

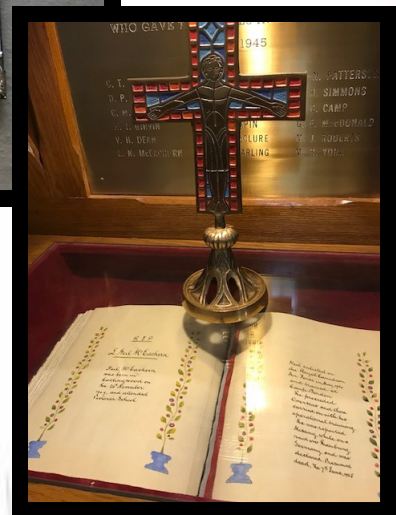
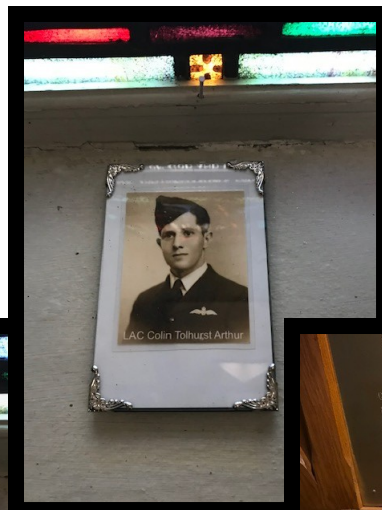
ALL SAINTS ALIVE
THE NEWSLETTER OF ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH COLLINGWOOD
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Wow....where has this year gone???? Already November and in a very short while, we will be into the Advent Season. Time flies when you are having fun, right??

Not to get political but, as I write this part of the newsletter, I must admit that I am somewhat sad. When I look at the news of our world today, I often wonder what our God, who we know, and love and worship, is thinking about His creation. We see conflict in many parts of our world because of the aggression of leaders who want to achieve greater powers...we see parts of our world where innocent people are starving because of government and multi-national company policies...we see disasters due to neglect of protecting our environment...we hear of leaders who dictate policies based on their own wants and needs, (and rich friends), not on those of their citizens or for those in desperate need in other countries....these have been happening throughout our world for the last few years....and now there is good reason, after yesterday, to believe that all those previously mentioned issues, will now be occurring closer to us.

We hope not... we pray for better things to happen as time goes on.

This weekend we remember those who made the supreme sacrifice in protecting our country and our freedom. Our church service this Sunday, will honour those who served in the two world wars, the Korean Conflict and in peacekeeping missions service people. Attached to this newsletter are photos from our church honouring many of those individuals.



Father Michael shares with us his thoughts our southern friends' election yesterday....

Rector's Message



As I write this I am, like many of you, I suspect, digesting the news of the American election. Today some will be elated by the outcome, and others will be dismayed. In the short term, I think it's likely that the animosity and grievance between these two groups will only increase. In the longer term, it's easy to see only cause for fear and pessimism.

As Canadians, we are not insulated from how our American friends and neighbours govern themselves. We are tied to them in so many ways, from culture and trade to sports and holidays. For decades we've depended on America to guard our freedom and to uphold human rights, fair trade, and international law. Who knows if these certainties will continue? Perhaps, as it feels, we are on the brink of some new and ominous chapter in world history.

I draw comfort from this Sunday's second lesson from Hebrews, which promises that "Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him" (Heb 9.28).

Hebrews assures us that Jesus, who was present when God "created all things" (Heb 1.2), is our faithful king and high priest who will return to set all things to rights. We may find ourselves living in dark and sinful times, but Jesus has already saved us from our sin and darkness. Our task is to wait patiently, to be true to Jesus' command to love our neighbour, and to trust that light will prevail.

In a few weeks we will be in Advent, a time for patient waiting and trust in Christ, the light that no darkness can overcome. It may well be that in Advent we find our true politics.

Fr Michael

Our church food ministries are active once again. Yesterday, the Five Loaves programme sent meals to the Busby Centre (Out of the Cold) and to the Mobile Soup Kitchen (Elephant Thoughts)...we thank the many volunteers from our Parish who make this happen. As Gill Elias said, "when they see me at the door with dinner, they are so excited!" (Out of the Cold). We also thank those who contribute to the All Saints Food Ministries. I met with the Mayor of Collingwood today and she shared her appreciation to those in our community who reach out to others in need.

Next Wednesday, the monthly, Community Friendship Dinner will be held. Please refer to Penny and Donna's report which is attached.

A photograph of a white bowl filled with a hearty chili con carne. The chili is topped with melted cheese and garnished with green herbs. The bowl is set on a light-colored surface with some green leaves scattered around it.

All Saints' Anglican Church Collingwood Community Friendship Dinner
Wednesday November 13th 2024 Dinner Begins at 5pm
Chili with Rice Salads Dinner Roll Desserts
We cannot guarantee that the donated food at our dinners is free from allergens

**ALL SAINTS' COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP DINNER
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 13th, 2024**

Our next Friendship Dinner will be on Wednesday November 13th, and we will be serving Chili (beef and vegetable), Rice, Veggies, Salads, Fruit and Desserts to about 100 guests.

We will be cooking the chili and rice in the church kitchen, but we do also need many **salads, veggie trays, deserts and fruit**. If you are able to donate any of these for the dinner please let me know as it makes it easier for us to know that we have enough food.

As always, we need a **team of helpers to serve the meal and to wash dishes and clean up afterwards**. So if you have an hour or two to spare on the 13th, please consider helping us.

There is a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall, but you can also email me at penny-bourne2@gmail.com to let me know if you can help with this.

** We love receiving monetary donations, too! Please send to the office or put it in the offertory plate, and mark your donation for the Food Ministry, and don't forget your name and address for a tax receipt.

Many thanks,
Penny

On Saturday, October 26th, the monthly Women's Breakfast was held. The 'full house' had a most wonderful time of spiritual fellowship. Catherine Raaflaub shares her photos with us!



As we approach Advent, Father Michael shares with us a special concert that will be taking place at All Saints....



Christmas Concert at All Saints Dec 13

Dmytro Garbovskyi is a classically trained opera singer who left Ukraine to make his home in Collingwood. Some of us had the chance to hear his powerful and melodic singing during the Art Crawl here in September.

Dmytro will be returning to All Saints for a Christmas concert on Friday, December 13th at 7pm. We will have more information on ticket costs and purchasing soon. Save the date!

David Penhale, our church coordinator for the Primate's World Relief Fund shares with us some important news about this programme.

Hope Corner

A new name! "After almost two years of listening together and planning, PWRDF has chosen a new name, Alongside Hope. It was approved, along with its French equivalent, *Auprès de l'espoir*, at a Special Members meeting held Tuesday, October 15." (from the PWRDF website) The new name is meant to better reflect the fund's work around the world, which centres on partnership. In the same spirit, this column will now be called Hope Corner.

On November 10, the Sunday before Remembrance Day, we will gather in the churches of our shared ministry in solemn celebration of the service and sacrifice offered by Canadians in war. War has not touched us on Canadian soil for many years. The rest of the world is not as fortunate. According to the Geneva Academy, there are some 110 armed conflicts ongoing beyond our borders. We see some of these conflicts in the news. Others go unreported. Some started recently. Others have lasted for more than 50 years.

Alongside Hope takes action. For example, "in 2022, PWRDF began supporting a project with the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (ECSS) to help people returning home after the civil war to rebuild their lives. Based on its success and continued need, the project was renewed in 2024." In the Middle East, "due to intensifying conflict between the Israel Defense Force and Hezbollah, the humanitarian crisis in Lebanon is worsening, with death, injuries, and displacement of more than 1.5 million people. In response to this ongoing crisis, PWRDF is allocating \$50,000 to an ACT Alliance emergency appeal." In Gaza "PWRDF provided \$30,000 in emergency funding to Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza, a long standing partner. Shortly afterwards, PWRDF and the Anglican Alliance began consulting with the Diocese of Jerusalem on ways to support communities affected by the ongoing conflict. From February to July 2024, PWRDF contributed \$175,000 to the first phase of the project, enhancing access to healthcare and education. Building on the project's success, PWRDF is now allocating an additional \$100,000 to continue from August 2024 to January 2025." (all data from the PWRDF website).

As we pray together in remembrance, let us open our hearts to those whose lives are torn by war. If you would like to support the work that Alongside Hope does on our behalf, please visit the fund's website at <https://pwrdf.org/>

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

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

Today in our prayers we remember Bob Teeter who passed away earlier this week and we keep Brenda and her family in our thoughts.

Father Michael has a special prayer for us as part of our “Spiritual Renewal”. John Henry Newman wrote this prayer in the 19th century.

Give me grace, O my Father, to be utterly

Ashamed of my own reluctance.

Rouse me from sloth and coldness, and

Make me desire you with my whole heart.

Teach me to love meditation, sacred

Reading, and prayer.

Teach me to love that which must engage

My mind for all eternity.



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 THESE ANCESTRAL LANDS ON WHICH WE LIVE, SHARE, LEARN AND PRAY.

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.

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.

Group Leaders - Please pick up a copy of your booking form at the office to book your space for the year 2025. All church groups, rentals, functions etc... must have a form filled out to ensure proper booking of events and postings on the website. Forms should be filled out by as soon as possible to secure your spot.



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