

ALL SAINTS ALIVE
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Welcome back to our newsletter. It has been a while since we last connected and a lot has happened! After an incredible Holy Week and Easter celebration, our regional Parishes gathered together a week ago to officially welcome a new priest to the ministry team.

Reverend Dr. Amy Pauley was ordained last Friday evening at All Saints. With Bishop Shaw and many visiting clergy in attendance and close to one hundred parishioners from our three regional parishes as witnesses to this wonderful event, Rev. Amy accepted her vows.

Father Michael welcomes Amy

A Note on Rev Amy's Ordination Service: The "Holy Huddle"



On Friday May 2nd All Saints was home to a wonderful and joyous event as our curate, the Rev. Dr. Amy Pauley, was ordained as a priest in the Anglican Church of Canada. Amy will be with us for another year, and while her duties are mostly serving the people of Prince of Peace, Wasaga Beach, we hope to see more of her at All Saints now that she is a priest, and very much hope that she

will choose remain in our Regional Ministry as an Associate Priest after her curacy concludes.

One of the curious parts of the ordination service is when the Bishop lays hands on the person being ordained and consecrates them in holy orders. The principle of the laying on of hands and allowing the Holy Spirit to work through touch is an ancient Christian tradition, used in other services such as at the ministry of healing and anointing of the sick.

At a priestly ordination, in principle only the ordaining bishop lays his hands upon the ordinand to confer the Holy Spirit. However, the priests present, or if there are too many, a representative group, also lay their hands upon the candidate as a sign of their communion in the one priesthood of Christ in what Anglicans irreverently call the "Holy Huddle". The idea is that just as the priests present have themselves received the Holy Spirit in an unbroken chain going back to the first apostles, it is their duty and privilege to welcome the new priest into this line of succession. This is a very solemn and dramatic part of the ordination service, and when the ordinand emerges from the huddle, they are the newest priest in Christ's holy, catholic and apostolic church!

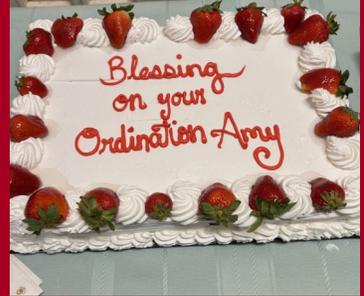
Reverend Amy shares her thoughts and comments...and we have included many photos of her ordination! We all welcome Rev. Amy!!!!

I'd like to thank All Saints for their support in making my ordination so wonderful! I really appreciate the All Saints' team for stepping up and offering their space, time, and gifts. I especially want to thank Rev Michael for his liturgical leadership, and Barry for his dedication to making the music perfectly suited and touching. Also, I'd like to thank the All Saints' choir for their singing talents as well as the liturgical servers who assisted in the celebration. And thank you to Penny and the team for organising and offering a beautiful reception. The whole evening was a joyful embodiment of our spiritual communion as regional churches. And I'm delighted to be a priest here!



Many blessings,
Amy





On Easter Sunday, the sanctuary was filled with that wonderful flower that is now part of our Easter tradition. Our church historian and archivist, Mary Lou Dunn, shares with us the 'story of the Easter lily'.



Lilies Are Frequently Found in the Bible

While commercial bulb production of Easter lilies only began in the 19th century, lilies make many appearances in both the Old and New Testaments, emphasizing the flower's importance to Christianity. King Solomon spoke of them, and Christ referenced them, too. Mention of lilies in the Bible include:

"I will be like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like a lily. Like a cedar of Lebanon he will send down his roots" (Hosea 14:5).

"Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these" (Luke 12:27).

Lilies Are the Symbol of Several Christian Figures

Referred to as "white-robed apostles of hope," lilies are believed to have sprouted from the ground where Christ's blood and tears fell during crucifixion, as well as in the Garden of Gethsemane after his betrayal. It's also said they grew in the Garden of Eden from Eve's anguished tears. Because they represent purity, lilies are identified with the Virgin Mary, and in artworks depicting the Annunciation to the Virgin they are often found in the angel Gabriel's hand. The flower is also associated with the saints Anthony of Padua and Catherine of Siena.

It's thought that Easter lilies came to symbolize Christ not only because they embody purity—the trumpet-shaped blooms recall the horns that heralded the resurrection of Christ. And the life cycle of Easter lilies, which grow from a bulb for several years beneath the earth before blossoming into magnificent flowers, recalls Jesus' death and resurrection. What other springtime flower could possibly represent Easter and Christ better?

Easter lilies symbolize purity, hope, new life, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Their pure white color and trumpet shape are associated with these themes, making them a fitting symbol for the Easter holiday.

Here's a more detailed look at the symbolism:

Purity and Innocence:

The white color of Easter lilies is a strong symbol of purity and innocence, often associated with the Virgin Mary and Christ's sinlessness.

Hope and New Life:

The Easter lily's emergence from a bulb, blooming after a dormant period, is symbolic of the resurrection and rebirth of Jesus Christ, offering hope for a new life.

Resurrection:

The trumpet-like shape of the Easter lily is said to represent a trumpet sounding the message that Jesus has risen, further emphasizing the symbolism of the resurrection.

Many of our church members, (women!), attended the AWARE retreat last weekend. Over 120 Anglican women attended this annual event and our own Rev. Sharon was the clergy leader! Moira Southwell gives us a report on the conference and has shared some photos.

Several of All Saints' Ladies attended an Aware Retreat this past weekend at Elim Lodge in Buckhorn, ON. Violet White, Janet Adams, Mary Lou Dunn, Vanessa West, Sharon Goldsworthy and myself, plus our very own Fr. Sharon who was chaplain for the weekend.



The theme for the weekend was "30 years of shining His light". The weekend consisted of a speaker, Robynn Bliss, who spent 13 years with her husband as a missionary in North India. There were small group discussions after each of the speakers talks. Each morning there was a cold plunge into the lake at sunrise. Only Violet was the bravest amongst our group to wake up that early and partake. On Saturday night, we were entertained by a talented duo named SoulCord that kept us tapping our feet, clapping our hands and tripping the light fantastic over the lively music of the boomers age! Of course, there was ample delicious meals provided to us!

I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

Moira



Our Food Ministry programme continued yesterday with the Community Friendship Dinner. Thanks go out to Penny and Paulette and their team of volunteers!

On May 7th our Five Loaves programme prepared 100 meals and these were delivered to the Busby Centre, Mobile Soup Kitchen and to others in our community who are unable to attend the Friendship Dinners. Thanks to Sharon Goldsworthy and Gill Elias and their team of volunteers who make this happen.

Happy Victoria Day!

Father Michael has announced the winner of this year's Holy Halo.



Zechariah Wins Lent Madness 2025

In a surprise march to the Holy Halo, Zechariah defeated many significant and exotic challengers, including the highly favoured Anglican/Sikh mystic Sundar Singh, in this year's Lent Madness matchup.

So who is Zechariah? He's one of two people with that name in scripture. Their shared name has the Hebrew meaning of "God remembers", an appropriate name for a prophet or priest who encourages Israel in times of hardship and misfortune. In the Old Testament, Zechariah is a prophet, one of the exiles who returned from Babylon and who encouraged the Israelites to rebuild the Temple. There is a book in the Old Testament supposedly written by this Zechariah.

Our Zechariah is the one found in Luke's gospel (Luke 1:5-80), a priest who is serving in the innermost part of the temple, the holiest of places, when he receives a prophecy from the angel Gabriel that he and his wife Elizabeth, who is barren, will have a son named John who will become known as John the Baptist.

What makes Zechariah human and real to us is that he is sceptical, despite getting a message from an angel! Gabriel, who seems to be a little miffed by Zechariah's doubt, makes him mute until the day of John's circumcision, when he confirmed the child's name. "Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue was released, and he began to speak, praising God" (Lk 1:64). When he gets his voice back, he praises God in one of the loveliest hymns in scripture, the Song of Zechariah (Lk 1:67-79), a song emphasizing God's faithfulness to His covenant promises.

Zack's song (it's surely OK to call him Zack) became known as the Benedictus because of the first word of its Latin version, "Blessed be the Lord". In 1549, when Thomas Cranmer was writing what would become the Book of Common Prayer, he chose the Benedictus as the second of two canticles, or songs, to include in the Office of Morning Prayer. Anglicans of a certain vintage may remember singing these words:

*Blessed be the Lord God of Israel : for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us : in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets : which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies : and from the hands of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers : and to remember his holy Covenant;
To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather Abraham : that he would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies : might serve him without fear;
In holiness and righteousness before him : all the days of our life.
And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord
to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people : for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God : whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death : and to guide our feet into the way of
peace.*

So here's to Zack, a worthy winner of the Golden Halo because he was human enough to doubt, and then inspired by the Holy Spirit with beautiful words that recognized the work of salvation that God would do. Like old Simeon in Luke 2, who got to hold his Messiah, the infant Jesus, Zechariah also got to hold a child, Jesus' cousin John, who would become the herald of the Son of God.

On Sunday, April 27, a special Vestry was held after church to vote on a motion to direct the Corporation of All Saints Collingwood to sell 13 acres of excess cemetery land. This motion was approved unanimously as was a similar motion by the Cemetery Board. As of today the church is in the process of obtaining a Zoning Amendment with the Town of Collingwood. This will re-zone the land to include industrial/commercial uses. The land in question, is in an area of Collingwood that already has these uses. Upon obtaining the new zoning, the church will apply for a 'Consent to Sever', and once severance takes place, the property can be sold. Funds from the sale of the land will be split between All Saints and the Diocese.

Our Wardens have been very busyhere is their update.

An Update from the Wardens

We were fortunate enough to receive a grant from the Ontario Government which allowed us to enhance our safety and security. New exterior lighting has been installed around the church and the doors and locks have been repaired and upgraded. A video intercom now allows Nancy to see who is asking to be let in, enhancing her security.

The Gardening Guild will be out in full in the new few weeks readying our church for spring. We look forward to see what they have in store for us. We do have three underused raised beds, on the rectory front lawn that are looking for caregivers. If you know of a group that would like to adopt one for the summer- let us know!

Our social media campaign is up and running. We have had help to pull together all our previous user names and access and are now under one umbrella and a google business account. We hope this will expand our reach and share the good word and our good works! We are a busy, thriving community and want to Invite, welcome and connect with our community. You can help by 1) signing up for Facebook and Instagram 2) commenting, liking or sharing the posts 3) give us a google review by clicking [here](#). Each review helps others find their parish home.

We are getting a new database to help with administration, communication and stewardship. We are very pleased to have this opportunity to keep our parish roll current and communication more personal and timely. It will help us manage our volunteers and events and while some of us will need to learn about all it can do for us, we are excited to move forward with this.

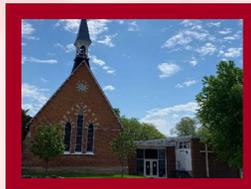
The June calendar is already getting busy. Make sure you make note of the events on our [web page](#) that you'd like to attend.

As we move into the second half of May (already????), there are many events taking place before the summer months arrive. It's called 'gearing up to gear down'. Please mark your calendars with these dates:

May 21 - Women's Group

May 24 - The Newcomers Tea Party, organized by the Welcome Committee of All Saints, 2:30pm-4:30pm...please RSVP to Nancy in the church office 705-445-3841

June 8 - Regional Ministry Service 10:30am Pentecost Sunday...Joint service at our newest partner, Good Shepherd, Stayner. Our curate Rev. Amy, will be the preacher and celebrant. Please plan on staying afterwards for a delicious pot-luck lunch and BBQ. Please NOTE: There will be no 9:30am service at All Saints on June 8. Good Shepherd is located at 219 Scott Street, Stayner.



June 21 - Indigenous Day of Prayer in the Anglican Church. At All Saints we are planning some events to help focus our thoughts on the role of Indigenous People in our Canadian church and during the month of June we shall resume the practice of beginning our worship services with the Land Acknowledgement. We will also offer opportunities to learn more about our church's call to action to make reconciliation more real and lasting, including a book study and (hopefully), a guest speaker. More to follow.

July 5 - Our Parish social committee will be hosting a BBQ on Saturday, July 5th from noon to 2:00 pm in the backyard of the rectory....Canada Day theme! All are welcome...live music courtesy of Maestro Barry and the Boys.



SEASON OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

As part of Bishop Andrew's Season of Spiritual Renewal, there will be a Diocesan wide service at All Saints Whitby, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 31. All are welcome to go and hear uplifting music, inspiring preaching, and a chance to meet Anglicans from all over our vast Diocese.



There will also be another service at St. James in Orillia on September 27th. A bus has been chartered from All Saints. To book a seat on the bus, please speak to Father Michael. There will be no charge for the bus but a free will offering for the ride will be appreciated.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES!!!

There were lots of birthdays and anniversaries last week...

Birthday ...Jimmy Kelly and Terry White

Anniversaries...Donita and Brian Ruppert, Janet and Ian Adams, Catherine and Brian Raaflaub



Our Christmas boiler appeal generated much positive response, both in financial contributions and in creativity! We received this lovely poem from an anonymous bard.

To clarify where we are with the Boiler appeal, we still don't have a clear idea of how much the project will cost or when it will start. The clergy and wardens are grateful for all your donations, which have been carefully dedicated to this project. In the meantime, any contribution you can make to this important cause will be gratefully received and will keep future Saints warm and toasty!

A Reply To An Appeal For Help

Inspired by Father Michael's Carol,
With Apologies to Ogden Nash.

It was about tow weeks after Christmas day,
(We'd had colds over Christmas but now we're okay),
We'd seen all our kids, great hugs and great fun,
But happy now that peace and quiet has come.

And good news, the mailman is up and is running,
So, at last our Christmas cards are coming.
But Buried in the pile is a poem form our Pastor
Warning us – we're facing a frosty disaster!

Your poem takes us back to our past Christmas night,
Who knew our old boiler could cause such a plight?

Just Imagine: Our Innocence. Neither one of us knowing,
Safe and warm in our Church while outside it was snowing,
Singing carols while our boiler is suddenly blowing!

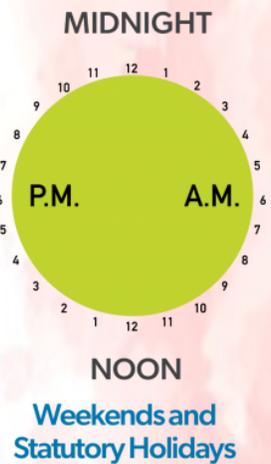
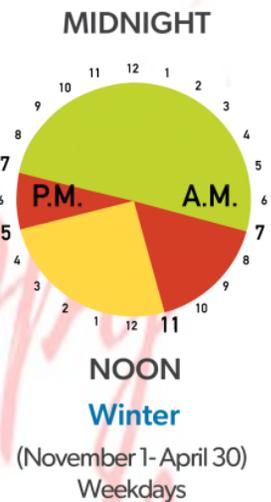
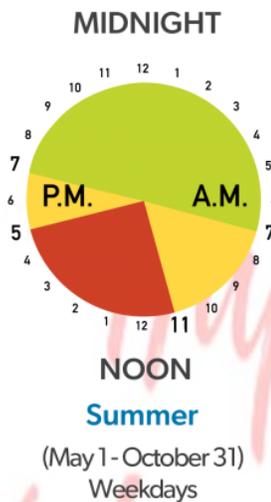
Just Imagine: a "BANG". Heads turning in fright,
Is Anyone hurt? Are we all –right?
Now a gurgling sound, now a breeze on the knees,
Now nobody's singing, we all need to sneeze.
Make this nightmare end, please, please, please!!

Okay Pastor, we know we're a little bit late,
But the need is great, so pass us the plate.
It's not a lot, but it's what we've got,
Hope it helps to keep the new boiler hot.

In your prayers this week, please remember those who are on are Parish Prayer List. We also pray for their caregivers and for all who assist others.

“Please pray for these people during the week” - Brenda Teeter, Sandra Girdle, Mary Ratenperger, Eric Vignola, Wolf, SSN, Irene McVeigh, Brian, John, Gail, Penny, Sean, Terry, Ann Pope, Patricia, Rickey Lemire, Meryl White, Paul Reid, Barbara Jane Johnston, Elijah.

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.



Victoria Day!



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