

ALL SAINTS ALIVE
THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH
COLLINGWOOD'S WELCOMING HAVEN OF SUPPORT, CARE, OUTREACH AND INSPIRATION

JANUARY 27, 2022

Welcome to our newsletter, and to the cold temperatures of the winter!!! Hope everyone is well! (And warm!)

In our newsletter this week, Rector's Warden Rob Potter reports on some important items to be discussed at the annual Vestry meeting on Sunday, February 27th. Please read his report as it outlines two motions to be presented and discussed. Our wardens and clergy are monitoring the new timelines for the lifting of Covid "in person" restrictions and will keep the Parish informed.

To borrow a few words from Arthur Young and Vera Lynn....

We'll meet again
Don't know where, don't know when
But I know we'll meet again
Some sunny day.

Ann Chisholm has prepared for us a very detailed and informative summary from the 160th Regular Synod of the Diocese of Toronto. The synod, held at the end of November, had as its theme, "Love Thy Neighbour". Ann takes us through the meeting highlights. Please read her report below. We thank Ann for her dedication as our lay member for Synod.

Synod Report 2021

The 160th Regular Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, with the theme of Love Thy Neighbour was held virtually from November 25 – 27, 2021.

As one of the lay representatives from All Saints', I had already virtually attended the pre-synod meetings held in Barrie, in mid October. At that meeting, several of the motions to be presented at Synod were put forward, providing the opportunity for free discussion. Another important lesson, was also the opportunity to learn how to use the remote voting system.

Synod itself began on the evening of November 25th, with a service live streamed from St. James' Cathedral. Despite several technical difficulties, the Bishop Asbil gave his charge to Synod, "Love Thy Neighbour", a call to stewardship and generosity, setting the tone for Synod itself.

Synod began the next morning and was largely what I would categorize as a "business" synod. Motions to approve the minutes, agenda, auditors and financial status of the diocese were all presented and approved. Of note, the annual assessment for the parish remains at 24.7%, unchanged from a year ago and parishes may apply for one month of relief from this assessment based on their financial situation. The financial outlook for the Diocese allowed for a conservative forecast of 3% salary increases, and resulted in a \$1.75 M deficit in 2021 and a modest surplus in 2022.

One of the major motions presented to synod was the proposed changes in the governance structure of the diocese. These changes would keep the current number of bishops in the diocese at 3, none of whom would be assigned to a particular area. It would also allow for the appointment of up to 9 part-time area archdeacons, to handle more of the administrative matters in their area. These changes would allow the bishops to enhance their role as spiritual



leaders rather than that of “middle managers”. In addition, the Diocesan Council would be reorganized, essentially providing a more balanced Council of lay and clerical membership. These changes would require changes to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese in order to be implemented.

Subsequently, the motion presented was to make the necessary changes to the Constitution and Canons, on a 2-year temporary basis, to be revisited at Synod in 2023. This enabled the governance changes to go ahead, again on a trial basis. The motion was approved and passed.

Representatives for the Diocesan Council were elected with one of the lay representatives being Laura Walton, from Clearview. Representatives to the General Synod of The Anglican Church, to be held in Calgary in July, were also elected.

Of note, as well, the Constitution was changed to allow for the use of credit cards and e transfers, in line with current business practice.

The Diocese, as part of their responsibility and commitment to indigenous peoples and their role in reconciliation, overwhelmingly passed a motion that will allot monies, partially from the sale of lands, to several indigenous organizations, both in Toronto and more northern communities. A motion to facilitate the sale of land for housing projects will be further discussed at the next Synod in 2022.

During Synod, there were several Missional Moments presented by different parishes. All Saints’ presented a video of our Community Food Ministry and I would urge that it be given a larger audience within Collingwood. We can be very proud of and grateful for what Susan Scouten and her team, in particular, have done for our community.

I would encourage all parishioners to go to the Diocese of Toronto’s website for a more detailed account of Synod’s decisions. And, on a personal level, it was a privilege to virtually attend Synod and I look forward to the next Regular Synod of the Diocese in 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Chisholm

Keiko and our musicians continue to meet weekly. She has included her weekly update and photos below. In addition, Keiko and Susan Connolly are presenting a “Lunchtime Concert Series. This is to start on Wednesday, February 2nd at 12 noon. More information on this concert and series is included in the announcement below.





All Saints' Musicians met in zoom and enjoyed playing songs, singing hymns and exchanged cheers! Look at what's in the singers' hands... 

All are welcome. Please contact Keiko if you are looking for something fun to do!
keikokuepfer@gmail.com



All Saints' Lunchtime Concert Series 2022
Vol. 1 "A Baroque Invitation"
 Please Join us Online at
<https://www.allsaintscollingwood.com/livestream-sunday-service-at-930am/all-saints-lunchtime-concert-series-2022/>
 Wednesday February 2nd 2022 at 12pm - 12:30pm



Featuring music by Corelli, Purcell, Pepusch and Bach
 Performers
 Susan Connolly (Violin)
 &
 Keiko Yoden-Kuepfer (Piano & Organ)
A donation to All Saints' Music Ministry will be appreciated

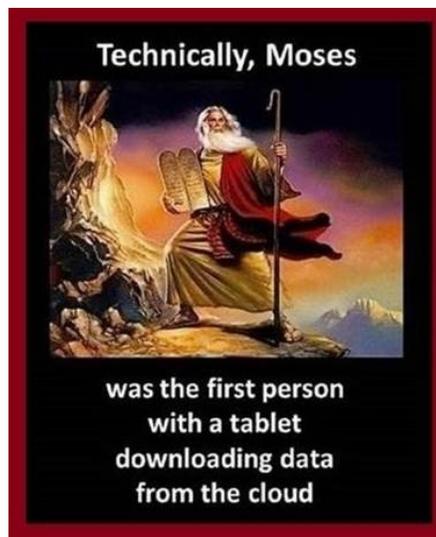


Susan Scouten reports that the Entrées-to-Go programme was very busy last week, with over 120 entrees being delivered to our community. Please keep in mind that the next Community Friendship Dinner takes place on Wednesday, February 9th. Donations are welcome!!

Birthday greetings go out this week to Cam McKay, (last Sunday) and Dennis Kuepfer (today).
We hope both of you had/have enjoyable days!



Gill Elias has shared with us a “poster” of Moses. Enjoy!!



A little bit of humour

A little boy was overheard praying, “Lord if you can’t make me a better boy, don’t worry. I’m having a real good time like I am.”

Another young child was trying to remember the Lord’s Prayer but it came out as...”And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets.”

and finally,... A Sunday school teacher asked her class, as they were on their way to the church service, “And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?” One bright young girl replied, “Because people are sleeping.”

In your prayers this week, please remember those individuals on our Parish Prayer list. We also pray for their caregivers and all who assist others in need. We pray for our church, our family, our friends and for all whom we love. Remember...God is available 24/7

“Please pray for these people during the week” - Ayako Yoden, Gord M, Dave Foster, Brenda Teeter, Bob Teeter, Michelle A, Sandra Girdle, Mary Ratensperger, John Crust, John Heinrich, Margaret Godwin, Pam Muir, Mike, Chris, Winona Waring, Shirley Normore, Bob Normore, Bob, Linda Lampman, Ed Lampman, Ann Farrell, Judy Keown, Bev Baxter, John, Ann Bye, Jim Milner, Paul Reid, Cheri Kelly, Dan, George Daniels, George, Eric Vignola, Amy MacPherson.

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 TO OUR RELATIONSHIPS AND THE ANCESTRAL LANDS ON WHICH WE PRAY, LEARN, SHARE AND LIVE.

Warden Update for ASA for January 28, 2022

Thank you for your patience regarding the closure. We are hopeful of being back soon.

A huge thank you to the many year-end generous donors that have bolstered our church and the Friendship dinners. It is wonderful that so many care about our church and its outreach. Of course, every donation, large or small is fantastic, and keeps our work going.

Two motions will be brought forward at Vestry on February 27th. One is to officially approve the separation of the cemetery into the currently used cemetery land, and the thirteen acres of unused surplus land. Ron Emo has done a tremendous job in moving forward on the separation of the unused surplus lands from our cemetery with the eventual goal of selling the surplus, and hopefully creating a retirement residence at the Rectory. This is a very long process. If this motion passes, then it will move forward to the diocese. Please be assured that there will still be centuries worth of plots available. It is interesting in talking to Jim Scott, Treasurer of the Cemetery Board, that we had zero interments in 2021. We had only cremations.

The second motion is to create an investment account for the church. We had a large donation of stock to the church this past year. Direct donations of this nature allows for great charitable gifts and reduces taxation and is absolutely legal. Having an account of this nature will simplify the transaction for this type of donation. It will not be used to trade on the stock market.

Please remember we are looking for a lessee for the rectory starting February 1st.

Please remember Advisory on February 15th at 7 p.m. and Vestry on February 27th following the service.

Please take care and stay safe.



Entrées-to-Go Food Program & Cobs Bread

Over 120 Frozen Single Serve Entrees plus all the donated Cob's Bread. Please reply any time during the month if you would like Cob's Bread. We have lots of bread products donated every week. Maybe you have a neighbour or friend that would like a donation of Cob's Bread Products.

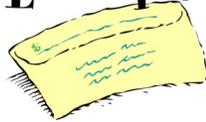
Next Community Friendship take-out dinner is Wed Feb 9. Pre-order early please! This take-out dinner is for YOU!

Donations are always needed and appreciated. Please contact the email below (Susan) for information about how to donate.

Thanks so much. There is an information page for the Food Ministry on the church Website. www.allsaintscollingwood.com Click on Food Ministries.

Here's how it all works: email sscouten1@gmail.com or call or text 705-441-1419 (Susan). Please keep donating! So appreciated and needed.

Offering Envelopes



Are here please contact the office 705-445-3841 or allsaintschurch@bmts.com to arrange for pick up.

HYDRO TIME OF USE

NEW RATE SCHEDULE

