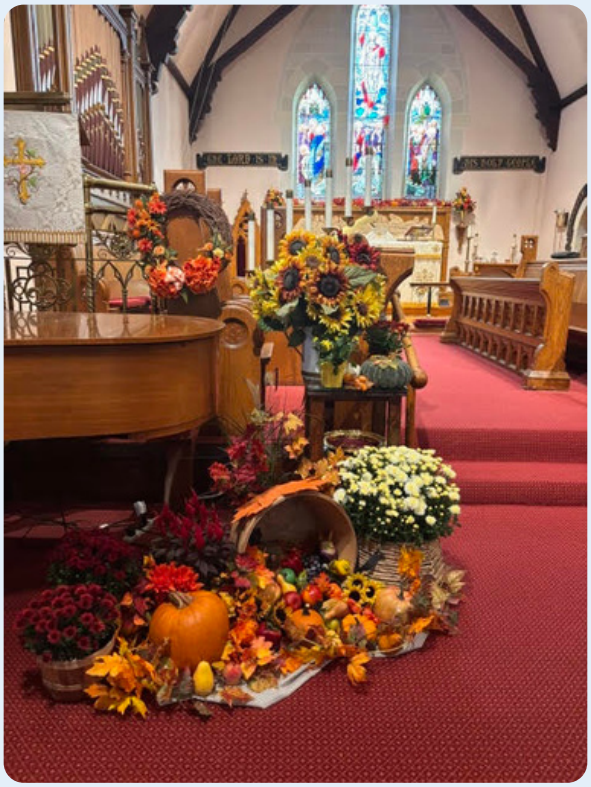
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ALL SAINTS' ALIVE

The newsletter of All Saints Anglican Church, Collingwood, Ontario



Welcome to our monthly newsletter. It's hard to believe another month has gone by....and Advent is just over 30 days away!!

The end of October brings us All Hallow's Eve, All Saints Day and an extra hour of sleep!

And did you know that we now have 320 Facebook followers? Keep spreading the news!!!!

In anticipation of All Saint's first ever "Trivia Night on Friday, November 27th, here is a sampling of the types of questions to be presented that evening. The answers are at the end of the newsletter.

1. What did Paul tell "Sweet Loretta and JoJo"?
2. Which play did William Shakespeare pen, "To be or not to be..."
3. In specific years, when was the War of 1812?

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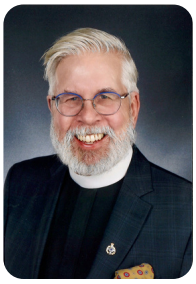
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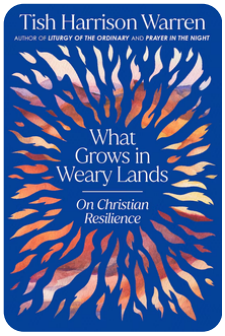
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MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL



Father Michael shares with us, notes from the current Book Study group, reviewing "What Grows in Weary Lands", by Tish Harrison Warren. He also asks us to share our thoughts about 'what defines our regional ministry in South Georgian Bay'. A questionnaire has been recently emailed to parishioners, requesting that we send our thoughts to the church office.

Is Delight a Bad Word? Notes From Our Book Study



Imagine cradling a hot coffee in your hands on a cool day while meeting a friend, or sitting in front of your favourite streaming show with a bowl of ice cream or buttered popcorn. We sometimes call these sorts of moments as "guilty pleasures", but why should we feel guilty about them?

In her book *What Grows In Weary Lands: On Christian Resiliance*, Tish Harrison Warren, an Anglican priest and author, argues that our culture's emphasis on striving, busyness, and achievement has dulled the delight that we can take in ordinary pleasures that can be "glimpses of the grace and kindness of heaven".

One way to find and savour these moments is to be intentional about practices that create space, silence, and time for us to find delight. Perhaps it's an intentional keeping of the Sabbath, seeking silent moments, or limiting the time we spend with those time and energy vampires we keep in our pockets, our cellphones. If we work at creating these spaces and times, we can find that it is "God, not [us], that is the mover and shaker of [our lives].

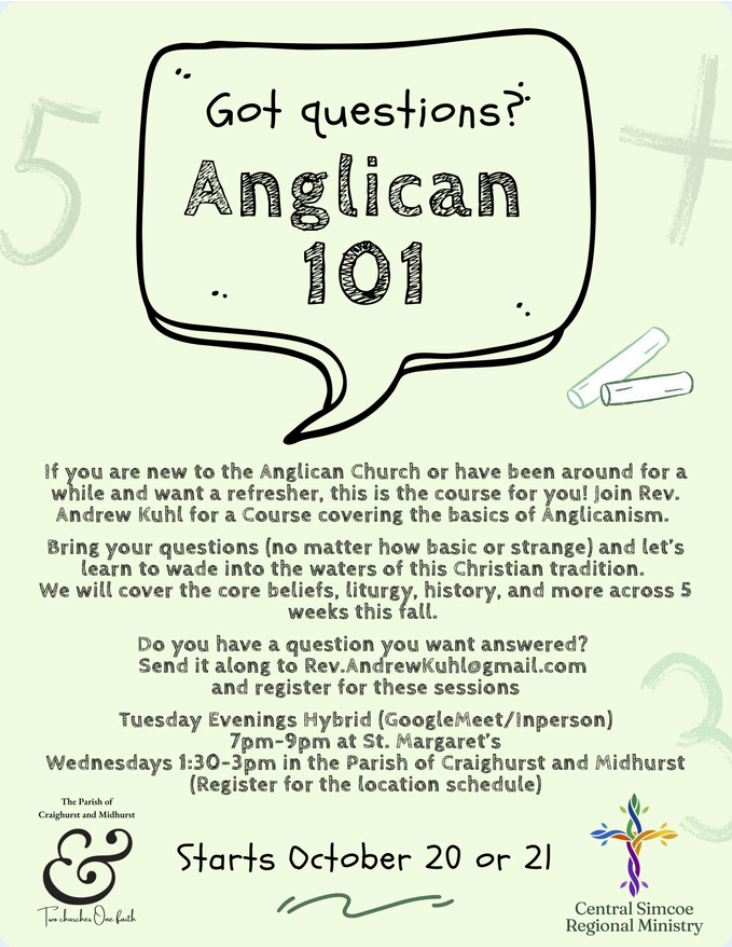
Our book study concludes on Tuesday, Nov 9th, at 2pm. If you can't join us, our study group recommends your seeking out this very accessible book, which is well suited for devotional reading.

Your Help Needed: Defining Our Region

What comes to mind when you think of four Anglican churches in the Georgian Bay Triangle working together? We need you help in imagining a symbol, or logo, that could represent what we've come to call our Regional Ministry of South Georgian Bay. We're asking members of all four churches - All Saints, Prince of Peace Wasaga, St Luke's Creemore, and Good Shepherd Stayner - to fill out a survey on the things that speak to us the most about our particular churches.

Once completed, all the surveys will go to a firm called DesignWerke, who we've chosen to help us come up with a symbol that, we hope, captures something about our four individual churches working together. We hope that you'll be part of this process. Forms are being distributed to All Saints parishioners by email as well as hard copies to be left in the church. If you have time, please fill out one online or on paper and return by Nov 15th. Make your vision count!

The Anglican Churches in Barrie are hosting an on-line course on "Anglican 101", for those who wish to know more about our Anglican tradition.



Finally, Father Michael pays tribute to Rev. Victor Gauci, who recently passed away in Barrie. Ed. Note...Victor was an All Saints parishioner and he and Jennifer were wonderful friends with everyone at the church. I had the pleasure of working with Victor in various capacities, especially when we were fellow wardens for three years. Please be with Jennifer and her family at this time. Till we meet again, Victor!

Remembering Victor Gauci



The Rev. Victor Gauci passed away on 11 October, 2026 and his memorial service was held last Monday at St. Margaret's, Barrie. Before moving to a care home in Barrie, Victor and his wife Jennifer were parishioners at All Saints. Victor was born in Malta and immigrated to Canada in the 1960s. In 2007 he was ordained as a vocational deacon and served the parishes of Good Shepherd, Stayner, and Prince of Peace, Wasaga Beach.

Victor was a talented woodworker, and some of his handiwork was on display at his memorial service. He was also remembered in this evocative painting, done by Jennifer.

NEWS AND UPDATES

Catherine Raaflaub and the other wardens have been the 'ever ready bunnies' recently...so many things happening around the church these days. Catherine gives us updates on our food ministries, upgrades in the Parish Hall ...and the 'perfect place for your Christmas gathering'!

Looking Ahead: Planning for Our Food Ministries

How can we build on the good work we already do to meet our community's growing food needs? That question launched the first session of our long-range planning process, focused on our food ministries.

We spent the afternoon celebrating successes, acknowledging challenges, and imagining what our food ministry might look like five to ten years from now. We also explored how joining a regional Food Access Network could help secure a more reliable food supply and strengthen our ability to serve the community.

After a little dreaming about the next decade, we asked ourselves: **What can we begin doing today to turn that vision into action?**

At our next meeting on November 24, we'll explore adding lunch to our CO3 Thursdays, developing a breakfast program that complements existing community offerings, and building partnerships to extend our reach. 

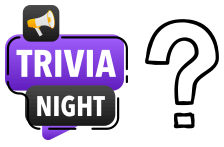
This is the beginning of an exciting conversation about how All Saints can respond to our community's needs—not simply by doing more, but by working together and planning thoughtfully for the future.



Our Parish Hall Gets an Upgrade!

We're pleased to announce that Phase One of our parish hall sound system project is complete!

You may have noticed the new electric drop-down screen and overhead projector, which make the hall ideal for movie nights, business meetings with PowerPoint presentations, and other group events. The new sound system includes handheld and headset microphones, making the space even more versatile and attractive as a rental facility.

We'll be putting our upgraded space to the test with our first **Trivia Night on November 27!** 

Do you have ideas for other events or fundraising activities we could host in the hall? Let your wardens know! And please help spread the word by sharing the hall's new capabilities with your Probus clubs, service clubs, and other community groups that might be looking for a great place to meet.

🎄 Looking for the Perfect Place for Your Christmas Gathering?

Make this Christmas season special by hosting your family celebration or office Christmas party at All Saints!

Our beautiful historic Rectory and welcoming Parish Hall offer unique spaces for gathering with family, friends, or colleagues. Whether you're planning an intimate get-together or a larger celebration, we'd love to help you make it happen.

The Rectory, which was built in 1876, offers the ambience from 150 years ago, yet comes with the conveniences of today. Imagine celebrating the holiday season in a home that was built just nine years after Confederation!

The rental includes the use of the kitchen, tables and chairs, gas fireplace and three rooms and washroom on the main floor. It even comes with a decorated Christmas tree! Ideal for a gathering of 30-40 people.

The Parish Hall has a capacity of up to 100 people, full kitchen, tables and chairs, stage, sound system and wheelchair accessible with elevator.

Both facilities have plenty of on street parking plus a municipal parking lot close by.

Interested in booking a space? Contact Nancy in the church office to explore the possibilities!



Rectory

Warden David Penhale reports on behalf of the Stewardship Committee at All Saints....

This is the third week of our Joyful Giving program.

There are many lessons in scripture about giving in joy. In Luke 6:38, Jesus teaches "Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." We ask that you prayerfully consider giving in proportion to the gifts freely given to you by God.

And we thank you for all you do and all you give to support the ministry of this church. Your stewardship committee.



Our church archivist and historian, Mary Lou Dunn, shares with us, more information about the "Mount of Olives"…..

New Testament Significance

The Mount of Olives is central to the New Testament narrative, particularly in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. It is the location of several key events:

1. Triumphal Entry: Jesus began His triumphal entry into Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9. As recorded in Matthew 21:1, "As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples."

2. Teaching and Parables: Jesus frequently taught His disciples on the Mount of Olives. The Olivet Discourse, found in Matthew 24-25, Mark 13, and Luke 21, is a significant eschatological teaching delivered by Jesus on this mount, addressing the end times and His return.

3. Prayer and Betrayal: The Garden of Gethsemane, located on the lower slopes of the Mount of Olives, is where Jesus prayed fervently before His arrest. Luke 22:39-41 recounts, Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and His disciples followed Him. When He came to the place, He told them, "Pray that you will not enter into temptation."

4. Ascension: The Mount of Olives is traditionally considered the site of Jesus" ascension into heaven. Acts 1:9-12 describes this event: "After He had said this, they watched as He was taken up, and a cloud hid Him from their sight… Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is near the city, a Sabbath day's journey away."

Eschatological Importance

The Mount of Olives holds a significant place in Christian eschatology. As mentioned in Zechariah 14:4, it is prophesied to be the site of Christ's return, a future event anticipated by many believers. This expectation underscores the mount's enduring spiritual and prophetic importance.

In summary, the Mount of Olives is a site of deep historical, spiritual, and prophetic significance, woven intricately into the biblical narrative and the life of Jesus Christ. Its role in past events and future prophecies continues to inspire and hold meaning for believers around the world.

David Penhale is All Saint's representative with Alongside Hope, (formerly PWRDF). In our newsletter, he gives us an update about the important work that Alongside Hope is doing in Canada and around the world.

Did you know that Alongside Hope supports Canadian Anglicans sponsoring refugees through the Alongside Hope Refugee Network?

According to the Alongside Hope website, there are currently 15 Anglican dioceses that are Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAHs). Each of those SAHs has a Refugee Coordinator and once a year they gather as the Alongside Hope Refugee Network to exchange information, network and strategize immediately prior to an annual meeting between all Canadian SAHs and the government (Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada – IRCC).

The coordinators are a mix of volunteers with a few full- or part-time paid staff. Most receive some financial support from their diocese, but some do not. All have been overwhelmed both by the numbers of sponsorships undertaken in the past two years, by the generosity of Anglicans specifically and Canadians generally, and all continue to struggle to say no to the ongoing reality that demand still exceeds capacity.

As of December 2016, and with data from 13 of the 15 SAHs gathered, statistics indicated 2,442 refugees had arrived in Canada via the SAH program and a further 2,088 were waiting to arrive. Many of those are Syrians, but they are from Afghanistan, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Pakistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Myanmar, Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Rwanda and Burundi.

The UNHCR Global Trends report tells us that, as of the end of December 2025, there are some 41.6 million refugees in the world today, (including 28.5 million under UNHCR mandate, 1.5 million in a refugee-like situation, 7.2 million other people in need of international protection, and 6 million Palestine refugees under UNRWA mandate). The statistics are alarming enough, but each of the 41.6 million is an individual with hopes and dreams of a better life. Please add these people to your prayers.

To donate to Alongside Hope, visit https://alongsidehope.org

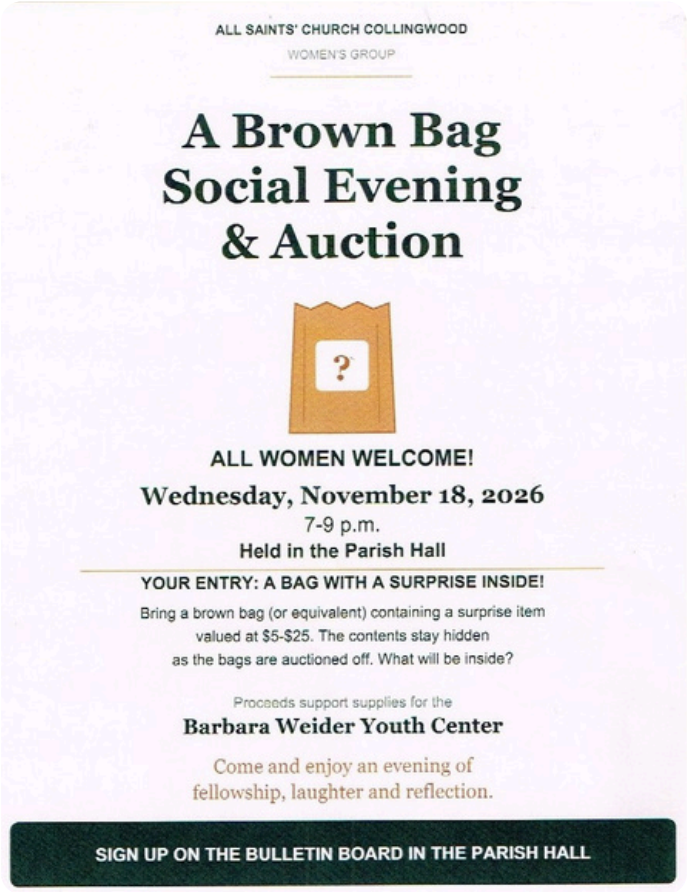
Alongside Hope

A few weeks ago, we celebrated Thanksgiving and our sanctuary was wonderfully decorated once again by Margaret Thompson and her great team....enjoy the photos....









We send out a reminder that the Food Ministry is an on-going operation at All Saints. Thank you for donations to the Food Pantry and to your donations of food, money and volunteer time for Five Loaves and the Community Friendship Dinner. The Food Pantry programme is daily...Five Loaves will deliver next Wednesday, November 4th and the Friendship Dinner will be held on November 11th.

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYERS--In your prayers this week, please pray for those whose names are found on our Parish Prayer List...and we remember in our prayer, those who support and help others in need.

Holy Communion

Sundays - 9:30am
Wednesdays - 10am
Followed by Bible Study
Last Thursday of the month - 2pm

Please pray for these people during the week:

Eric Vignola
SSN
John
Terry
Patricia
Rickey Lemire
Lindsay
Jim Cunningham

As was stated at the beginning of the newsletter, All Saints will hold ts first ever "Trivia Night" on Friday, November 27th.

It will start at 6:00 p.m. and finish around 8:00 p.m. Cost is $10 per person. Coffee and tea will be available but please bring your own snacks or beverage (non alcoholic). This will be an evening of fun and fellowship. I can honestly say that the questions are very easy.....the answers are a bit more difficult!

Answers from above...

1. What did Paul say to "Sweet Loretta and JoJo"?
- Answer..."Get Back" Paul McCartney and the Beatles song.. "Get Back"
2. Which play did Shakespeare pen "To be or not to be"
- Answer... Hamlet
3. Specifically, when was the War of 1812?
- Answer... 1812-1814



Land Acknowledgement

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.