

ALL SAINTS ALIVE
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Our 'In Memoriam' Newsletter

In our newsletter today, we remember those who left us in 2024. Their names and photos are attached below. We think of the good times, filled with joy and laughter. We also remember the difficult times, often with sorrow and sadness, especially when we have to say good bye. But as we look at their pictures and see their faces, we are left with those happy thoughts and memories....



William Anderson



Robert Anderson



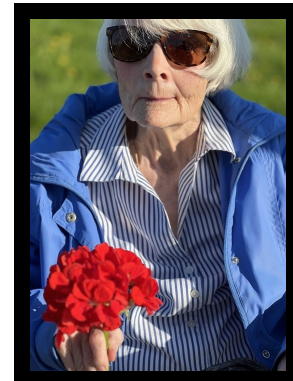
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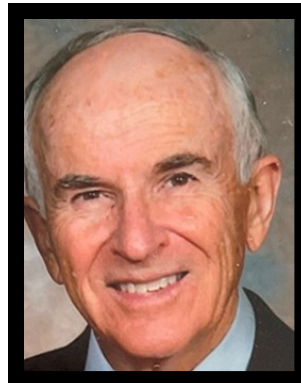
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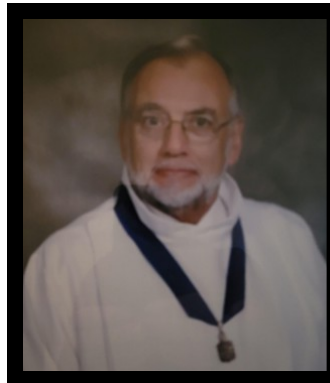
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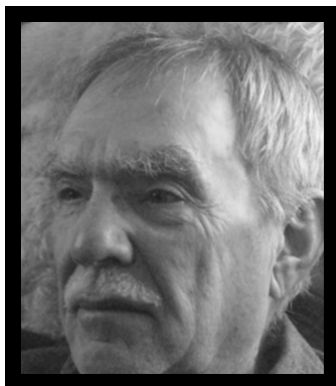
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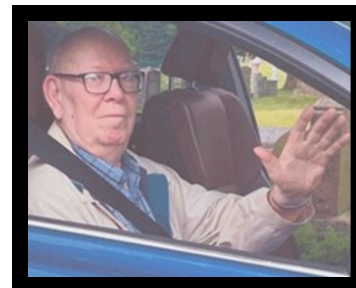
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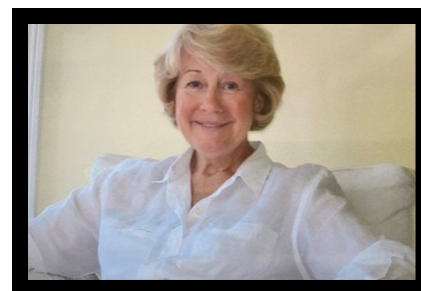
Tom Warner



Clarence Young



Matthew Gombay



Joy Glendene Sivers-English

TO OUR DEPARTED FRIENDS

“Feel no guilt in laughter, they’d know how much you care.
 Feel no sorrow in a smile, that they are not here to share.
 We cannot grieve forever; they would not want us to,
 They’d hope that we could carry on, the way we always do.

So, let us talk about the good times and the way we showed we cared.
 The days we spent together, all the happiness we shared.
 Let memories surround us, a word someone may say,
 Will suddenly recapture, a time, an hour, a day.
 That brings them back as clearly as though they were still here.
 And fill us with the feeling that they are always near.
 For if we keep these moments, we will never be apart
 And they will live forever, locked safely within our hearts.

It's hard to believe but here we are—one month into a new year already! Hopefully everyone is coping with the return to a 'traditional winter' this year.

We welcome Father Michael and Joy back from a well deserved vacation. A big thank you goes out to Reverend Sharon for all her work over the past week or so.

Father Michael shares with us information about 'Candlemas', one of the important days in the Anglican Communion.

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple: Some Liturgical Notes on this Sunday, Feb 2



The Presentation of Christ by Hans Holbein the Elder, 1500.

This coming Sunday, February 2, happens to be the fixed date for one of the Principal Feasts in the Anglican Communion. The Feast of the Presentation of Christ occurs forty days after Christmas. While it has other names, The Feast of the Presentation commemorates the occasion described in chapter two of Luke's gospel, when Mary and Joseph bring the infant Jesus to the Temple.

As faithful Jews, in accordance with the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph were required to bring their firstborn son to the Temple to be redeemed (see Leviticus 12 and Exodus 13:12-15). Think of it as a kind of christening service. At the same time, Jewish law required that forty days after giving birth, Mary should present herself for ritual purification, as childbirth was considered to make a woman temporarily unclean. For this reason, this Feast is sometimes called The Feast of the Purification of the Virgin. Older Anglicans may recall the service of "The Churching of Women", which can be found in the old Book of Common Prayer, and is a sort of Cristian survival of the Jewish rite of purification of new mothers.

The customary sacrifice for the presentation of a firstborn sun was a lamb, but Luke's gospel mentions that Mary and Joseph brought two birds (doves or pigeons) which was an allowable sacrifice for poorer families. This detail in Luke reinforces the idea of the humility of the Holy Family, and helps understand Mary's Magnificat, which stresses the lifting up of the poor over the privileged.

Luke also includes two characters, Simeon and Anna, who both recognize the infant Jesus as the promised Messiah. Simeon and Anna are both figures of patient hope and faithfulness, people who have been waiting their whole lives trusting that God would deliver on God's promises. Simeon's words have become famous in liturgy as the "Nunc Dimittis" and are used in the Prayer Book service of Evening Prayer:

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, / according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, / which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, / and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Anna, a holy widow who lives in the temple, is described as a prophet, and is honoured in the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches as St Anna the Prophet. The only time she appears in the lectionary in the Sunday gospel readings is when the Feast of the Presentation falls on a Sunday.

Finally, another name for this feast is Candlemas. In the western church, the service began with a candlelit procession, and the priest would bless beeswax candles to be used in the church in the coming year. Some of these candles would be distributed to parishioners for prayers in the home. At All Saints we have observed Candlemas in the last few years when February 2 fell on a weeknight, using the Book of Common Prayer, and have distributed candles. We will be blessing and distributing candles this Sunday in honour of this ancient Christian practice.

Since our last newsletter, a lot has been happening at All Saints. Our Après Ski Services have commenced, our Diocesan Bishop, Andrew and his wife Mary, paid us a visit and once again our International Dinner Committee, came through with an amazing tribute to the Scottish Bard. Our new year at All Saints is off to a wonderful start!

Next week our Food Ministries start again as Five Loaves will be preparing approximately 100 meals for Out the Cold Busby Centre, Mobile Soup Kitchen and others in our community. A week later, the Community Friendship

Dinner will once again welcome guest to a wholesome meal in the Parish Hall. These church groups are always welcoming support, whether it be a financial donation to the meal or a 'hands on' volunteer contribution.



Moira Southwell shares information regarding the 2025 Aware Conference to be held on May 2-4 at Elim Lodge. More information follows in Moira's report.

AWARE (All Women Alive, Renewed and Enriched) Is Back!

This is the annual women's retreat held at Elim Lodge May 2, 3, and 4, 2025 offering spiritual refreshment, challenge and a lot of fun too!

The theme this year is "30 years of shining his light!" Celebrating the milestone of 30 years of AWARE!

The weekend will offer talks by the speaker, small group discussions, worshipful music, a variety of workshops, amazing food and fellowship as well as blissful solitude by sitting by the lake listening to the loons!

Our speaker for the weekend is Robynn Bliss. Robynn is a certified Spiritual Director and for many years a missionary in India

The Chaplin for the weekend is our very own Fr. Sharon Sangster!

For more info or questions contact Moira Southwell or Sharon Goldsworthy.

There are also information sheets on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. If we register together we can possibly room together with friends. There are lots of cottages that sleep anywhere from 4-8 people.

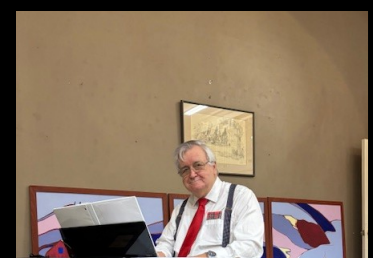
Hope you can join us!

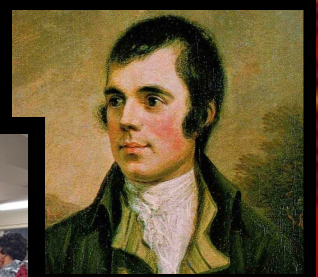
An All Saints parishioner, Kate MacKeracher, had a wonderful opportunity to meet and chat with our Interim Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Anne Germond, at a recent event in Sudbury. Kate is a family doctor serving the citizens of Manitoulin Island. Photos courtesy of Pat MacKeracher.



As was mentioned above, our International Dinner Committee organized a wonderful tribute to the Scottish Bard, Robbie Burns. Parishioner Piper, Brian Raaflaub led the procession for the 'presentation of the Haggis, carried by head chef, Penny Bourne and followed by Jim Cunningham, toaster of the Haggis. Over 70 participants enjoyed a traditional Scottish meal with meat pies.

The programme for the evening was led by MC David Trafford and music was provided by Barry De Silva and Brian Raaflaub. Many 'toasts' were done to honour 'Rabbie'. We extend our thanks for the many hours of work, to the committee members, Jim Cunningham, Paulette and Barry De Silva, Nancy Strand, Penny and Anthony Bourne, Kathi and Robert Wilkinson and Barbara and David Trafford. Over \$1500 was raised for the church! (Staff photos attached)





In your prayers this week, please remember those whose names are on our Parish Prayer List. We pray for there caregivers and for all who help 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, Terry, Ann Pope, Patricia, Faith, Marilyn Knowles, Rickey Lemire.

Today we remember the families and friends of two former parishioners at All Saints. Rose Sutherland passed away earlier this week. Rose was a long-time member of the choir and ACW member.

Also, this week we mourn the passing of Gwen Tkatch. Gwen was a regular parishioner at All Saints and served on the Chancel Guild.

Please keep Rose’s and Gwen’s family and friends in your thoughts.

“The Magic Bank Account”...While looking through the photos of those who we lost in 2024, it made me think how wonderful it was to have known them. It also made me realize how special it is to know those who are part of our lives as we live each day. In a world where millions of people struggle each day to survive, I realize how lucky we are living where we do.
The Magic Bank Account gives us some good advice!

**THE MAGIC BANK ACCOUNT
THE AUTHOR IS NOT KNOWN.**

Imagine that you had won the Following *PRIZE* in a contest:

Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 In your private account for your use.

However, this prize has Rules:

The set of Rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend It.
4. Each morning upon awakening, The bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that Day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time, it can say, Game Over!" It can close the account .. And you will not receive a new one

What would you personally Do?

You would buy anything and Everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

ACTUALLY, This GAME is REAL...SORT OF...

Shocked ???

Each of us is already a winner Of this *PRIZE*

We just can't seem to see it.

The PRIZE is *TIME*

1. Each morning we awaken to Receive 86,400 seconds , As a gift of Life.
2. And when we go to sleep at Night, any remaining time is Not credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that Day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever Gone.
5. Each morning the account is Refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time WITHOUT WARNING...

SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much More than the same amount in dollars. Think about it and remember to Enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than You think.

So take care of yourself, be Happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful And beautiful day.

Start spending...

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS RESIDES ON THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORY OF THE WENDAT AND ANISHNAABE PEOPLES. THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT REMINDS US OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO OUR RELATIONSHIPS TO THE ANCESTRAL LANDS ON WHICH WE LIVE, SHARE, LEARN AND PRAY.

Shrove Tuesday is March the 4th and All Saints will be offering the traditional pancake dinner that night (time to be determined). Men interested in cooking and helping can please contact Fr. Michael.

Vestry Meeting

Sunday March 2nd after the 9:30am service. Vestry reports are to be submitted to the office via email allsaintschurch@bmts.com by no later than Wednesday February 5th 10am.