

**ALL SAINTS ALIVE**  
**THE NEWSLETTER OF ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
**COLLINGWOOD, ONTARIO**  
**June 13, 2025**

Welcome back to our newsletter! A lot has happened since we last connected and I am pleased to share as much information as I can!



Wow! What an amazing church service last Sunday at Church of the Good Shepherd in Stayner. It was an incredible display of the “spirit of Pentecost” and the energy that makes our regional ministry so alive and well in Southern Georgian Bay!

A full congregation was welcomed to Good Shepherd by Grenville Bray, a true Christian, a friend, church leader, teacher, community advocate...and one of the nicest persons you could ever want to meet! Gren has been the live blood of Good Shepherd and in the community of Stayner for many years and I am so honoured to be able to call him a friend.

Our service on the Day of Pentecost was led by our newest priest, Reverend Amy and she was assisted by Rev. Sharon, Deacon Lorna and Canon Gord. Father Michael was there as well, organizing and guiding. Canon Gord gave an insightful sermon, focusing on the ‘spirit of the Lord’ and the that spirit can never be broken or changed.

Parishioners from all four Parishes celebrated the Day of Pentecost and shared in a most wonderful luncheon afterwards.

We thank all those individuals who participated in the service...”The Band” as Gren announced and all those who donated food and prepared food, for the luncheon afterwards.



We are truly blessed with our clergy, our lay ministers and assistants, as well as all our Anglican friends in Wasaga Beach, Clearview and Collingwood. We thank you Lord, for allowing us to live, work and pray in this special part of your world!

(photos courtesy of Catherine Raaflaub)



Mary Lou Dunn, our archivist at All Saints, has shared with us information about the Day of Pentecost....

### What is Pentecost?



Pentecost is one of the most important and celebrated events in the Christian calendar. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and followers of Jesus Christ, as described in the book of Acts. This miraculous event, which occurred fifty days after Easter, marks the birth of the Christian Church and the beginning of its mission to spread the Gospel to all nations.

### What is Pentecost Sunday?

Pentecost, derived from the Greek word “Pentēkostē” meaning “fiftieth,” is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter. In the Old Testament, it was known as the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot) and celebrated the end of the grain harvest and the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai. For Christians, Pentecost signifies the fulfillment of Jesus’ promise to send the Holy Spirit to His disciples.

### The story of Pentecost is found in the book of Acts, chapter 2:

**Acts 2:1-4 (KJV):** “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

On that day, the apostles were gathered in Jerusalem when the Holy Spirit descended upon them in the form of tongues of fire. They began to speak in different languages, enabling them to preach the Gospel to people from various nations who had come to Jerusalem for the feast. This miraculous event marked the beginning of the apostles’ public ministry and the spread of Christianity.



Our church Food Ministries continue to provide outreach for those in our community who are in need. Five Loaves provided meals to close to 100 individuals at the Busby Centre, the Mobile Soup Kitchen and to shut ins in our town. Thanks go out to Sharon Goldsworthy, Gill Elias and their team of dedicated volunteers. And we salute Penny Bourne and Paulette de Silva and their group of volunteers for an amazing Community Friendship Dinner on Wednesday of this week.

A short while ago, the All Saints Welcome Committee, held a special tea for parishioners new to our church. (Photos courtesy of Penny Bourne)

**The Welcome Committee** offered a scrumptious afternoon full of treats and tea for some of the new members at All Saints' church. Presentations were made by Mary Lou on the history of the church and Jim Cunningham on the Foundation. It was an opportunity for everyone to get to know each other a little better. It was informal and so much fun. I think we must have the best parishioners in the world. Huge thanks have to go to my team of amazing woman, who baked, decorated, entertained and did all the dishes. 🥰





Father Michael and Joy are about to embark on some 'well deserved' holiday time. However, before Michael leaves us for a couple of weeks, he has shared some important information....

### **Clean Up Georgian Bay**

Georgian Bay Forever, an environmental charity that aims to conserve, protect, and restore the aquatic ecosystems of Georgian Bay, is looking for volunteers who would like to help clean up our shoreline.

Every Tuesday, they are at Sunset Point Park from 9:30am-11:30am and Wasaga Beach 2 from 1pm-3pm and would welcome your help. Contact them at [plastics@gbf.org](mailto:plastics@gbf.org) or visit their website: [www.gbf.org](http://www.gbf.org)

### **Men's Golf Fellowship (MGF)**

Bruce Day from Hope Chapel, Collingwood, is hoping to start a local chapter of Men's Golf Fellowship, a Christian organization dedicated to golf, fellowship, and deepening faith. If you'd like to learn more, please reach out to Bruce at 416-726-5178 or email him at [bruceter.d@hotmail.com](mailto:bruceter.d@hotmail.com)

### **Guest Preacher for Sunday June 22nd**

On June 22nd the Anglican Church of Canada observes the National Indigenous Day of Prayer. Our guest preacher this Sunday will be Captain the Rev. Michael Bowyer, the Padre for the 3rd Canadian Ranger Patrol Group, based at CFB Borden. The Rangers are a largely indigenous part of the Canadian Armed Forces, responsible for maintaining the sovereignty of Canada's North. Padre Bowyer will speak about the work of the Rangers, and the challenges faced by indigenous communities in Northern Ontario.



Lots of things are happening in our Parish before the summer officially sets in. Our forever social team (International Dinner Committee and Robbie Burns Committee and 'party central'), are at it again! Please reserve Saturday, July 5th, on your calendars for a "Garden Party", a Parish Barbecue and Social—a great time to get together and see everyone before the summer holidays really set in! Please see poster and information attached!

## **All Saints Church Collingwood Saturday July 5th 2025 12pm – 2pm Canada Day Rector's Garden Party**

# **BBQ**

Hamburgers Sausages Veggie Burgers Assorted Salads Cake  
Soft Drinks/Water Available

Free Will Offerings Appreciated Cash accepted for the 50/50 Draw

Sign up by Sunday June 29th 2025 in the Parish Hall  
Email - [allsaintschurch@bmts.com](mailto:allsaintschurch@bmts.com) or call 705-445-3841

Sharon Goldsworthy reminds us of opportunities to learn and celebrate with our Indigenous siblings...June 21st-2:30-3:30 Official opening of Noojimo Mitigwaaki (Healing Forest) 1 Water Street near the Labyrinth in Harbourview Park; June 21st-6:00 p.m-9:00 p.m. National Indigenous People's Day Concert at the Shipyard Amphitheatre. There is also information on the large bulletin board on the way to coffee hour.

On Sunday, June 22nd, we will recognize National Indigenous Day of Prayer at our church service. Our guest preacher for the day will be Captain the Rev. Michael Bowyer. Please see Father Michael's report for more information about Captain Bowyer.

There is also an excellent award winning video put together by the Anglican Church called "Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts" [www.anglican.ca/primate/tfc/drj/doctrineofdiscovery](http://www.anglican.ca/primate/tfc/drj/doctrineofdiscovery)

In your prayers this week, please remember those whose names are on our Parish Prayer List. We also pray for their caregivers and for 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, Terry, Ann Pope, Patricia, Rickey Lemire, Meryl White, Paul Reid, Barbara Jane Johnston.

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.

- **Women's Group** – Wed Jun 18<sup>th</sup> – 7:15pm
- **CO3** – Thurs May Jun 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> – 10am
- **Foundation Director's Meeting** – Thurs Jun 19<sup>th</sup> – 3pm
- **Choir Practice** – Thurs May Jun 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> – 7pm
- **Men's Breakfast** – Thurs Jun 26<sup>th</sup> – 8am
- **International Committee will be holding a Barbecue** – Sat Jul 5<sup>th</sup> – 12noon – 2pm wear red and white!

**Good news!** Our social media strategy is taking shape thanks to your budget support and through your engagement in our efforts. We have increased our followers, are googled more often and even have a few likes and shares! But we still need your help. To expand our reach, we need each of our 178 followers to like a post, share a post or comment on a post. If you don't have a Facebook page, ask your kids or grandkids. The posts are 2-4 week and highlight our four pillars of purpose which shape our ministry and showcasing the vibrant, joyful parish we are.

Our welcoming culture- We welcome strangers and invite them into community and into relationship with Jesus.

Our People and Community- all are members of the body of Christ and valued for their unique gifts of time, treasures and talents

Our life-giving worship-rooted in tradition, expressed through joy and open to all

Our missional outreach- we strive to walk alongside others and serve the work that God loves.

We have also updated our Google business profile and will put more services and music on our own You Tube channel to increase our viewership. In the meanwhile, give us a google review- we have a great rating but the reviews are 5-7 years old- so time to refresh and share what you love about us.

<https://g.page/r/CTVj3L9RIV87EBM/review>

The wardens



**SMP Training** - Sexual Misconduct Policy training on Thursday, June 26th, from 7pm to 8:15pm at Good Shepherd, Stayner.

This training is for all those in medium and high-risk ministry roles, including clergy, employees, and volunteers. New ministry roles require a Sexual Misconduct Policy workshop within the first year, and all parish leadership is required to attend the workshop every three years. The training aims to help individuals understand their obligations and responsibilities in creating and maintaining a safe environment, particularly for children, seniors, and the vulnerable.

Reverend Amy Pauley co-ordinating.

Please contact the office 705-445-3841 [allsaintschurch@bmts.com](mailto:allsaintschurch@bmts.com) to register.