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"I don't want to say goodbye to the summer"

For those of you who were around in 1960, you may recall Brian Hyland singing these words on the radio or on a 45 rpm record (remember those??). The song was called "Sealed With a Kiss" and the actual lyrics read "for the summer".

We are now almost at the end of August and with the official start to the autumn season less than a month away, let's embrace the warmth of the summer sun while we still can.

Well, after taking the summer off, All Saints Alive has lots to share with you. Father Michael and our staff and wardens have been very busy with activities at the church and with changes on the property and in the Parish Hall and Sanctuary.

In this newsletter you will read about many of these and learn more about what is coming in September. So grab your coffee and sit back and read all about 'life at All Saints!' And to start you off, we thought a bit of humour might help make the move into a new month and season, a bit easier...the answers to these riddles can be found at the end of the newsletter!

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- Who was the first person to download something from the cloud to tablets?
- How did Joseph make his coffee?
- And finally, what did God say to those people painting the Parish Hall when they tried to stretch the paint supply with paint thinner?

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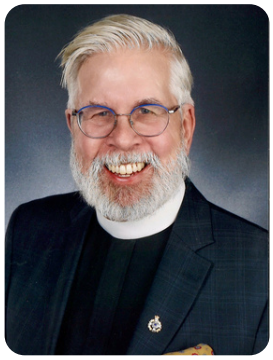
MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL



Father Michael shares with us wonderful news regarding recent clergy appointments in our regional ministry. He also tells us about "Creation Church", a new type of worship organized by Rev. Amy and Rev. Lorna. And thanks to the work of Robert, our building manager at All Saints, we now have a new "Little Book Library!"

Clergy Team Appointments

In August our own Bishop Riscylla made several welcome announcements.

The Revs. Sharon and Bryce Sangster have been appointed as honourary assistants for the Regional Ministry of South Georgian Bay. This type of appointment is typically given to retired clerics. It is a sign of trust in their ministry and character, and is given in gratitude to priests who continue to serve God's people, so we thank Sharon+ and Bryce+ for their continued service.

The Rev. Amy Dr. Pauley has been appointed as a full time Regional Associate Priest, starting 1 September. This position is made possible in part through a generous Diocesan grant running five years, and also by All Saints and Prince of Peace agreeing to share the remaining cost. Amy+ is a talented and devout priest and a wonderful colleague and we are delighted that she will stay as part of our regional clergy team.

Introducing Creation Church

A stroll through woods while silently meditating and appreciating nature. Prayers on a dock while insects and birds busy themselves in the lake. A eucharistic accompanied by birdsong. If those things sound attractive, then Creation Church is for you.

Our Revs Amy and Lorna have borrowed a page from other churches but have given outdoor worship a unique character. Each service begins with a short walk through a natural setting while remaining silent, and then is followed by a eucharist, At the beginning of August, a number of us gathered at the Clearview Eco Park on Mowat Drive near Stayner.

The walk was easy along a beginner-friendly trail and by the pond in the centre of the park Amy+ and Lorna+ celebrated the eucharist. It was a quiet and lovely experience, and all present enjoyed it. The next Creation Church event is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12th at 10am, location to be determined. Watch your bulletin for more info and please do join us!

MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL CONTINUED...

Good News For Booklovers

Our outdoor food pantry on Elgin Street is always busy and has helped many in our community, but what's a hungry bookworm to do? Now booklovers can take a book or leave a book at All Saints' Little Book Library.

Like many similar little libraries in our community, this is a place where passers by can find some free reading material, or drop off their used books. Our thanks to our amazing building manager Robert for installing our library,

Another way to clean house of surplus books is to bring them to All Saints before Labour Day.Our friends at Prince of Peace are having their annual used book sale on Sept 11th and 12th. As always, unsold books are donated to the prison library in Penetang, so this is a very worthy way to get rid of your old books.

Missed a Homily?

Did you know that you can find Fr Michael's sermons online? They are always posted in full at **www.madpadre.blogspot.com** and you can also find the videos on our parish Facebook page and on our website. If you enjoy one, please consider sharing it with others.

NEWS AND UPDATES

Warden Catherine reports that the wardens, staff and volunteers have had a very busy summer at All Saints. Many improvements and additions have occurred during the past couple of months and Catherine has shared with us, all these wonderful changes.

A Busy Summer at All Saints

It has been a busy summer here at All Saints! There has been a lot happening behind the scenes to care for our buildings, improve our facilities, expand our rental opportunities, and prepare for the future. Here are some of the highlights.

🏡**Property Update**

A big thank-you to our Property Manager, **Robert Pierce**, for all his hard work this summer!

- **More parking**: Robert has extended the parking lot, adding **four new parking spaces** at the north end. Depressions in the existing lot have also been filled and new screening has been applied.
- **South entrance ramp**: Repairs are underway, including new railings and concrete repairs to make the entrance safer and more welcoming.
- **Parish Hall sound and projection**: A new backboard has been installed on the stage wall in preparation for our new **drop-down projection screen, projector and integrated sound system.**

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A Busy Summer at All Saints Continued...

This is the next phase of our sound-system improvements. The upgraded Parish Hall will allow us to accommodate a wider range of rental groups looking for a well-equipped meeting and event space. Eventually, the system will also allow us to connect the Parish Hall with the church for large events and overflow seating.

- **Basement improvements**: The basement has had a much-needed clean-out. An east-side wall that had been damaged by moisture was dried out, repaired and re-drywalled. We also addressed the root cause: inadequate eavestroughing in that area. New eavestroughing has now been installed to direct water away from the foundation.
- **Church and Parish Hall**: Ceiling fans have been cleaned and new bulbs installed.
- **Grounds**: Dead and overgrown trees and shrubs have been removed.
- **Washroom**: An automatic flush has been added to the men's washroom urinal.
- **Painting and repairs**: Patchwork and painting are currently underway in the Parish Hall and hallway.

We are very grateful to **Robert Pierce** and to everyone who has generously contributed toward our summer capital work. Your support is helping us care for our buildings and prepare All Saints for the future.

🤝Rentals & Community Use

Our rental activity continues to grow!

A wonderful children's group rented our basement in July and was thrilled with the space. We are also pleased to continue welcoming **The Nature League, the Blue Mountain Club of the Bruce Trail, AA, and Fleetwood Dance Company** to our facilities.

Please keep your eyes and ears open for groups, organizations or individuals looking for rental space. Every new rental helps provide an important source of revenue for the church.

We have also been advertising the Rectory as a retreat space through social media and through the newsletters of the Dioceses of Toronto and Huron. We are hopeful that this will develop into another valuable opportunity for All Saints.

🌳 Cemetery Sale Update

We did receive an offer in the spring, but unfortunately the deal fell through because we were not able to have the property serviced by the Town within the required timeframe.

In addition, approval from the Ministry is required for our archaeological study, and we are still awaiting that confirmation.

The good news is that the land is now serviced, and John Kirby continues to work with several potential buyers.

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A Busy Summer at All Saints Continued...

Please keep this process in your prayers as we hope for a successful sale.

📱 **Help Us Reach More People!**
Our social media engagement is **up — and we want to keep it going!**

Every time you **like, share, comment on or link to** something from All Saints, you help us reach more people — including those who may be searching for a new parish home.

So please keep sharing what is happening at All Saints. **You never know who might be looking for us!**

Your wardens and clergy team

Our Parish continues to make its presence known on social media. Did you know that you now can see All Saints church services on YouTube? Catherine Raaflaub tells us all about this....

Our Move to You tube - Who Will Be in the 2035 Video?

Over this summer we have increased our social media presence with personal video testimonials and photos of all our Saints in action. We have also made the move to put our live stream and recorded service discoverable on our own YouTube channel. This move means people don't need to come through our website to find our service or even know who we are, but they can find a service and watch and become curious about us.

In the process of moving our recorded services to YouTube we came across some older videos of the church.

As I watched one of them, two things struck me. The church and choir stalls were packed, and yet I recognized fewer than five people. When I checked the date, I was surprised to discover that the video was from 2017—less than ten years ago.

It made me wonder: if we fast-forward to 2035, what will a video of All Saints on a Sunday morning look like?

We have much to celebrate. We are out in our community, serving others, building relationships and living out our call to be the hands of Christ in the world. That is an important part of who we are. Through our worship, outreach, pastoral care, music, food ministry, we are demonstrating our faith in very real ways.

But part of that calling is also invitation.

For All Saints to continue to be a vibrant worshipping community, we need to invite new people to discover us, welcome them when they arrive, and help them find a place of belonging here. Growing our parish isn't simply about filling pews. It is about ensuring that the faith, fellowship, service and community we value today are here for others tomorrow.

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Our Move to You tube - Who Will Be in the 2035 Video? Continued...

And that is something each of us can help with. Sometimes evangelism is as simple as saying to a friend, neighbour or someone new to the community, "Why don't you come with me on Sunday?" Something to think about for welcome back Sunday September 20, 2026.

So perhaps the question isn't whether the All Saints of 2035 will look like the All Saints of 2017. It won't—and it doesn't need to.

The more exciting question is: Who are the Saints we haven't even met yet?

They may be people who responded to your invitation or who found us through YouTube or social media. They may come through one of our outreach ministries or community events. They may be a neighbour, a friend, a grandchild or someone who simply walked through our doors one Sunday.

Our task is to make sure they know the door is open—and that there is a place for them here.

Our resident historian and archivist, Mary Lou Dunn, has been researching the many historical events that have taken place at the Mount of Olives. In this first of series, she tells about the Garden of Gethsemane in Jerusalem.

Mount of Olives is the site of many historic happenings throughout the bible. This will be the first presentation of those holy events.

Gethsemane is a historic, olive-bearing garden on the western slope of the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. Revered as the site where Jesus prayed and was arrested the night before his crucifixion, its name is derived from the Aramaic for "oil press," symbolizing the intense pressure he endured. Wikipedia +3The site is a major Christian pilgrimage destination featuring several key points of interest, including: The Ancient Olive Grove: The garden is home to some of the oldest documented olive trees in the world, with scientific testing revealing some root systems date back to the 12th century.

NEWS AND UPDATES

Warden David Penhale is also All Saint's representative for "Alongside Hope", formerly the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. In our newsletter today, he tells us more about the work that this organization does on behalf of our worldwide church.

As Anglicans, when we walk through the doors of our church on Sunday morning, we are not just members of our congregation. We are members of a worldwide church.

Alongside Hope (formerly The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund) is the Anglican Church of Canada's agency for sustainable development, relief, refugees, and global justice. With the support of Anglican parishes across Canada, Alongside Hope makes financial and human resources available to support partners' initiatives and to promote knowledgeable actions of solidarity at home and around the world.

Alongside Hope strives to be a part of the outreach ministry of every Canadian Anglican parish and an expression for all Anglicans of their baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace and to respect the dignity of every human being. Our mission is a truly just, healthy and peaceful world.

Alongside Hope connects Anglicans in Canada with communities in more than 30 countries who work with partners to advance development, respond to emergencies, assist refugees and act for positive change.

Alongside Hope partners include Anglican dioceses, ecumenical and lay partners. They work with local community leaders and people to identify needs and the most appropriate responses to those needs.

Alongside Hope partners deliver programs that enable vulnerable people to improve the quality of their daily lives, become more self-reliant and address the root causes of poverty and injustice. Priority areas include maternal, newborn and child health, food security, HIV/AIDS and microfinance.

These facts are drawn from the Alongside Hope website. To learn more, please visit To learn more, please visit **https://alongsidehope.org**

Food Ministries

The Food Ministries at All Saints continued their outreach over the summer months. Five Loaves will start its fall programme next Wednesday, September 2 and the Community Friendship Dinner will follow one week later on September 9th. The Friendship Dinner in August was graciously supported by a group of women from Osler Brook Golf Club. We thank Kathi Wilkinson and her friends for their contributions to this dinner!

Don't forget about the Food Panty - Here is a list of suggestions, though you may have ideas of your own:
Snacks - Granola Bars, Fruit Cups, Pudding Cups, Crackers etc...
Pasta - Kraft Dinner (pkg or single serving), noodle cups, canned ravioli, spaghetti etc...
Canned items - Corned Beef, Spam, Salmon or Tuna, Soups, Vegetables, Fruit etc...
Cereals - Any breakfast cereal that can be eaten as a snack Granola, Cheerios etc...
Personal Items - Soap, Deodorant, Toothpaste etc...
If you prefer to donate $$ to the Food Ministry, this will allow us to purchase items for the box.

Now the fall is around the corner, many organizations are gearing up for their fall and winter programmes.

CO-3 resumes its meetings on September 3 and the many other monthly groups and clubs will re-convene in September.

Please check the church's website for more information.

One special event that is just a couple of weeks away is the annual All Saints Church Golf and Dinner event. Sunday, September 13th will see golfers and diners invade Batteaux Creek Golf Club. Organized by Jim 'Rory' Cunningham, this year marks the 20th celebration. Sign up lists can be found in the Parish Hall at the church.

Well, here are the answers to the riddles...

- How do you make Holy Water....you take regular water and boil the devil out of it!
- Who was the first to download something from the cloud to a tablet?...Moses...he actually downloaded it to two tablets!
- How did Joseph make his coffee? ....Hebrewed it...sorry?!
- What did God say to the painters of the Parish Hall last week when they tried to stretch the paint supply with paint thinner?....God bellowed... "Re-paint and thin no more!"

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

We also remember Gil Elias and her family and friends, on the passing of her husband Al. Al was a long time All Saints parishioner, former warden and all-round nice person! Please keep Gil and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

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

Terry

Patricia

Rickey Lemire

Lindsay

Jim Cunningham

Terry W

Land Acknowledgement

Acknowledgment of Indigenous Territory

We acknowledge that our church resides on the traditional territory of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe peoples.

As Christians we recognize the enduring presence of the peoples connected to this land. We are grateful that, despite the Church's conflicted history, we have the opportunity to gather on this territory, and share the responsibility to care and respect both the land and waters for future generations.