

ALL SAINTS ALIVE
THE NEWSLETTER OF ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH
COLLINGWOOD
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Welcome back to our newsletter. Lots of things are happening at All Saints and lots of news to report! This week has been a busy one already—yesterday, Father Michael held his Rector’s Book Study on “Revelations of Divine Love” by Julian of Norwich. Julian, if you remember, was the winner of the March Madness event this past spring. Last evening, Prince of Peace held its annual ‘Fashion Show’ at the church.

This Saturday, the Women’s Breakfast will be held at 9:30 a.m. The theme this month is “Garters and Gir-dles”. Later in the morning, weather permitting, there will be a leaf raking party. If you are able to partici-pate, please bring a rake and a few leaf bags. Hot chocolate and snacks will be provided.

Looking ahead, the Men’s Breakfast will be held on Thursday, October 31st at 8:00 a.m. I’m not sure if the men are required to wear a costume!????

On Saturday, November 2nd, we will celebrate the “All Souls Service at 7:00 p.m. This is a commemoration for the lives of the saints and loved ones gone on before us. All are welcome to this service. Please see the poster, attached in this newsletter.



All Souls Service
Saturday, November 2nd, 7pm
All Saints Church, Collingwood
Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
Liturgy From the Book of Common Prayer

All Saints Anglican Church
Collingwood
Saturday November 2nd 7pm

On Saturday, November 2nd at 7pm, at All Saints, Collingwood, we will again observe the Feast of All Souls, also known in the church as The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.

This is the time of the church year when we are called to give thanks for the lives of the saints and loved ones gone before us, and to pray for their repose until we are reunited with them in God’s eternal presence.

All are welcome to this communion service, which will use the liturgy for Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer. It will be a sung service using the traditional communion music from Merbecke. Please be aware that some incense will be used during this service.

All are invited to bring a photo or portrait of those who are on your hearts at this time, and we will gather them together before the service begins.



Please remember to 'fall back' on November 2nd. We turn our clocks and watches back an hour. If you forget, you are most welcome to help out getting the coffee and church ready for the service that Sunday morning when you arrive as you will have a little extra time on your hands!

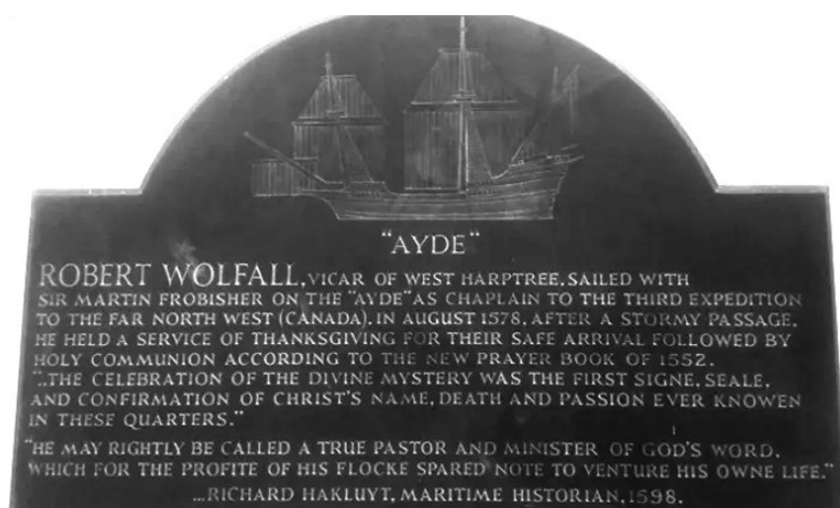


Our annual Service of Remembrance will take place on November 10th at 9:30 a.m.

Mary Lou Dunn, our church Archivist, tells us about the first Anglican service in Canada....

The first known service in what is now Canada was performed by Robert Wollfall, a chaplain in Sir Martin Frobisher's expedition, in Frobisher Bay (Iqaluit) on 2 September 1578. The chaplain was "'Maister Wollfall (probably Robert Wollfall), minister and preacher', who had been charged by Queen Elizabeth 'to serve God twice a day'" Thereafter Anglicanism spread through immigration from the British Isles and the coming of Loyalists, many of whom were Anglicans, after the American Revolution

The Rev. Robert Wollfall was vicar of the Parish of West Harptree, Somerset, when he became chaplain to Martin Frobisher's third Arctic expedition to Canada. On 3 September 1578, Rev'd Wollfall presided at the first recorded Holy Eucharist in what is now Canadian territory: Frobisher Bay, Baffin Island.

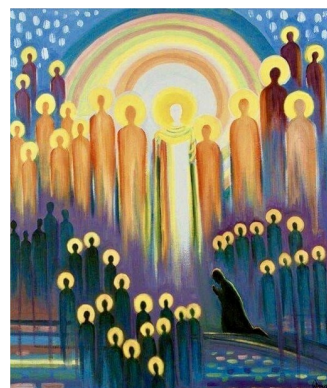


Father Michael tells us about the church's "Patronal Festival"....

In The Company of the Saints: A Reflection for the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls

Dear Saints:

Very soon now we will be approaching our patronal festival, meaning the day of the calendar and of the church year for which a church is named. Thus, our friends in Creemore had their patronal festival on Oct 18, the Feast of St Luke, and our festival, the Feast of All Saints, is of course 1 November. By the way, if you're wondering, the church term "feast day" comes from the Latin word festes, meaning "joy", so a feast day is a day of celebration (and not necessarily, a day for a grand meal, though that is always an option!).



I suppose one could feel two ways about a church named All Saints. Some might think the term indecisive, a compromise because the church founders couldn't agree on a particular saint or holy figure and so chose a more generic name, hedging their bets, so to speak. I prefer to think of the name "All Saints" as being inclusive, because it reminds us that we live in the midst of the company or communion of saints.

The term "saints" casts a big net, including everyone from biblical figures (disciples and apostles) to martyrs to canonized or recognized saints (St Francis, for example) to the unrecognized saints over the ages (those known only to God) to those persons, living and passed away, that have strengthened and guided our own faith lives and kept us company on the way. In other words, to name a hymn that our own Maestro Barry is fond of, the saints are "the friends of God". In that sense, we are all saints!

On November 1 we remember all these saints and give thanks for their lives and examples. In the lovely words of the Letter to the Hebrews, we are "surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses" (Heb 12.1). We speak of the communion of saints when we pray the Apostles' Creed, thus reminding ourselves of the spiritual unity of all Christians, living and dead. I speak of unity because, as St Paul writes, "nothing can separate us from the love of God" (Rom 8.31-39). A faithful parishioner once told me that when she comes to the communion rail, for a moment she steps out of time and space and is the presence of all Christians who are the body of Christ. It's a wonderful and mystical thought.

The idea of our being united with the dead in the company of saints brings me to some final thoughts about the companion feast, All Souls, celebrated on November 2. All Souls specifically remembers those we call the faithful departed, those we love but see no more in this earthly life. On All Souls we do not pray to the dead, or even for them. The Reformers taught long ago that the dead have no need of our prayers, since the grace and love of God has already brought them to rest and glory. I see All Souls as a way to pray in thanksgiving for the dead, but also as a time to ask God's comfort for the aches and sadnesses that never quite leave those of us who grieve. All Souls is thus as much for our reassurance as it is an opportunity to give thanks for the time we had with those we love.

We will gather on Saturday, 2 November, to keep the Feast of All Souls and all are welcome to come. Last year some found it helpful to bring a photo of loved ones who have passed, and you are welcome to do that again. We will collect the photos together before the service begins. Once again we will hear the solemn and wonderful words of the Book of Common Prayer, and this year we will use a small amount of incense during the service, so please bear that in mind. Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Canon Carol Bateman.

Fr. Michael

As we continue through our 'Season of Spiritual Renewal, Father Michael shares with us, thoughts about this journey and a prayer to guide us along the way.

What Is The Season of Spiritual Renewal?



Earlier in 2024, Andrew, Bishop of Toronto, declared a two year Season of Spiritual Renewal (SSR) that would run until Epiphany, 2026. A focus on “renewing spirituality” and deepening our “personal and collective discipleship” was the first call to action that arose from our diocesan visioning campaign, Cast the Net.

As Bishop Andrew explained, “My hope is that [this Season of Spiritual Renewal] will lead us to a deep and profound joy in the gospel of Jesus Christ and a sense of communities large and small feeling a part of a rekindling of the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Toronto”.

Very briefly, the SSR project brings together a variety of resources to help individuals and parishes to be more intentional about prayer, engagement with scripture, worship, and discipleship and evangelism.

Sound scary? Well, as the angels like to say, be not afraid! The SSR team has put together a variety of resources that can all be found on the Diocese of Toronto website at <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/> You’ll be hearing more about them in the weeks and months to come.

SSR runs a variety of one hour free online workshops (1 to 2 pm) on a variety of topics. The three coming this November are:

Nov. 6: Christian Meditation and the Jesus Prayer

Nov. 14: Silence, Stillness, Simplicity: An Introduction to Leading Christian Meditation

Nov. 21: Equipping Parents as Spiritual Nurturers

You can register for these online at <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/>

There is much more to say about this exciting project, but I hope that this whets your appetite. Watch for more information over the next few months and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for us to grow in our faith.

(Father Michael is on the Steering Committee of the Season for Spiritual Renewal)

From the Season of Spiritual Renewal “Prayers Through the Ages” Resource

Grant to me, O Lord, to know what is worth knowing,
To love what is worth loving,
To praise what delights you most,
To value what is precious to you,
And to reject whatever is evil in your eyes.
Give me true discernment,
So that I may judge rightly between things that differ.
Above all, may I search out and do what is pleasing to you;
Through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

Thomas A Kempis, c. 1389-1471



Rev. Sharon informs us of some very important changes that have taken place at the General and Marine Hospital. Please make note of this information, especially if you are scheduled to be in the hospital or in case you are there due to an emergency.

VISITING CHANGES AT CGMH - The clergy team was recently made aware of some changes that have happened at our local hospital. The major change is that the position of Chaplain has been replaced by a social worker. Though many local clergy have expressed concern over this decision, at the moment it is a "done deal" and there is no recourse. Some of the local clergy have agreed to remain as "on call" chaplains but will only go in if requested. A second change which affects us is that there is no longer a listing of denominations held at the front desk. We used to be able to access the locked drawer, read over our list, and see if any of "our" people were admitted. This is no longer possible, due to privacy concerns. This has also meant that our pastoral visitors are no longer given access either, and their privileges have been suspended.

What does this mean for our parishioners? We have no way of knowing if you are a patient. Only if you, or a family member, call the office, will we know to come and visit. In an emergency, and only if requested, the staff are able to call the designated cleric on call. Please keep this in mind should you become a patient. Please let us know. We as a clergy team have provided support to patients, and will continue to do so, if we are aware that we have someone admitted.

Sharon+

Sharon Goldsworthy has shared with us Seasonal Renewal Prayers from the Diocese....

During this Season of Spiritual Renewal the Diocese has produced a collection of 31 wonderful prayers from various sources. It was in the most recent issue of The Anglican, the Diocesan newspaper. There is also a copy on display in the parish hall. As well, Nancy has printed some copies for people to take home. She will print more if required. Here is the link

<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/SoSR-prayers-through-the-ages-may-22.pdf>

The October Friendship Outreach Dinner at Thanksgiving was another great success. Penny Bourne and Paulette De Silva share their update with us.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Thanksgiving Friendship Dinner so great!

The Parish Hall was beautifully decorated with pumpkins and leaves by Marg Thompson and her team. Thank you!

We served a delicious dinner of sliced ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, salads, dinner rolls and a selection of desserts, including a large iced cake. We had about 80 guests, and enough ham and potato that many people were able to take some home for dinner the following night.

A big Thank you to everyone who helped us in the kitchen, both before the dinner and afterwards for the dishes, and the servers. Without each one of you this would not be possible. Thanks also to those who donated food for the dinner, or dollars for next month, and to Jimmy for his music to entertain us!

Our next Friendship Dinner will be on Wednesday November 13th.

Thanks, Penny and Paulette

Father Michael, Joy, Brodie and Beatrice hosted a pre-Thanksgiving Day gathering at the Rectory. A wonderful time was had by all, although Brodie and Beatrice were a bit disappointed that the guests did not drop enough food on the floor. However, I'm sure that they did not go without!! Photos attached!



Our church food pantry is in need of replenishing on a regular basis. It is located on the Elgin Street side of the Parish Hall near the church bell. Please consider leaving single serve cereal or oatmeal packages, granola bars, crackers, canned tuna or sardines with pull top openers, Kraft dinner, peanut butter cookies, hand warmers, masks, hand sanitizers, gloves and hats.

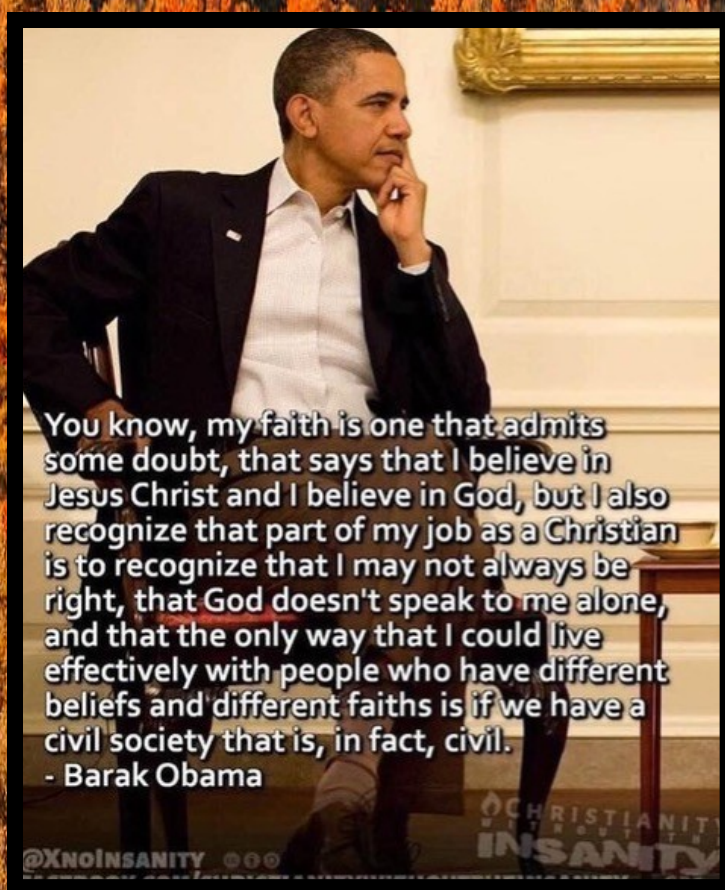
This is a special outreach for those in our community that may need a quick snack or meal.

We send out a very special thanks to Michael Kacmar. Michael has retired after many years as the coffee host at All Saints. We are grateful and appreciative for all the work he has done over the many years.

We pray for those on our Parish Prayer List and for all their caregivers. We remember in our prayers those who help others in need, with special thanks to members of our Pastoral Care Team.

“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.

A spiritual moment during this stressful time.....especially for our American friends...



Our photo gallery includes photos of the All Saints Foundation's donation to the church, the decorating of the church for Thanksgiving (thanks so much to Marg and Tiffany Thompson for the wonderful work they did!), and of the Open House at the Rectory.



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

Calendars have Arrived

Since 1906, the **Canadian Church Calendar** has been a useful and beautiful addition to the walls of homes, sacristies and offices across Canada. As has been the custom, the calendar includes a range of photos featuring beloved Anglican churches across the country. Additional details include notes on liturgical colours, saints' days, important dates, previous and next month calendars on each page spread and more.



For a preview of the calendar, view a PDF at <https://www.anglican.ca/2025-anglican-canadian-church-calendar-preview/>

All are welcome to submit photos for consideration in future Canadian Church Calendars. Visit the [photo submission page](#) on anglican.ca for more information.

Calendars are \$6 each can be picked up at the church office. Limited availability on a first come first serve basis and. Contact the church office to make arrangements for payment and pick up.