

ALL SAINTS ALIVE
THE NEWSLETTER OF ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH
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Welcome back to our church newsletter. Hard to believe but in just a week and a bit, we will once again be celebrating the beginning of Advent. This is the start of the busy time of the year....the decorations are now on full display in stores, Christmas music is about to begin, invitations are being sent out for parties and dinners, gifts are being purchased, the Santa Claus parades are being held in the communities around South Georgian Bay and Santa has just sent his suit to be cleaned and pressed and ready to wear on his many engagements over the next five weeks. Exciting time of the year! All Saints has many special activities taking place, some festive and some reflective....

Father Michael has shared with us, information on the celebration of Advent as part of the Diocese's Season of Spiritual Renewal....

Bishop's Advent Teaching Series

Bishops Andrew, Riscylla and Kevin will be hosting a series of teachings and conversations this Advent as part of our Diocese's Season of Spiritual Renewal. The sessions will be held on Zoom on Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30pm, starting November 26th.



Each gathering will be an hour long and will feature a reflection by the bishop, discussion in breakout groups and conclude with a short service of Compline. The evenings will be live and interactive

You are welcome to register for these sessions by going online at www.toronto.anglican.ca/spiritualrenewal or you can come to All Saints and join Fr. Michael for a live watch party in the church on the big screens.

Recently, Mary Lou Dunn and I chatted at coffee hour after church. Somehow our topic of conversation centred around the Nicene Creed, especially one line..."one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church". Mary Lou mentioned that she is often asked about this statement, especially those not familiar with Anglican liturgy.... "why do we say 'catholic' when we are Anglicans?". Well, here is the explanation...thanks Mary Lou!

Nicene Creed: What is the difference between apostolic and catholic?

The teaching of the Church is reliable, because it is apostolic—connected to Jesus through his apostles and those who came after to continue the work of Jesus. Being catholic means that Jesus is fully present in the Church and that it fulfills Jesus' command to carry his message to the ends of the earth.



Catholic meaning universal

What does "Holy catholic and apostolic Church" mean?

"One" because the Church is a single Body of Christ, including all followers of Christ; "holy" as in our practices intend to sanctify ourselves; "catholic", because the Church is universal (=catholic), for all people, no exceptions; "apostolic", as in we have a mission set down by the apostles to share the Good News, ...



Lessons of the apostles

Rev. Sharon reminds us of a very special, reflective service being held on December 6th at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints. Many of us sadly remember the events of the 'Montreal Massacre' that occurred on December 6th, 1989. Fourteen women, all young students at Ecole Polytechnique were shot to death by a gunman.

Also, Rev. Sharon shares with us, information regarding an evening of discussion and sharing, being held at All Saints on December 10th at 7:00 p.m.

December Happenings

Peace Vigil – December 6th, 7 P.M.

December 6th has become a day of remembrance, honouring the women who were killed in Montreal while at school. It has become a tradition here at All Saint's to hold a peace vigil to remember them, as well as to pray for peace and the end of violence in our communities, our country and around the world. It is a candle-light vigil at the north end of the church, in the Peace Garden. Because it is outside, please dress for the weather. Last year there was a good amount of that "white stuff" on the ground. It will begin at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Holiday Grief

The holidays are often filled with friends, family, good wishes and lots of cheer. However, for those who have experienced loss, it can feel very isolating and difficult. Trying to fit into the "holiday spirit" can be stressful, causing heightened emotions and conflicting feelings. An evening of sharing, exchange of ideas and support will be held on December 10th at All Saint's. Strategies for getting through the holidays will be shared, and a Holiday Grief-Sensitive Planner will be distributed. Ideas for self care, emotional support, planning for holiday events and beginning new traditions may help reduce the emotional and social stress. Refreshments will be served.



**All Saints Anglican
Church Collingwood
Peace Vigil Friday
December 6th, 2024 7pm
Remembering The Victims
Of The Montreal Massacre And To
Pray For Peace**

All Saints Anglican Church Collingwood



Christmas Is Coming! Good Grief.....
Tuesday December 10th 7pm
You are invited to join in an evening of discussion, sharing, and Brainstorming ideas for Honouring loss, and for Self-care during the holiday season.

Father Michael's sermon last week gave us the background to the Archbishop of Canterbury's resignation.....

Archbishop of Canterbury's Resignation: Some History and What Happens Next



Justin Welby, 105th Archbishop of Canterbury

As Fr Michael noted in his homily last week, Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, has announced his resignation and has taken responsibility for not having done enough to uncover a particularly heinous case of serial abuse in the Church of England, and later by the same man in Anglican churches in Africa.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has no authority over the Anglican church outside of Great Britain. Each national church has its own head, or primate. The head of the Canadian church is the acting primate, Ann Germond. Our next primate will be elected in 2025. However, the Archbishop of Canterbury is the spiritual leader of the worldwide Anglican Communion and represents its unity.

Welby was the 105th person to hold the office of Archbishop of Canterbury. The very first was Augustine, a monk sent to England by Pope Gregory I in 597 AD. Augustine's career was successful; he converted Ethelbert, King of Kent, to Christianity and in 601 he was appointed Archbishop of all England, establishing his seat at Canterbury. Over the centuries, the Archbishops of Canterbury gained many privileges, including that of crowning the kings and queens of England.

While the end of Welby's career was unhappy, it was not as unhappy as those of his predecessors who met violent deaths. These included Alphege, murdered in 1005 by pagan Danes; Thomas Beckett, the "troublesome priest" murdered in 1162 during the reign of Henry II; Simon Sudbury, killed by rebellious peasants in 1381; Thomas Cranmer, burned at the stake by "Bloody" Mary in 1533; and William Laud, executed by the Puritan parliament in 1633.

Thomas Becket meets an unpleasant end

Welby's successor, the 106th Archbishop, will be a royal appointment. A Crown Nominations Committee of seventeen members will recommend a name to the Crown. Twelve voting members will come from the Church of England, and five will be representatives of the global Anglican Communion.

Prayer released by the Church of England for the selection process for the next Archbishop of Canterbury:



Almighty God, you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church to lead us into all truth: bless with the Spirit's grace and presence the members of the Crown Nominations Commission. Keep them steadfast in faith and united in love, that they may seek your will, manifest your glory and prepare the way of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

David Penhale, our PWRDF representative, tells us about "Hope Corner"....

Hope Corner By David Penhale, PWRDF Rep

Christmas music in the stores---in October? Nonstop pressure to buy something. Anything! Trudging around the shops looking at stacks of possible presents. Scrolling through page after page on Amazon. Our culture seems to have lost the thread during the season of Christian joy.

There's another way to give to those we love. Check out the PWRDF World of Gifts! You can make a donation to help others around the world in the name of a friend or loved one, who will receive a card telling them of your gift. And, "Thanks to a generous anonymous donor, your gift will be matched, up to \$110,000. Order your gift early to double your impact!" (from the PWRDF website).

And what wonderful gifts! A borehole well in Zimbabwe. Clean water in Haiti. A donkey for water in Kenya. Winter warmers for Ukrainians with disabilities. Bicycles for community educators. Peace building in South Sudan. Chicken farming in Cuba. A new baby kit in Lesotho. The Indigenous response fund in Canada. The list goes on. And there's no wrapping to do! To see everything on offer, please visit the PWRDF website at <https://pwrdf.org/> and click on World of Gifts.

God's gift of the Christ Child is an act of unfathomable generosity. As we pray together during Advent and Christmas, let us keep our sisters and brothers around the world in our hearts.

Our Food Ministries are gearing up for a busy December. But first, here is a report on the Community Friendship Dinner that took place in November. Thanks to Penny and Paulette and their amazing team of volunteers for another very successful evening...

Penny has also included a report of the very successful "All Saints' Food Pantry"...

FRIENDSHIP DINNER

Hi Everyone,

We had a very successful and enjoyable Friendship Dinner last week!

We served chili and rice with salads and desserts to our guests. We had about 85 people present and they all appreciated a hot meal and good company. This month we had several first-timers.

A BIG thank you goes to all those who brought salads and desserts or donated \$\$, and, of course, to all the servers and dishwashers!!

Our December dinner will be on December 11th, and will be a Christmas turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Watch for an email the week before asking for help with this.

Thank you to all who contribute to this very worthwhile ministry.

Thank You Blue Ridge Meats Some of you may not know this, but every month Blue Ridge Meats (on Hurontario St.) give the 5 Loaves Group 5 lbs of meat. This is then cooked up by our team and given to The Busby Center, to The Food Truck who serve the homeless and to other guests in the community.

It would be greatly appreciated, if during this festive season, we could all remember to thank them, while we do our shopping. Blue Ridge has the most delicious meat. It is locally sourced, grass fed and definitely better for you and the environment....I might even hazard a guess....Green Team Approved.

I personally recommend the pork chops, they are the best I've ever eaten....but please don't overcook them. They are delicious lightly fried or grilled and served with sautéed local apples (seasoned with a little thyme) and a drizzle of maple syrup.

Blue Ridge can also order you a local free-range turkey for your Christmas Feast.

Thank you Gill Elias

ALL SAINTS' FOOD PANTRY

Our little Food Pantry box on Elgin Street is going well. We re-stock it twice a week with a mixture of foods and by the next day it is empty again. Many people in our community are feeling the pressure of food insecurity so any help we can give is welcome.

If you are able to help with donations of food, please leave items in the boxes inside all the doors to the church for us to sort and put in the box.

Remember that not everyone has access to boiling water or can openers.

Please do not give items that have passed their expiry date.

The most popular items are:

Pull top cans of tuna, meats, vegetables and fruit

Snacks - granola bars, cookies, crackers etc.

Cereals

Noodles and pasta sauce, canned pastas

Tea bags, coffee and small bags of sugar

Peanut butter, jam

As the weather gets colder we are going to begin providing winter hats, mitts and warm socks.

A BIG thank you to those who have already given items for the box, and I hope this will continue to be a way of helping our neighbours. Financial donations are welcome, too, to enable us to buy more items.

Thank you,
Penny Bourne

Rev Sharon is once again organizing the CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR PINE VILLA. She has provided information on how you can assist this wonderful outreach programme.

Christmas Cheer for Pine Villa - We have been blessed over this past year, and Christmas is a time when we can bring joy to others. Again, this year, we will be packing gift bags for Pine Villa. This year there are 34 residents, many who have no family to celebrate with. Items such as socks, hats, scarves, personal toiletries, playing cards and puzzle books are welcome. As there are many with dietary restrictions, please no food items. There will be a sign up sheet posted in the parish hall. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Upcoming Events to mark on your calendar!

In this season of special events, here are a few that will be of interest....

Men's Breakfast---November 28

Book Study---December 5

Five Loaves---December 4

Peace Vigil service at All Saints---December 6

Rectory Tree Trimming Party---December 7th (4-6pm)

Friendship Dinner---December 11

Dmytro Garbovsky, the Golden Voice from Ukraine---concert at All Saints---December 13 (see poster)

Quiet Christmas Service---December 21 at 7:00 p.m

Family Pageant Christmas Eve Helpers Needed



It's time to start thinking about our Christmas Eve service, which usually features a very informal nativity play with roles for all ages. This year it will most likely happen at our first Christmas Eve service at 7pm. If you'd like to help plan and organize it, please let Fr Michael know.

Who can forget Canon Brodie's role as a Christmas angel in our last Christmas pageant?

Rectory Tree-Trimming Party, Saturday, December 7th, 4-6pm

Please join Fr. Michael, Joy, Canon Brodie and Deaconess Beatrix for the Third Annual Rectory Tree Trimming Party.

Come for some light refreshments and Christmas cheer, and stay to hang an ornament.



Dmytro Garbovsky
GOLDEN VOICE
FROM
UKRAINE

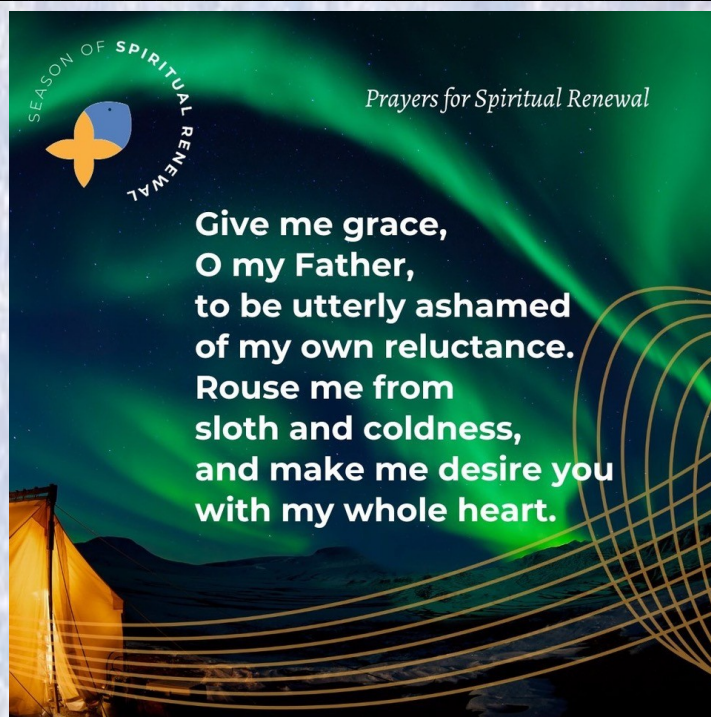
Hear the opera star
sing Christmas Songs

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH
32 Elgin St, Collingwood, Ontario L9Y 4V2

\$30 TICKETS AT DOOR
DOORS OPEN 6:00PM
CONCERT 7:00PM

Please remember those whose names are on our Parish Prayer List. We pray for their caregivers and all who assist others in need.

“Please pray for these people during the week” - Brenda Teeter, Sandra Girdle, Mary Ratensperger, Eric Vignola, Wolf, SSN, Irene McVeigh, Brian, John, Gail, Penny, Sean, Katy, Terry, Ann Pope, Patricia, Helmut Moses, Faith.



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

Christmas Flowers - If you would like to decorate the Church this Christmas with flowers you can call the office 705-445-3841 or e-mail allsaintschurch@bmts.com with your wording by 10am Wednesday December 4th. Flowers can be left in the Church beginning Wednesday December 18th.

We have 20 beautiful artificial poinsettias. If you would like to make a donation to the Church (a ministry of your choice) in memory of a loved one please contact the office and we can display one of the poinsettias in their memory. A note will be placed in the Christmas Eve Bulletin and on the Screen.

Calendars have Arrived - Calendars are \$6 each limited availability on a first come first serve basis. Contact the church office to make arrangements for payment and pick up.



Forward Day by Day November, December and January are available for pick up at the church office. A donation towards the cost would be appreciated.