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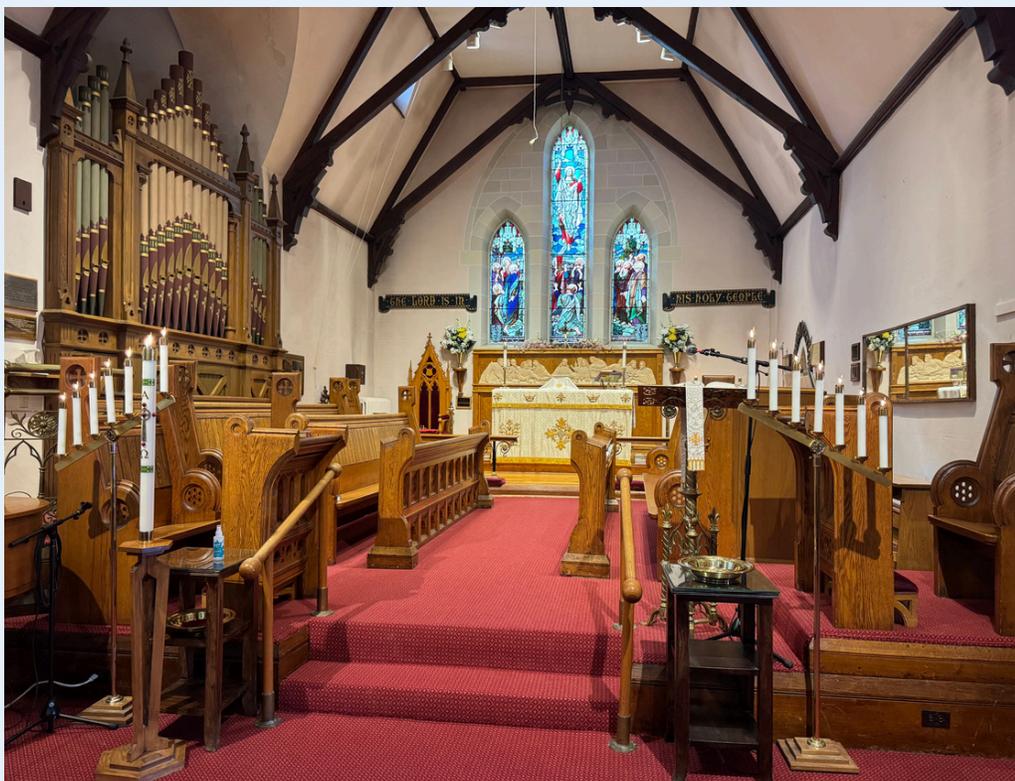
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Welcome to our first newsletter of 2026. I hope you like the new design and layout. A big thank you goes out to Father Michael, the Wardens, Nancy our secretary and a special thanks to the people at "Design Werke" for the new church logo and newsletter format.



This month we unveiled new branding for All Saints, and we thank you for all your enthusiastic feedback. The wardens and I felt that our old branding was neither consistent nor graphically engaging. We wanted a welcoming, contemporary look that captured our heritage and our visual presence in the town of Collingwood.

We engaged a design firm that gave us a variety of thoughtful artistic concepts. We settled on one that is immediately recognizable as the front door of our church facing Ste. Marie Street.

The logo captures the striking twin triangles of that part of the building's architecture, while the colours show our red doors and blue trim. The shape is strong and crisp, showing us rooted in the community while drawing the eye up to seek God's direction and guidance. The door at the centre of the image is an invitation to visit and experience our vibrant church community. The image respects our heritage while the strong, contemporary font looks to our future.

This logo will be quite visible in our marketing going forward so please don't be shy to make a comment on social media, like it, and share it with the broader community.

Fr. Michael and the Wardens



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MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL

MEDITATIONS FROM APRÈS SKI SERVICE

Father Michael tells us about 'Healing and our Christian Faith'.



A Time for Healing

This year the meditations offered during our Saturday Après Ski series focus on the theme of healing and Christian faith. I've asked our clergy team to offer their thoughts and experiences on healing, and I'm looking forward to hearing what they have to say because I am very much not an expert on the subject. Truth be told, I think that when it comes to healing I am like the man who tells Jesus "Lord, I believe, help my unbelief" (Mk 9:24).

I've had lots of experience with illness and with dying, as part of my training and work as a priest and as part of my own life history. I've had no training in healing prayer, and while I've met a few people who've told me that God has healed their medical conditions, I've never been sure how to take these statements. I believe that they believe they've been healed, but part of my rational, sceptical brain can't help thinking that their stories are more belief than fact.

Where does this scepticism come from? Partly it comes from what we call the secular, the whole weight of science, medicine, and technology that seems to drive God out of the world and into the corners of our personal belief. After all, we believe in MRI machines, chemotherapy, psychotherapy, and all the other resources that promise us longer and better lives.

At the same time we have the whole wellness industry, that urges us to improve our bodies and our wellbeing through naturopathy, healthy diets and healthy habits like yoga. Neither medicine nor the wellness industry concede much room for God to act in our lives and in our bodies.

And yet, Jewish and Christian scripture speaks with one voice to say that God can heal, and that God wants to heal. In Luke's gospel, Jesus gives his disciples "power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal" (Lk 9:1-2).

I think many of us, myself included, interpret such passages broadly, so that healing the world and proclaiming the kingdom of God can be our outreach, our food ministries, our hospitality to strangers and to the lonely. And indeed these are worthwhile things to do, as they are part of our calling as followers of Jesus, but God wants to do more than that. God wants to heal, and to heal through us.

Last fall, Rev. Amy led a few of us through a remarkable book by an Avery Brooke, an Anglican layperson. She describes how a dozen retired women met regularly in Brooke's Connecticut parish to learn about spiritual healing. Over time, as they prayed and laid hands on others, remarkable things happened: hands grew "hot as radiators" and "small physical, psychological, and spiritual healings were occurring".

MEDITATIONS FROM APRÈS SKI SERVICE

Continued

As Brooke described it, they learned that making “room for God ... is at the crux of healing. It is not our compassion that heals, it is God’s compassion. It is not our words of prayer that heal, it is God using our words and hands and the energy flowing through us”.

I found Brooke’s advice very encouraging, because I think my disbelief is rooted in my own ego, with all its learning and skepticism, and my pride in my sophistication can get in the way of God’s work. We all know that there is a time to live and time to die, and that these times, like our souls, are in God’s hands, but what if there is also a time to be healed?

My hope for this series is that we will learn to more deeply appreciate some of the good things that we already do at All Saints, such as the ministry of anointing, but that we will make room for God to do more healing in the midst of us, and through us. Who knows what God is waiting to do?

Fr. Michael

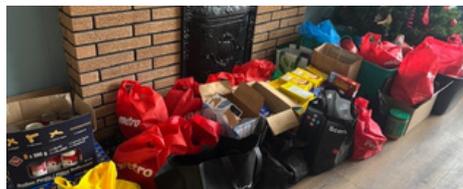
NEWS AND UPDATES

ALL SAINTS' FOOD MINISTRY

Our Food Ministry Programme was very active over the holiday season and now into the new year. The Five Loaves programme delivers over 100 meals to the Busby Centre, the Mobile Soup Kitchen and to individuals in our community who find it difficult to attend the Friendship Dinner at the church. Sharon Goldsworthy and Gill Elias provide the direction and leadership and a supporting cast of almost 15 other parishioners lend their support in order to make this happen!

We sincerely thank all those who are involved in this outreach programme. As well, Penny Bourne and Paulette De Silva lead the way for the monthly Community Friendship Dinner, held on the second Wednesday of every month. Newcomers are most welcome to be involved in this activity, either as a helper, donor or as a dinner guest.

Penny has provided ASA with an update from the Friendship Dinner....as part of her report, Penny has included a photo of the food donations from a local hockey group.



FRIENDSHIP DINNERS - Our December dinner of turkey with all the trimmings was a pre-Christmas celebration with music, gifts and friendship. We served over 100 meals to guests from the community. Our January dinner was a tad smaller but still enjoyed by about 85 guests. Thank you to all who helped.

In December, Father Michael suggested setting out some winter clothing donations so that people could look through them and perhaps take home sweaters, hats or a new winter coat (or two!). This was a big success and so we did the same at the January dinner. Thank you to all who donated the clothing.

Also in December we received a large and very generous donation of food from the Collingwood Vintage Hockey League, which we shared with the St. Luke’s Food Bank.

Our Food Pantry Box continues to be well utilized by those in need, as it is emptied within hours of re-stocking.

Thank you again to all who help with this great ministry,
Penny Bourne

NEWS AND UPDATES

WAYS TO GIVE

We all know that churches and community organizations require financial assistance in order to do the work that they do. All Saints Church does so much in our community and beyond. It relies on the generosity of its church members in order to provide ministerial assistance, not only to its parishioners but to the hundreds of people in Collingwood, who rely on donations in order to survive. Our Wardens have shared some ideas on how we can assist the financial well-being of our Parish and its outreach. "Ways of Giving"...

Ways of Giving to All Saints'

As we begin a new year, we invite parishioners to take a moment to reflect on their charitable giving and consider renewing their commitment to the life and ministry of All Saints. Through the faithful stewardship of our gifts, we support the worship, outreach, and pastoral care that shape our common life as a parish.

Regular Giving: Stewardship of Our Shared Ministry - Consistent, ongoing gifts provide the foundation for the mission and ministry entrusted to us. Regular giving allows the parish to plan responsibly and to sustain worship, music, education, outreach, and the care of our buildings as places of welcome and prayer.

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAR) - Pre-authorized giving is a monthly deduction from your bank account and is a helpful practice of stewardship, offering ease in personal budgeting while providing the parish with reliable and predictable income. This form of giving supports the ongoing work of the church throughout the year, even when you are away.

Envelope Giving - Using an envelope with your assigned number is a helpful reminder to offer your weekly gift in support of the parish. If you choose to use your own envelope, please include your full name and address so that a tax receipt may be issued. Cash donations are gratefully received; however, cash gifts cannot be receipted for tax purposes.

Electronic and Online Giving - Electronic or e-transfers and online giving through CanadaHelps.org offer convenient ways to support the parish while helping to reduce administrative costs. These options may be used for regular offerings or for occasional gifts in support of the church's ministry.

Gifts of Securities: A Thoughtful and Tax-Wise Option - The gift of publicly traded securities, such as stocks or mutual funds, can be a particularly thoughtful and tax-efficient way to support the parish. In Canada, capital gains tax is eliminated on donated securities, and a charitable tax receipt is issued for the full market value at the time of transfer. All Saints foundation is equipped to handle these transactions and gifts can be directed to the Foundation or to the church.

Memorial, Thanksgiving, and Special Gifts - Some parishioners choose to make gifts in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving for a blessing received, or in support of a particular ministry of the church. These offerings are a meaningful way to honour important moments and people while strengthening the life of the parish.

Planned Giving - Planned gifts, including bequests in a will or naming the parish as a beneficiary of a registered plan or insurance policy, help ensure the long-term sustainability of All Saints. Such gifts are a faithful way to support the ministry of future generations.

We give thanks for every gift entrusted to the church, whether large or small, one-time or ongoing. Through your generosity, All Saints continues in worship, service, and witness, to the glory of God.

For further information about any of these giving options, please contact the office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 3RD - RECTOR'S BOOK STUDY - 2PM
 FEBRUARY 4TH - FIVE LOAVES FOOD MINISTRY OUTREACH
 PREPARE FOOD DURING THE DAY DELIVERY AROUND 4PM
 FEBRUARY 5TH, 12TH, 19TH, 26TH - CO3 - 10AM
 FEBRUARY 5TH, 12TH, 19TH, 26TH - CHOIR PRACTICE - 7PM
 FEBRUARY 11TH - COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP DINNER - 5PM
 FEBRUARY 17TH - SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER – 5PM
 FEBRUARY 18TH – WOMEN'S GROUP - 7PM
 FEBRUARY 22ND - ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING - 11AM
 FEBRUARY 26TH - MEN'S BREAKFAST - 8AM

Holy Communion

LAST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 2PM

This service is open for anyone in the congregation. If you missed the Sunday service, this is a great opportunity to celebrate the eucharist. Rides are available by phoning the church office 705-445-3841 by the Wednesday before the service. There is also a time to socialize over light refreshments after the service.

AWARE RETREAT—Moira Southwell is All Saints co-ordinator for the annual retreat for Women in our Diocese. She provides us with important information about this year's gathering.

AWARE (All Women Alive, Renewed and Enriched) is back!

This is the annual women's retreat held at Elim Lodge May 1, 2 and 3 2026 offering spiritual refreshment, challenge and a lot of fun too!

The theme this year is "HOPE!"

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 Rev. Jillian Ruch, a priest in the Toronto Diocese and a Chaplain at Havergal College in Toronto.

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

For more info or questions contact Moira Southwell at 705-441-2725. 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!



CHURCH TREATS

Why do sandwiches always taste better at the church? And not just sandwiches, other treats including desserts, like 'Chocolate Sour-cream Pound Cake. Cook and chef extraordinaire, Gill Elias, gives us the recipe for this "Church Chocolate Cake". I hope you will try it at home. (editor's note...please consider having the ASA editors test sample the cake before serving!!).

A few months ago, I made this Chocolate Cake for coffee hour after our Sunday Service. Several of you asked for the recipe. So finally, here it is. It is a wonderfully moist cake, good with coffee or for dessert. Enjoy

Chocolate Sour-cream Pound Cake

Alison Roman/Sweet Enough

1 ¼ cups AP flour
 ¾ cup Cocoa powder
 1 ½ tsp. Baking powder
 1 ½ tsp. Salt
 6 oz Butter
 1 ½ cups Sugar
 1 tsp. Vanilla
 2 lg. Eggs
 2 Yolk eggs
 1 cup Sour cream or full fat yogurt
 8-10 oz Chocolate chips
 3 Tbsp. Demerara sugar



Method

1. Preheat oven to 350°F
2. Line a loaf pan with parchment paper.
3. Whisk together the flour, cocoa, baking powder and salt.
4. In the mixer, beat together the butter, sugar, and vanilla until light and fluffy.
5. Scrape down the sides and beat in the eggs, one at a time. Again, scrape down the sides and next beat in the yolks one at a time until light and fluffy.
6. Next add half the flour and the sour cream and mix slowly until incorporated.
7. Next add the remaining flour, remembering to be gentle as lots of beating will make the cake tough.
8. Add ¾ of the chocolate chips.
9. Scrape the batter into the loaf pan and top with remaining chocolate chips and the demerara sugar.
10. Bake for 65-75 minutes or until a knife comes out clean.
11. Allow to cool in the pan.
12. Serve with whipped cream or ice cream or slightly sweetened Greek yogurt.

BIRTHDAY GREETING

ASA sends birthday greetings to one of Canada's and All Saints', most famous Canadians. This past week Lieutenant General Richard Rohmer celebrated his 102 birthday! Our country's most famous military general now resides in Toronto but he once graced our community and our church with his wonderful wife, Mary O. Richard, we send our most heartfelt birthday greetings to you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYERS--In your prayers this week, please remember those whose names are found on our church Pray List. We also pray for their caregivers and for all who assist others in need.

THANK YOU

Boiler Fund Update

We are deeply grateful for the immediate and generous response from our parishioners to the boiler fund appeal. Your heartfelt support has been truly heartwarming and a tangible expression of our shared commitment to sustaining our church home.

Thanks to your contributions, we have been able to fund the new boiler and ensure that our building remains warm and welcoming for all who gather here. Many of you contributed multiple times over the course of the campaign, reflecting both your dedication and the spirit of generosity that defines our parish community.

On behalf of the vestry, we offer our sincere thanks. Your support in this time of need exemplifies the strength and care of our parish family.

Please pray for these people during the week:

Eric Vignola

Wolf

SSN

Irene McVeigh

John

Gail

Sean

Terry

Patricia

Rickey Lemire

Meryl White

Stephanie Plewes Howard

Lindsay

Jim Cunningham

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the parish of All Saints resides on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabe and Wendt Peoples. This acknowledgement reminds us of our responsibility to the ancestral lands on which we live, share, learn and pray.