm to 8pm at All Saints
- Ministry Fair...September 22nd....after the church service
- Regional Ministry Joint Church Service....September 29th at St. Luke’s Church in Cremore

New Food Pantry at All Saints....



As part of our Food Ministry, we have installed a new food pantry below the kitchen on Elgin Street. Once a week, we will stock the pantry with appropriate non-perishable food items. The philosophy behind the pantry is “Take What You Need, Leave What You Can” and it is another way that our parish will address food insecurity in our community.

We would be grateful for any and all donations, which can be left in the containers by the church doors. Guidelines for donated items will be made available in the church and will be posted on the parish Facebook page.

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Ron Emo, All Saint’s own ‘Ever Ready Bunny’! We all hope you had a very special day, Ron. Many happy returns!



Happy Anniversary to Kathi and Robert Wilkinson who are celebrating their wedding anniversary today!!



In your prayers this week, please remember those whose names are on our Parish Prayer List. We pray for all who are ill and for their caregivers.

“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, Martha.

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 AND TO THE PEOPLES WHO CARED FOR THOSE LANDS.

Doors Open Simcoe, Sept 14-15 - Once again, All Saints will be participating in Doors Open Simcoe. We will be welcoming visitors and sightseers on Saturday and Sunday, Sept 14 and 15, from 10am to 4pm (excluding our Sunday service, though visitors are welcome to worship with us!). We are looking for greeters and guides who can show people through the church and through the ground floor of the rectory on those days and times.



Even a few hours on either of those days would be helpful. Please contact Fr. Michael or Catherine Raaflaub if you'd like to help.

Art Crawl at All Saints, Sept 21 - All Saints will be a host site for the Collingwood Art Crawl on Saturday, Sept 21, from 4pm to 8pm. We are happy to be a venue for celebrated local photographer Leah den Bok, whose "Humanizing the Homeless" project has won international attention. We also expect to have space in the parish hall for parishioners who might be interested in showing their art. Please contact Fr. Michael (madpadre@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating.

Ministry Fair, Sept 22 - Sunday, Sept 22 is our Ministry Fair, when we showcase the many volunteer activities by which we serve God and the community. We are giving each group or guild a few moments during the sermon time to describe what they do and to recruit new members, so please consider participating in this event. If your group wants to bring a small display to show in the parish hall during coffee hour, you can also do that. The important thing is for people, especially newer members, to be able to associate each ministry with a face and name should they wish to join and help.

Rectory Thanksgiving Open House - Father Michael, Joy, and Brodie and Beatrix the Border Terriers invite you to an Open House at the Rectory on Friday, October 11, from 4-6pm. Refreshments provided. We hope you can join us as we give thanks for our wonderful parish and all that God is doing among us.

All Saints Anglican Church Collingwood

Our Back to Church service is
Sunday, September 15th 9:30am

Back to Church Sunday

.....Mission ImPossible!!!

We really hope that you will mark this date in your calendar, and we would love for you to bring a friend or neighbour

Our guest preacher will be David Krause, our Diocesan Missioner, and the theme will be "Mission ImPossible"

After church we hope you will join us for bunch, and take the opportunity to meet our new Curate, the Rev. Dr. Amy Pauley.



A Christian Education Study Series Tuesday evenings, 7pm - 8pm, at All Saints Anglican Church, Collingwood

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

You're Invited to a Joint Service
In Celebration of our Regional Ministry
St Luke's, 22 Caroline Street W, Creemore
Sunday, Sept 29, 11am
Luncheon to Follow



PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS SERVICE
REPLACES ALL OTHER SUNDAY SERVICES AT ALL
SAINTS, PRINCE OF PEACE, AND GOOD
SHEPHERD ON THIS DAY