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# ALL SAINTS' ALIVE

The newsletter of All Saints Anglican Church, Collingwood, Ontario

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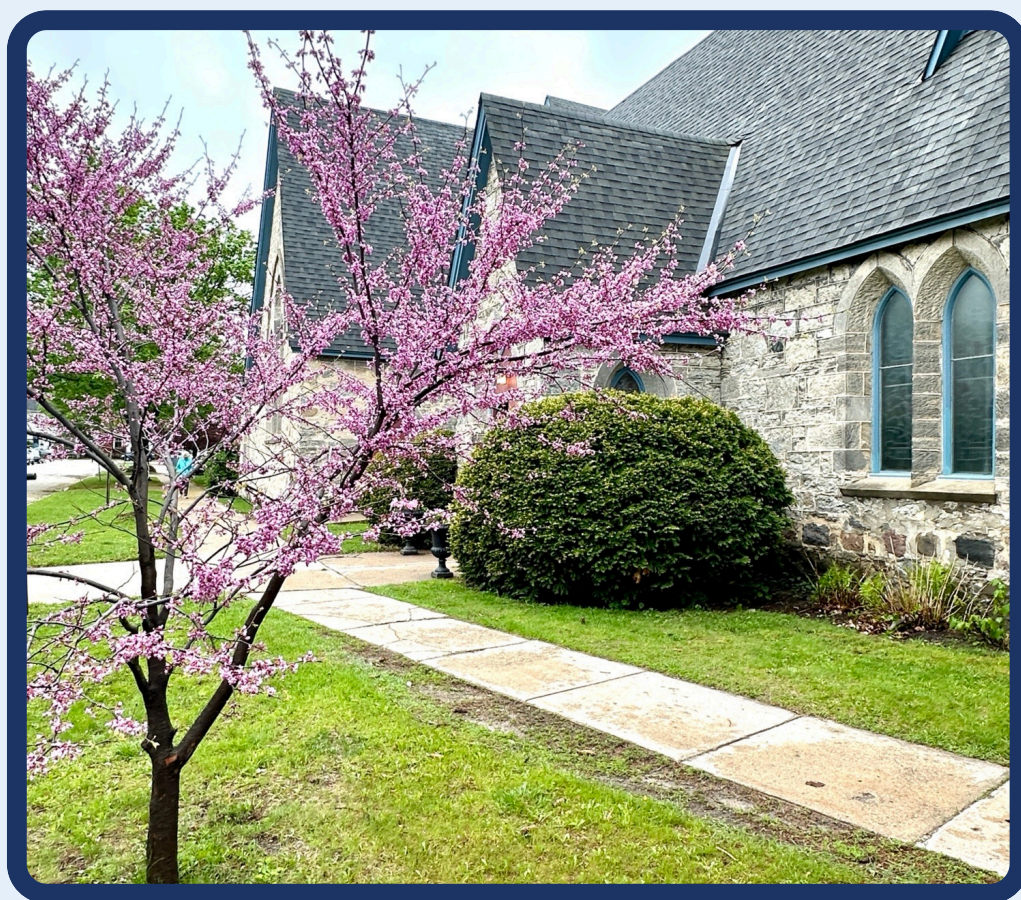
### Congratulations

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Welcome back to All Saints Alive. Another month has gone by and so many things have and are still happening at our church since we last connected.

## NEWS AND UPDATES

### Fashion Show

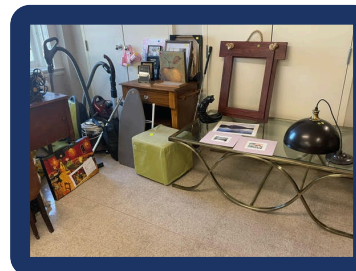
On April 11th, our church, under the leadership of Elaine Cunningham, filled the Parish Hall with a fashion show. This event featured models from All Saints Church and a great time was enjoyed by all attendees. We even had a 'super model', 'Roberta', who stole the show at the end. Photos attached!



### Yard Sale

On Saturday May 23rd, our Parish Hall was once again, filled 'to the rafters' as they say....only this time it contained table upon table filled with items for the All Saints Yard Sale. Under the leadership of Margaret Thompson and her team of volunteers, many 'treasures' found new homes and \$2334 was raised for the church. Thanks go out to Marg, Leslie and Tiffany Thompson, Judi Plewes, Hilda Valentine, Marie Phipps-Bunting, Mary Enrico, Gill Elias, Sharon Goldsworthy, Bryce Sangster, and a special thanks to Abbey, Marg's granddaughter. Photos attached.

Imagine all those tables filled with the 'stuff' for the yard sale amazingly disappearing in just a few hours on Saturday afternoon in order to transform the Parish Hall into a hall for a wedding reception!! That's exactly what took place, thanks to the many volunteers.



### Wedding

On Sunday May 24th morning at the 9:30am church service, two All Saints parishioners, shared their marriage vows before a full congregation. Helena Broad and Chris Crawford were wed by Father Michael in a wonderful ceremony. All Saints Alive extends its congratulations to Helena and Chris and wishes them a most wonderful life together. There were many special moments during the ceremony but one that stands out is having a an "Mercedes" sports car drive up the aisle of the church! Photos attached!



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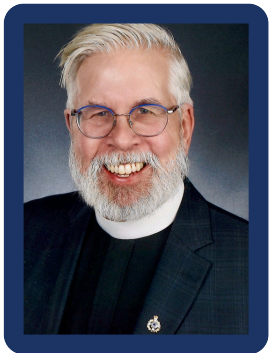
**The Feast of Pentecost was observed last Sunday as well. Our church historian, Mary Lou Dunn, shares with us information about Pentecost.**

### **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:**

## MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL



**Father Michael, in his report, tells us about “looking for the Perfect Newcomers, Ordinary Time and a Special Party at Prince of Peace. Enjoy! Photo of the cake cutting ceremony!**

### **Looking for the Perfect Newcomers**

Before every service, I try to take a minute to scan the crowd for new faces. It’s always gratifying to see visitors, and sometimes, I confess, I look in hopes that I might see potential new parishioners. I’m sure you would agree that the ideal new parishioners would be young, with at least three adorable children, an eagerness to start a Sunday school, join the choir, and one day become wardens!

Such thoughts, while tempting, put the needs of the church ahead of the mission of the church. If twenty five years of ministry have taught me anything, it’s that the church exists to serve the people we actually meet, and not the people we’d like to meet.

That young family that with kids that might show up at Christmas or Easter? I’ve had honest conversations with such folks, and told them that while we’d love them to stay, there are churches with active youth programs, or different kinds of music. They might say that they love the old building and the friendly people, but I don’t usually see them again, and that can be depressing. But then I think of the people whose needs we can meet, and I am newly encouraged.

Let me tell you about some of the people I have meet recently. Three of them showed up at our monthly Thursday afternoon services, just because the doors were open. One month it was a person grieving their adult daughter, who had just been killed in an accident. This person had had a rough life and was barely housed. Church gave them some peace that day, and we were able to help them find better housing in Barrie. The next month it was a person that had been plagued with oppressive thoughts and felt under prolonged spiritual attack. That person found a listening ear that took them seriously, and felt better. The following month it was a person newly bereaved, who felt lost and now needed a church. Perhaps we shall see them again.

## MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL CONTINUED...

### Looking for the Perfect Newcomers Continued...

I guess I've learned that the ideal newcomer is just anyone who shows up. At CO3, or at our outdoor pantry, we sometimes see people who are genuinely hungry, and we can expect to see more as conditions continue to worsen. We've also seen our share of unhoused people with mental health challenges, and all we can offer them is brief hospitality and some dignity. Sometimes that's all the help we can offer, or it's all that they want. Sometimes, like the person who wanted money for a new e-bike I just couldn't help them, Even so, with every person who comes through our doors, it's on us to follow our Lord's command that we show love and mercy.

In my time at All Saints, I've wondered a lot about our future and whether it is one of inevitable aging and decline. I know that we are blessed with wardens who think a lot about how we can be more welcoming and more attractive. We have volunteers who do show love and mercy in wonderful and energetic ways. I give thanks for all of these people, and for all of you. And finally, I pray that I, and all of us, can continue to trust that the Holy Spirit will not abandon the church, because people do come, and they do stay. For as long a time as is given to us, we will keep our doors open so that the right people - that is, anyone who needs love and mercy - might find it here.

### In Praise of Ordinary Time

As we enter June, we can feel the pace of life, and of our church life, slowing down. Choir practices and bible studies will go on holiday in July. People will head to lakes and cottages. It's a time for rest, long hot days, and restoration.

In the life of the church, the days between summer and winter are called Ordinary Time, a season which begins with Trinity Sunday and ends with the start of Advent. The liturgical colour remains green throughout this long stretch of time, a relief for the faithful altar guild!

Ordinary in this context does not mean "normal" or "boring". "Ordinary" in church terms means "numbered", from the Latin *ordo* meaning a series or a succession. In the very old church, an ordinal was a prayer book with the Sundays numbered. Our old Book of Common Prayer numbered the Sundays after Trinity Sunday, but now we number the Sundays after Pentecost. Thus, this coming Sunday, 7 June, is the Second Sunday After Pentecost and so on until Sunday November 25, the Last Sunday after Pentecost, also known as The Reign of Christ.

Ordinary Time is thus much more than summer. It can be thought of as a time when we rediscover our essential, everyday Christian practices of prayer, fellowship, and charity. Our gospel texts, drawn from Matthew this year, invite us to hear anew Christ's call to lives of mercy and showing the kingdom of God in our daily actions. And the green of the season, like the green of the trees outside my window, reminds us that God invites us to rest and refreshment and renewal.

May your Ordinary Time be restful, purposeful, and blessed.

## NEWS AND UPDATES

### A Party At Prince of Peace

Those who made the trek to Wasaga Beach this Sunday for our regional service had a grand time. The worship began with lively music from Gren Bray and the band from Good Shepherd, Stayner. Our own Maestro Barry led the psalm. Bishop Riscylla celebrated and preached on how the life of the Holy Trinity is shared with our life of communion and fellowship in the church. Margaret McArthur offered her memories of the dedication of the basement of Prince of Peace (the top half awaited construction) seventy five years ago. Following the service, we moved to the Legion at Klondike Park for an excellent lunch and, of course, a cake cutting ceremony. Pictured: Bishop Riscylla, Fr Michael, and Rev Amy Pauley.



## WARDENS

### Our church Wardens have provided us with an update on the financial affairs of our church.

As you may know, the wardens meet monthly with Father Michael and our Treasurer, Charles Barnes, to review the financial health of our parish. We would like to share a brief update.

First, the good news. Through the generosity of parishioners our new boiler has reduced our heating costs by just over \$4,000 compared to last year, a saving of almost 50%! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the boiler fund. Your faithful stewardship of our historic church has not only helped keep us warm and comfortable but has also resulted in significant and much needed savings.

At the same time, our overall revenue is lower than it was at this point last year, due in part to a decrease in regular giving. Your faithful financial support makes possible our ministries, worship, outreach, and care.

If you are able, please prayerfully consider increasing your financial support of the parish. We also encourage those who have not yet enrolled in Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) to consider doing so. PAR provides a convenient way to support the church through regular monthly contributions, helping both parishioners and the parish plan and budget more effectively throughout the year. If you are already using PAR, have you increased your givings to keep pace with the cost of living?

If you would like to learn more about PAR, one of the wardens would be pleased to help. To enroll in PAR or to increase your level of giving, please contact Nancy, our church secretary.

Our heartfelt thanks for all the ways you support the life and ministry of our church through your prayers, volunteer service and financial gifts. Together, we make a difference in the world.

Your wardens: David Trafford, Catherine Raaflaub, Jake Johnston, Janet Adams, David Penhale

## NEWS AND UPDATES

**Warden David Penhale tells us about an amazing opportunity for us to assist in a special project involving St. Luke's Hospital in the West Bank in the Diocese of Jerusalem....**

### **Watt's Up!**

Dear Collingwood saints,

St. Luke's Hospital in the West Bank is operated by the Episcopal (Anglican) Diocese of Jerusalem. The dedicated staff serves a population of about 455,000 Palestinians, including 57 marginalized villages and four nearby refugee camps. But an unreliable power grid and expensive fuel makes health care delivery a challenge during the best of times, and a crisis during the worst of times.

Right now, we have an extraordinary opportunity to brighten the future of St. Luke's with the installation of 407 solar panels. A generous donor has stepped forward with a matching challenge: every dollar given to Light for St. Luke's will be matched, up to \$176,000. Give light today!

Your generous support will help us meet this match and reach the total project cost of \$352,000, fully funding all 407 solar panels and making every watt count. Your gift today goes twice as far. Whether large or small, every contribution helps us move toward the full match and brings us closer to completing this vital project.

Every watt counts! "This is a strategic investment in energy security and operational sustainability," says the Very Reverend Hosam Naoum, Archbishop of the Diocese of Jerusalem. "It will enable the hospital to function reliably under challenging conditions and contribute to a more environmentally friendly and sustainable approach by lowering carbon emissions.

"I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Alongside Hope for supporting this vital project. It represents a transformative step in strengthening the hospital's resilience and ensuring the continuity of life-saving services, especially in times of emergency when electricity cuts and fuel shortages are frequent and often prolonged."

This project will bring prayerful attention to healthcare in the Holy Land, and enable St. Luke's to continue to provide compassionate, essential medical care to all who need it.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! Visit [alongsidehope.org/light-for-st-lukes](https://alongsidehope.org/light-for-st-lukes)

David Penhale, Alongside Hope rep for All Saints' Collingwood



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## NEWS AND UPDATES

**Warden Catherine Raaflaub reflects on the many activities that have been taking place at All Saints and reminds us that the month of June is “Seniors’ Month” in the Province of Ontario.**

**Congratulations** to Marg Thompson and her team on a hugely successful yard sale. So many treasures were donated, purchased, and removed in time for the wedding reception on Sunday morning. An enormous effort by so many — thank you!

**Thanks** as well to Elaine Cunningham and company for a brilliant afternoon of tea, treats, and a fabulous fashion show. This event required a great deal of work and was a remarkable friend-raising and fundraising success.

**A special shout-out** to our Property Manager, Robert Pierce, for his ongoing work clearing the grounds and overseeing numerous improvements and repairs. His good nature and practical skills make him an indispensable member of the team. We are also grateful for the way he guided the building inspection report process with the Diocese for both the church and the rectory.

**June is Seniors’ Month in Ontario**, and this month we give thanks for all of our volunteers who make so much of what we do possible — especially our seniors. We also extend a special thank you to long-time volunteer and friend of both the music program and the Friendship Dinner, Velma Cook.

**Please comment**, share, and like our social media posts, and take a few minutes to leave us a Google review. It helps amplify our message and share the work we do.

### Reverend Sharon Sangster Retirement Open House

**On Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**, mark your calendar and join us at All Saints for a very special event. That afternoon we will honour a very special person, one who has been a very important part of our church lives for many years.

Please join us to celebrate the retirement of the Reverend Sharon Sangster, our priest and special friend! The poster attached in this newsletter provides the details about the event.



### Food Ministry

Our Food Ministries are gearing up for a new month. On June 3<sup>rd</sup> Five Loaves will distribute meals to the Busby Centre, Mobile Soup Kitchen and to 50+ individuals in our community. The following Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, our Community Friendship Dinner will host dinner guests from the community for a sit down dinner at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to volunteer to assist and then stay for dinner.



## CONGRATULATIONS

**Congratulations** go out to Nancy Strand for completing her first aid course. Our parishioners are in good hands should an emergency arise.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Compline Services on Zoom

Sun Jun 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th – 8pm

Wed Jun 10th, 17th, 24th – 8pm

Go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) and look for Meeting ID 892 0793 0062 or email Fr.

Michael at [madpadre@gmail.com](mailto:madpadre@gmail.com)

All welcome

**Community Friendship Dinner** – Wed June 10<sup>th</sup> – 5pm

**CO3** – Thurs Jun 11th, 18th, 25th – 10am

**Choir Practice** – Thurs Jun - 11th, 18th, 25th – 7pm

**SMP Training** – Sat Jun 13th – 2pm – 4pm

**Women's Group** – Wed Jun 17th – 7pm

**Women's Breakfast** - Sat Jun 20th – 9am

**Men's Breakfast** – Thurs Jun 25th – 8am

**Five Loaves** - Wed Jul 1st – All day

## PRAYER REQUESTS

In your prayers this week, please remember those whose names are found on our Parish Prayer List. We pray for those who are ill and for their caregivers and for all who assist others in need.

This week we pray for the repose of the soul of Katherine Hycke, long time member of All Saints. We remember her family and friends at this time.

## 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.

## Please pray for these people during the week:

Eric Vignola

SSN

John

Gail

Sean

Terry

Patricia

Rickey Lemire

Lindsay

Jim Cunningham

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## Land Acknowledgement

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