

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

FEBRUARY 10, 2022

Welcome back to our newsletter after a week's break. It is great to now have temperatures a bit milder than in January. We hope all are keeping well!

The Covid mandates are gradually easing and new regulations come into effect on February 21st. Soon we will be allowed to resume in person church services and Father Doug and our wardens will officially make that announcement.

Our newsletter this week has our regular reports. Just a reminder about the Advisory Board meeting on February 15th and the Annual Vestry meeting after the church service on February 27th.

During the month of February, we honour and celebrate "Black History Month". Sharon Goldsworthy has provided All Saints Alive with a list of resources that we can check out, including on-line videos and books.

Susan Scouten and the Food Ministry team have had a very busy week. In the Entrées-to-Go programme, over 100 frozen entrees were distributed to our community. Last evening at the take out Community Friendship Dinner, Susan reports that it was another popular dinner—over 250 meals served! Please read all the details about both outreach programmes in the reports below.

Peoples' Warden, Kathi Wilkinson, has given an update on the many activities the staff and church leadership have been involved with during the last few weeks. Her report follows...

WARDENS MONTHLY UPDATE, February 2, 2022

All staff, wardens, Father Doug and Rev. Sharon were present for the monthly meeting held on ZOOM, Wednesday, February 2, 2022.

Albert Scouten reported since the new furnace (boiler) has been replaced recently all issues with heating in the Rectory have been addressed. Following the vacancy created on January 31st by the former tenant, Red Scarf Equestrian, Wardens Rob and Penny toured the premises and inspected the building. A few repairs were highlighted as needed to be addressed. Warden Kathi has noted these and is coordinating a plan to have them completed. Sanctuary has returned to more comfortable temperatures.

Albert and Jimmy will continue to make weekly inspections of the Rectory whilst it's vacant. John Kirby has offered to actively search for a new tenant on behalf of the Wardens on realtor.ca

Keiko shared more details of the virtual Lunchtime Concert Series which began February 2 12:00-12:30 p.m. and is now available to the parishioners and community to enjoy online.

Keiko has been continuing to be connected with the members of the choir through weekly online ZOOM sessions which includes hymn singing and social interactions. An invitation has been extended by Keiko to members of St. Luke's and Prince of Peace parishes to become involved in All Saints' Music Ministry. All singers who have volunteered to participate in the live-streamed worship services will be prerecorded through the month of February.

In order to keep the organ and piano in good working order Keiko will arrange to have the regular spring maintenance scheduled prior to the Easter services.



Warden Kathi is waiting to receive a response from the Town of Collingwood's Heritage Committee to the application she submitted in December for a grant to assist with the costs of replacing the Ste Marie Street Church doors in the Bell Tower. To date she has received quotes for the replacement of these historic doors and will be sharing these with Wardens at their March meeting. This project is scheduled for completion in 2022. AM Roofing has been made aware of the shingle replacements needed and the repairs of the peaked roof on Ste Marie Street. Assurances from the company have been received that these will be completed ASAP.

Nancy reported that leaders of the Cluster Groups have been forwarding their reports for the upcoming Advisory Council meeting February 15 at 7:00 p.m. and the Vestry meeting scheduled for February 27 at 11:00 a.m.

It was noted that preregistration will be necessary to receive the ZOOM a links to attend these meetings.

As more vaccinations continue to be administered and COVID-19 restrictions are eased the Wardens have made the decision to have All Saints reopened to in-person worship beginning Sunday, February 20. As in the past, due to limited capacity, preregistration with Nancy will be necessary to confirm attendance and to ensure we have adequate seating space each week. Please note that in-person all Diocesan COVID protocols, mask wearing, and social distancing will once again be in effect. Warden Elaine was thanked for her diligence in purchasing the multiple air purifiers for use throughout the Church which have made so much difference in the air quality for those working in the Church and attending services.

Après Ski services will resume on Saturday, March 6th at 5:00 p.m. These services are scheduled to continue until Saturday, April 9. Pre-registration with Nancy for attendance will be necessary and proof of vaccinations will be required to be shown at the door to the greeters.

This vaccination policy will enable immune compromised people to attend. Please note that as with our Sunday worship services, mask wearing and social distancing will be in effect. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. Following current Diocesan COVID policy there will be no refreshments provided.

Wardens are currently seeking volunteers to be the greeters at these Après ski services. If interested, please let Nancy know. A sign in sheet for attendees to initial their attendance will be available each week.

Wardens complimented Father Doug and Rev. Sharon on the inclusion of Prince of Peace, and St. Luke's participants in the live-streamed Sunday services. It was agreed that this collaboration has been a most successful arrangement.

Warden Penny offered to contact those who have volunteered to accept our invitation to become Wardens for 2022. Their names will be announced at the upcoming Vestry meeting. Wardens Rob and Elaine will be terribly missed. They were thanked for their devotion and the many hours of time and contributions they provided as Wardens All Saints' during the past four years.

Until we meet as a full congregation again, please know that we continue to think of all members of our Parish and wish that you all remain safe and healthy.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Wilkinson, People's Warden



Keiko continues her practices with All Saints choristers. She also reports on a very successful livestream Lunch Time Concert Series. Report and photo below.



Sending you smiles from the Choristers. There is another zoomer behind a screen who joined the rehearsal by phone calling.

Thank you to those who joined the first livestream Lunchtime Concert last Wednesday. About 30 people were able to access, including international audiences. The next concert will be on Wednesday March 9th with Celtic theme. Stay tuned everyone.

This week, Jennifer Gauci has given us encouragement and left us with a challenge....all this through a baseball game report! Let us show our grace with others around us during these challenging times.

A bit of humour for your week.....Sunday School stories....

A Sunday School teacher asked, “Jimmy, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the ark?” “No,” Jimmy replied. “How could he when he only had two worms!”

A Sunday School teacher said to her class, “We have been learning how powerful the kings and queens were in Bible times. But there is a Higher Power. Can anyone tell me what it is?” A small boy blurted out, “Aces!”

One Sunday, a church teacher decided to have her young class memorize the 23rd Psalm. She gave them a month to learn the chapter. Little Ricky was excite about the task but after much practice, he couldn’t get past the first verse. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite the Psalm, in front of the congregation, Little Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, “The Lord is my Shepherd, and that’s all I need to know.”



In your prayers this week, please pray for those individuals on our Parish Prayer list. We remember as well, their caregivers and all who assist others in need. We pray for our families, our friends, for our Parish and our community. As our newsletter was being finalized this morning we learned of the passing of parishioner, George Daniels. More information will be included next week but please keep Ruth and her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

“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 pray for the repose of the soul of George Daniels and for his family.

Remember that Christ is available, 24-7

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

Bible Verse Romans 3v22-24 - Even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Story - The Baseball Game

Bob was caught up in a vision where he and the Lord stood by to observe a baseball game.

The Lord's team was playing Satan's team.

The Lord's team was at bat, the score was tied zero to zero, and it was the bottom of the NINTH inning with two outs.

They continued to watch as a batter stepped up to the plate whose name was Love.

Love swung at the first pitch and hit a single, because Love never fails.

The next batter was named Faith, who also got a single because Faith works with Love.

The next batter up was named Godly wisdom.

Satan wound up and threw the first pitch; Godly Wisdom looked it over and let it pass, because Godly Wisdom does not swing at Satan's pitches.

Ball one.

Three more pitches and Godly Wisdom walked, because Godly wisdom never swings at Satan's throws.

The bases were loaded.

The Lord then turned to Bob and told him He was now going to bring in His star player.

Up to the plate stepped Grace.

Bob said he sure did not look like much!

Satan's whole team relaxed when they saw Grace.

Thinking he had won the game, Satan wound up and fired his first pitch.

To the shock of everyone, Grace hit the ball harder than anyone had ever seen.

But Satan was not worried; his centre fielder, the Prince of the air, let very few get by.

He went up for the ball, but it went right through his glove, hit him on the head and sent him crashing on the ground; then it continued over the fence for a home run!

The Lord's team won.

The Lord then asked Bob if he knew why Love, Faith, and Godly Wisdom could get on base but could not win the game.

Bob answered that he did not know why.

The Lord explained, "If your love, faith and wisdom had won the game you would think you had done it by yourself.

“Love, faith and wisdom will get you on base, but only My grace can get you home!”

Thoughts

In life it is so easy to get discouraged.

When I look at my life, I could so easily get discouraged by the things I've done or not done.

But what reassurance I can get when I know that no one else is different from me.

It's not reassuring to know that everyone has done or not done things that they regret.

I wish I were the only one with that problem.

But it is reassuring that we all have to come to God the same way, through the grace that He gives us.

It's not the "love" we have or the wisdom we think we possess, or even the things we possess, but only the Grace that He gives us which saves us and gets us home.

All those other things help us out in life, but without His grace we can't get anywhere.

Prayer

Let's give thanks to God for sending Jesus to be our Saviour and our guide for life.

Let's confess to Him the times when we have not plugged into Him for our energy.

Let's thank Him for always giving us another chance to show Him our love.

Challenge

Let's ask Him this week to show us ways in which we can share His grace with others and use the love and wisdom He's given us today.

Community Friendship Dinner

We served 254 take out dinners and 16 to OOTC on Wed Feb 9th. The dinner was delicious chicken drumsticks, hot vegetables and roasted potatoes and a roll and a dessert. I have had lots of compliments about this meal.

Thanks so much to the volunteers. There would not be a take out dinner without YOU! A special thank you to the delivery drivers. Quite a task to make sure folks get their meals in a timely manner.

I gave tours to representatives of two other churches (one from Collingwood, one from Barrie) who are looking for ideas for running community food programs in their churches. Tour guide is another hat I am wearing!

Also the Retired Teachers presented All Saints', First Presbyterian and Trinity United with a shared generous donation for our community food programs. We had our picture taken while receiving the cheque. All three church food programs are very grateful for the donation and to Warden Rob for applying.

Next month's take out dinner is Wed Mar 9th, menu to be decided.

Thanks again and again.

See you in church
Susan Scouten
Food Programs Coordinator

Entrées-to-Go Food Program & Cobs Bread

Over 100 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 Mar 9. Pre-order early please! This take-out dinner is for YOU!

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

Resources for Black History month Feb/22 Just a few!

Locally, people can check out what our library has to offer and while there, note the flag that has been created and raised for Black History month.

In the spring, when it reopens, check out the Sheffield Park Black History and Cultural Museum in Clarksburg.

Here is a cbc radio offering.

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/blogs/deep-cuts-a-special-compilation-of-the-current-s-facing-race-tow-n-hall-series-1.4612945>

Here are some short videos to watch.

Why do we have a Black History month? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s_5GZefBs4A

The Honourable Jean Augustine

<https://www.brightsparktravel.ca/blog/4-black-canadian-women-that-changed-history>

And <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ElhLOE-knlA>

Viola Davis

<https://www.brightsparktravel.ca/blog/4-black-canadian-women-that-changed-history>

Senator Ann Cools (1984-2018)

<https://www.brightsparktravel.ca/blog/4-black-canadian-women-that-changed-history>

Carrie Mae Best (1903-2001) Canadian Journalist and social activist.

First black owner and publisher of a Nova Scotia newspaper.

Lincoln Alexander (1922-2012) First Black Canadian Member of Parliament in the House of Commons, the first Black federal Cabinet Minister, the 24th (1985-1991) Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KT4TbChdMao>

Books

Lawrence Hill Canadian novelist, essayist, and memoirist The Book of Negroes

White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo

100 Accomplished Black Canadian Women–2016 or 2nd edition–2018

also

Check out toronto.anglican.ca/ under Diocesan Life you will find Diversity Resources

CBC Gem is featuring several Hot Docs related to the subject.

Amazon Prime has an Emmy nominated Series on The Underground Railroad.

From your Parish Missional Transformation Team

All Saints' Anglican Church

Après Ski Service

Candlelight Holy Communion

Saturday at 5pm

March 5th until April 9th, 2022

Pre-registration for the above opens up the Monday and closes

Thursday prior to the upcoming Service

Proof of Vaccination Required at the Door



George Weider was just three years old in 1941 when his father Jozo Weider brought him to live on a farm at the foot of Blue Mountain.

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