



Saints Alive

March – April 2019



The Church of All Saints Mission has a vision of being a vital, joyful source of the grace of God where individuals are respected, feel safe to worship, and are spiritually energized to live out God's purpose for their lives.

Rector's Ramblings

As we move into Lent I encourage you to take time to grow and deepen your faith. I encourage you to come to our Lent Study on "How the Bible Came to Us" on Sat. March 9, 16, 23, 30, 10am-1pm. And here is a poem to help you reflect on the Lord's Prayer (I expanded an already existing poem).

It Does Not Once Say ME

You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer
and even once say "I";
You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer
and even once say "My".

It is our Father
whose name is hallowed;

And whose kingdom is come
as His will is followed.
When you ask for daily bread
you must also want it for another;
When you pray to be forgiven
you must first forgive your neighbour.
Others are included
in each and every plea;
From the beginning to the end of it
it does not once say "Me".

Blessings,
Rev. Paul Bowie





Regular Services

Sunday: 8:00am – Spoken Service

Sunday: 9:30am – Family Service BAS with Music

Sunday School 2nd & 4th Sundays.

Thursday Morning Eucharist: 10:00am

Friday: 9am – 10:30am – Centering Prayer

Childrens' Area & Mother's Room

The deadline for submissions for 'Saints Alive' is April 25, 2019. Thank you for all your contributions.

Editor of Saints Alive

Our Lenten journey through the waters of baptism provides an opportunity to pray, act and give while deepening our understanding of the PWRDF and partners. Written by the Ven. Charlene Taylor of NFLD.



A LENTEN JOURNEY ~ Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th and ends on Maundy Thursday, April 18th. Lent is a solemn religious observance in the Christian liturgical calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends approximately six weeks later, before Easter Sunday. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, repentance of sins, almsgiving, and self-denial. Lent lasts for 40 days, giving up certain luxuries in order to replicate the sacrifice of Jesus Christ's journey into the desert. So what do we give up? Or what do we change? There are many ideas, but one which has been gaining popularity is the idea of giving rather than giving up:

- * Place one non-perishable food item in a box each day, and then donate it to a local food bank.
- * Remove an item of warm clothing from your closet, collect these and donate to a not-for-profit organization for those in need.
- * Each day send a note to someone you haven't seen for a long time or to a shut-in from your community.
- * Say 3 nice things to someone every day.
- * Practice random acts of kindness.
- * Set aside your spare change to donate to a charity.
- * Engage in a daily devotion
- * Start a good habit - volunteer.

Whatever you choose to do, may this be a time of reflection for you, leading to a blessed Easter.



World Day of Prayer - Slovenia

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 7th Avenue, Mission. Friday, March 1, 2019 – 1pm

At the core of the theme for WDP 2019, an invitation – Come. And to enable the response – **Everything is ready. Come to praise, thank, and proclaim the kingdom of love.**



The Most Revd Frederick Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada is retiring and he asks that we pray for the installation of the new Primate.

“Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, look on your Church with grace, and guide the minds of those who shall choose a Primate for our beloved Church, that we may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and support us in our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

The Nota Bene Singers

A huge thank you goes out to the Nota Bene Singers for the wonderful performance on Sunday January 27th. The Church was full and \$1,203.30 was raised for roof repair. The Sisters of St. John the Divine donated a large sum.



Parish Council 2019

Rector's Warden:	Judy Beale
Peoples' Warden:	Polly Betterton
Treasurer:	Mary McIntyre
Synod Delegates (2):	Mary McIntyre Molly Hawkins
Alternate Synod Delegates:	Donna Kennedy Gilli McLaren
Synod Youth Delegate:	Ryan Bowie
Members-at-Large:	Jan Openshaw, Dick Blades Margaret Blades Trevor Hamilton

Thank you to all who served on Parish Council in 2018. Thank you also, to those who will be serving on Parish Council in 2019. Many thanks to the Nominating Committee, Rose Bennett and Colleen Keil for ensuring these positions were filled.



Parish Council Retreat

Saturday March 2, 2019

10:00am

**Heritage Park Club House
33751 Seventh Avenue**



*God, use our gifts to our churches to
change people's lives in the community
and beyond.*

Matt. 28:19

Classified Ads:

- Is there a special event coming up?
- Is there something you want to tell to the world? (Or at least the readers of this fine publication)
- Got something for sale?
- Need to buy something?
- Services for hire?

Please let Donna know by April 25th and it will be in the next edition of Saints Alive.



**Time to
Spring Ahead**

Daylight Savings Time
March 10, 2019

Don't forget to set
your clocks forward
Saturday Night so you
won't be late for
Church.

Ash Wednesday



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:2

Ash Wednesday Service

March 6, 2019 – 6:00pm

All are Welcome

All Saints Anglican Church

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner



Tuesday, March 5th 5:30pm

**St. Andrew's Church will be
hosting a Pancake Dinner in
Church Hall. By Donation.
Proceeds to Ecole Mission Central
Elementary School Breakfast
Program**

Study during Lent – “How the Bible Came to Us”

Saturdays beginning March 9th – March 30th. 10:00am – 1:00pm

Please bring a bag-lunch.

Facilitated by the Reverend Paul Bowie



Lenten Services



We will again have periods of reflective silence during the Worship Services in Lent. During this time you may reflect on a word or phrase that stays with you, or just let go and allow the Holy Spirit to enter the silence. These will be signalled by the ringing of the bell between the Readings. There will be two ringings: the ringing in of the silence and the ringing out of the silence.

During the Prayers of the People, the Intercessor will allow for longer pauses during and between each of the petitions.



Easter Flowers

The emerald Palms, Daffodils and Tulips are bought with donations by you. Please put your donation in an envelope, marked Easter Flowers, and write your dedication on a separate sheet for the office.



Holy Week

April 14 - Palm/Passion Sunday

8:00am - Said Service

9:30am - Procession of Palms, Dramatic Reading of the Passion

April 18 - 6pm Maundy Thursday in the Chapel

April 19 - 11am Good Friday Stations of the Cross

April 20 - Holy Saturday 8:00pm

April 21 - Easter Sunday

8:00am - Said Service

9:30am - Family Service 'Alleluia He is Risen'



Maundy Thursday Simple Supper
6pm



Good Friday Service
April 19th - 11:00 am

Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday



The Great Vigil of Easter

Saturday, April 20th – 8:00pm

The Lighting of the Pascal Candle.
Begins with a Bonfire, Worship and
follows with a reception in the Hall.
Donations of Hot Cross Buns and
Wine will be graciously accepted.

EASTER

Rejoice in the Miracle of Easter

April 21, 2019

8:00am Holy Communion
9:30am Family Eucharist
Daffodil Cross

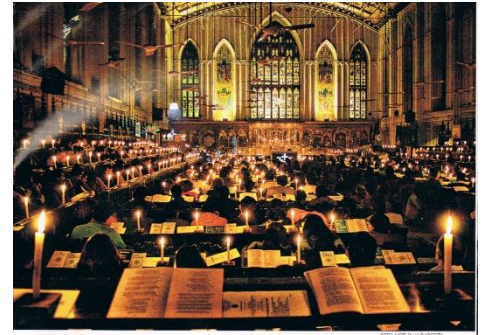
'Alleluia He is Risen'

We Welcome All People

Galations 3:28

A Light is Gleaming: Kolkata!

It was 1971, and my employers transferred me from an idyllic posting in the city of Bangalore, Southern India to the Company head office in 'Calcutta' - that is how Kolkata was spelt in days gone by. When we landed at Calcutta airport with my young family, a son 4 years old and a daughter just 2, I was alarmed to find the airport surrounded by anti - aircraft guns, sand bags all over the place, heavy tanks and artillery



St. Paul's Cathedral

guarding the airport entrance, and soldiers with weapons on the ready scurrying around - it was a war zone; the airport was not far from the then East Pakistan border. The Indian Armoured Corp was rapidly advancing towards Dhaka, the capital of East Pakistan to liberate, what eventually became Bangladesh. I learnt a lesson from that army operation, which I have shared with fellow vestry members wherever and whenever I have been part of deliberations; but more of that later.

Refugees flooded into camps in India seeking sanctuary, and the magnitude of human tragedy, as it unfolded can never be fully described. The global reaction was emotional and enormous – those of us who were old enough then will remember Joan Baez singing haunting ballads about Bangladesh. At a rally in Hyde Park London, where I happened to be, I bought a tie for the relief effort for which I paid £ 25 - a princely sum for me; but people of the world were deeply moved by the human tragedy and the horror of it all.

But there were many who were challenged by the words of Jesus: *“in as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.”* Millions as refugees found their way to live in the slums of Kolkata. And that is when the Calcutta Cathedral Relief Society was born in the turmoil of war and misery.

St. Paul's Cathedral, Kolkata (1847) is a magnificent edifice, noted for its Gothic architecture. It is the seat of the Diocese of Kolkata.

The late Canon Subhir Biswas, a visionary young priest was the vicar. He said: *“Some people in India would be quite happy to see the church just keeping itself, maintaining the beautiful grounds in the midst of violence and tension. Yet we ourselves, who are within this feel that we can't do it. We have to expose ourselves, to put our property and our church in jeopardy. It is a way of asking repeatedly, what does the incarnation mean in our lives?”* In this vision he was joined by Hazel Platts, who after a stellar career in the British diplomatic service (last posting a senior administrative position in the British Embassy in Jerusalem) decided to commit her life as a missionary to India. She lived in Kolkata for the rest of her life and died there. They together were the inspiration for the founding of the Calcutta Cathedral Relief Society. Hazel Platts, who eventually was honoured with an O.B.E (Order of the British Empire), was its the first Executive Director. And CCRS provided food, clothing, medical care, and education to the war stricken and the poor to give them a chance in life. Today this work has grown, and the mandate is considerably enlarged to address other problems of society, such as human trafficking, and other evils.

Money was always scarce but Canon Subhir Biswas had many creative ideas. At one time a banquet was organized as a fund raiser and tickets were sold. That evening everybody was seated, but there was only one

table and two chairs in the middle of the hall. A lottery was drawn and the winning couple sat at this table and were served bread and soup. The others went hungry to experience what it means to be hungry, and the money collected went towards a feeding programme.

In order to resist and fight the Indian army columns, as they rapidly advance towards the capital city of Dhaka, Pakistani commanders decided on the strategy of setting up pockets of fortifications all the way. But the Indian army commanders ignored those fortifications and went straight to Dhaka, and raised the national flag. And East Pakistan became the People's Republic of Bangladesh in a matter of days. How often, I tell my friends at the Vestry meetings, we get side tracked in irrelevant skirmishes, missing out on the main objective altogether.

My Company had a Branch office in Dhaka, but owing to the war all telephone and radio communication were lost, and nobody knew about the fate of our colleague. It was decided that I should be sent Dhaka because I was a Christian, and therefore, unlike my Hindu and Muslim colleagues less likely to come in harm's way. Sometimes the tide of events takes you to a place where you had not planned to go, but that is the cost of discipleship.

I eventually found my lost colleague. He took me to his office, and showed me his desk; one side of it was shattered with bullet holes. He wanted to buy a new desk. I tried to persuade him to keep the old desk, have it nicely polished, so that bullet holes are on display – it will give him bragging rights! I did not succeed because for him it was an emotional trauma that he did not wish to be reminded of. I realized that sometimes in our zeal to impose our 'bright ideas' we are blind to another's pain.

We were privileged to attend the 8th Annual "Penny Pot Tea," a great endeavour by Sheila Johnston and friends (Sara and David and Keith and Roma) to raise funds to support the work of CCRS (Calcutta Cathedral Relief Society) in Kolkata. This year it was a special occasion because a distinguished delegation from Kolkata was there. It was so good to meet the Rt. Revd. Ashoke Biswas, Bishop of Kolkata and Chair of CCRS, the Revd. Abhir Adhikari, presbyter of St. Paul's Cathedral, and vice chair of CCRS, and Rig David, the Executive Director, and worthy successor to this position of responsibility. We were so happy to share with them stories and common experiences, reminiscence about people we knew and places we haunted – the Bishop had a delightful sense of humour and knew all the road side eating spots of Kolkata! It was good to know that the presence of Christ continues to be known in Kolkata through the work they do

Father Basil Manuel a dear friend, was the vicar of St. James' Church, a magnificent twin towered edifice built in 1862. When we were finally leaving Kolkata, where we had lived for 16 years, he gave us a painting by Sama Bairagi, a gifted young Bengali artist – some of his work adorns the Cathedral. Father Manuel said, wherever you go, this picture would remind you of this city. At that time (1985) we could never have imagined that one day this painting will bless our home in Canada, but it does. Please see the attached photograph; also do not miss Sheila's piggy bank next to the picture- that is from her Penny Pot Tea Party; an endeavour that supports the relief effort of CCRS in Kolkata

An artist observes from a perspective that ordinary mortals like you and I do not have. And using his imagination transcribes his observation to display to the viewer the reality as seen by him. The gospel writers similarly wrote for us about their respective experience of Jesus in their lives; hence the futility of trying to reconcile their differing narratives, because each gospel writer is expressing his experience of Jesus within the limitation of the written word from his perspective. Bairagi has painted Kolkata skyline in silhouette, high rise buildings, symbols of economic wealth and power, Victoria memorial, a beautiful structure, but a poor attempt

to replicate the glory of the Taj Mahal to perpetuate the memory of a foreign monarch; the iconic Howrah bridge spanning the Hooghly River, (a tributary of the Ganges), the elegant Bengal Club where the elite dine in exclusivity, and some of us can clearly identify St Paul's Cathedral. But poignantly the artist also shows the slums, and small shanty huts, called 'Jhuggis' where the poor and the hungry live. Oxford dictionary describes 'Jhuggis' as a slum dwelling made of mud and corrugated iron. In fact corrugated iron was expensive and they were simply made of card board and tin. But looking over the city of Kolkata with its high rise buildings, its slums, its rich and its poor is the profile of Jesus embracing the city in a gaze of care and compassion and love. And that is how the artist is affirming the presence of Jesus; a light is gleaming!

There are many who have walked with Jesus on the streets of Kolkata, and there are many who walk with him even today. When we lived there we had the privilege of knowing a few. There was of course Mother Teresa – she was revered even then, this extraordinary woman walking with the ordinary; living an expression of the love of God; there was Major Dudley Gardiner, who ran the “Meals on Wheels” program of the Salvation Army, but he was a real major of the British Army. His Lord asked him to ‘feed the hungry’, and he did until the day he died. As a prisoner of war the Japanese had tattooed his number on his chin, and to hide that he had a bushy beard – on the streets of Kolkata, he was known as the angel with the bushy beard. But it was their faithful work and that of many in the past and in the present that the presence of Jesus is known in Kolkata; and that is how the kingdom of God grows, inexorably and inevitably, not because of us but in spite of us.

Subhir Biswas (1933 -77) wrote a prayer that not only articulates his conviction, but also teaches us what a prayer ought to be.

Forgive us, Lord, when we build worlds which are dependent on us and not on you. . . Forgive us when we cannot see you in the midst of suffering and darkness. Help us, however feebly, to realise that the coming of the Kingdom is your work, and not ours.

Gilli McLaren

May 30, 2018



Group Photo



Jesus at Kolkata

Restoration/Renovation

In early January the water damaged ceiling of the chapel was removed. The kitchen ceiling was tested, discovered to contain asbesto and was environmentally removed. Both Chapel and kitchen will have new ceiling lights to replace those damaged by the water. Following extensive discussion at our January Parish Council meeting, we are taking the opportunity to improve and increase the electrical outlets in the kitchen and hall. We are also improving the Chapel so that it can be used as a place of worship as well as a meeting room. Our volunteers Ed Betterton and Michael Knight have removed the carpeted platform, thoroughly screwed down all of the floor to eliminate the squeaks, and started painting the walls. The restoration companies will install new ceiling panels and new floor.



Photos of the carpeted platform before and after, including first coats of paint on the walls.



Ceiling in the kitchen removed. New electrical to be installed.

Submitted by Polly Betterton



Following the distribution of the June 2019 issues of *Anglican Journal* and *Topic* only those who have confirmed their subscriptions will continue to receive these publications in the mail.

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THANK-YOU!



119th Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster

The next full Synod is scheduled for May 24 and 25, 2019 at the Italian Cultural Centre

The theme for Diocesan Synod 2019 (May 24 & 25) is *Love One Another: Christ's Body, the Church*. Love one and other comes from *John 15:12*. It is the reading for the day and the beginning of the verses our Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, uses as foundational scripture to his work, *The Heartbeat of the Church*. We are fortunate that our Primate will be with us at our 119th Synod, preaching at Morning Prayer and speaking to us about our church's ministry and witness nationally and globally.

The theme, Love One and Other: Christ's Body, the Church, draws our attention to our Diocesan Vision Priority "Our God entrusts us with the stewardship of our lives and our communities."

One bread, one body

One Lord of all

One cup of blessing which we bless

And we, though many

Throughout the earth

We are one body in this one Lord [Common Praise, #73]

As one faithful body we embrace the opportunity to learn about the remarkable work taking places in ministries around our diocese including the revision and updating of our Constitution Canons. Interactive presentations, table discussions and feed-back will be used to encourage an atmosphere of learning, discovery and discussion.

LIGHTER LIVING



ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

Do you want to live greener but don't know where to start? Do you find yourself wondering what you can do to protect our planet? You are not alone! Please join us as we explore Lighter Living – a concept to encourage us all to consume less, waste less, live more and share more! Check out our new Solar Panel upgrade and learn about the benefits of solar energy. Featuring Keynote Speakers from Vancouver Renewable Energy as well as a variety of local sustainable business members. A light lunch will be provided and children activities will be available. Bring your friends – all are welcome.

Saturday, April 6th 10am – 2pm

All Saints Anglican Church Hall



Celebration of St. George's Day and Everything British

Saturday April 27th at 7:00pm

Entertainment & light refreshments

Admission by Donation

We're looking for entertainers! If you have a skit, a song, a poem, or if you play a musical instrument ... please contact Rose



Every Spring for many years we have taken orders from parishioners and neighbours for Bedding Plants. Our plants from the past have been a good quality and have provided endless hours of summer colour. All funds raised will go to support church programs.



If you have stuff that you wish to get rid of...please bring it to the church. Your junk is someone else's treasure. No Clothes please.

Saturday
May 4th
9am – 3pm



All Saints Anglican Church
Corner of 2nd and James
Mission, BC

We are back! Our annual Garage Sale will be held on May 4th, in the Church Hall starting at 9am, precisely. We have the usual treasures, plus plants, and a concession. We need volunteers please: May 2nd and 3rd - sorting and pricing.

May 4th help out at the sale- Help in the Concession, Help at the Cash-out desk, and Helpers to pack-up all the unsold items.

Tell your neighbours, friends and family and ask them for donations. Thank you. After the sale, any left-over items are passed on to other charities.

Remember your junk is another person's Treasure. AND THOSE HOT DOGS!!!

Ongoing Outreach

HARVEST BAG PROGRAM

AVAILABLE TO ALL MISSION RESIDENTS !

**FRESH, HIGH QUALITY
fruits and vegetables
At a GREAT price!
(Locally grown when possible)**

**Cost \$5.00 per bag
(Approximate value of \$10.00)**

Pre-order by the second Friday of the month at:

- All Saints Anglican Church - 33077 2nd Ave. (2nd and James)
- Mission Community Services Society - 33179 2nd Ave.

Pick up on the third Monday of the month at.....

Mission Food Centre
32646 Logan Ave

Between the hours of 11:00 am -12:00 pm

YOU MUST PRESENT YOUR RECEIPT OR PICTURE ID



March – April Sunday Basket

We are collecting baby food

**(including Similac) and disposable diapers. These items
will go to SARA.**



TRIM

The Care Home Ministry at The Residence

We offer the residents an opportunity to receive the sacrament, worship
and fellowship once a month. Please speak with Deacon Glen for more information



International Giving

Our international giving goal is achieved
through your donations of refundable
bottles and cans. Bottles and cans may be
put in the wooden chest underneath the
stairs outside the hall. Proceeds go a
School that helps support and educate
street children in Varanasi India. The work
is called Basic Human Needs.



**Pancake
Breakfast**

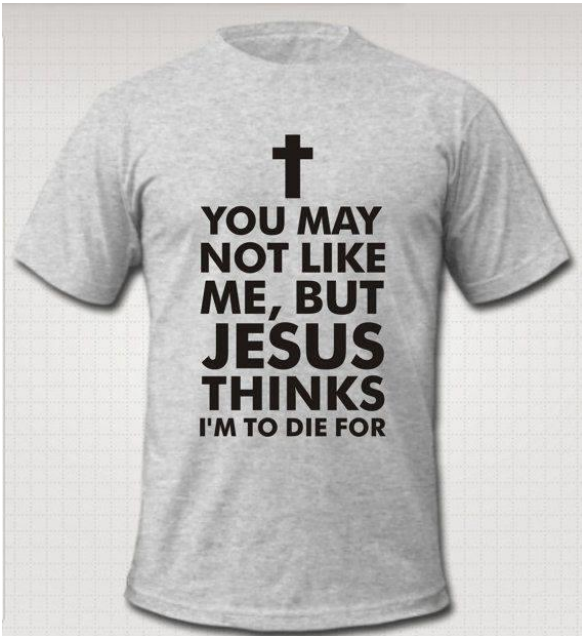


Pancake Breakfast 8:15 – 9:10am

1st Sunday of the Month

Pancakes \$4.00 (\$3.50 Senior/Child) with coffee, tea, juice and fruit Bacon & Sausage .50 each or
2/.75 Scrambled Eggs 2/\$1.75 French toast 2 slices \$5.

Church Humour



EPITAPH (In a cemetery in England)

Remember man, as you walk by,
As you are now, so once was I,
As I am now, so shall you be,
Remember this and follow me.

To which someone replied by writing on the
tombstone:

To follow you I'll not consent,
Until I know which way you went.

LEAVING CHURCH

SOMETIMES IT CAN BE DIFFICULT TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO LEAVE AFTER
A SERVICE BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN HAVING SUCH A GREAT TIME.
THESE ARE SOME OF THE TACTICS THAT THE CHURCHWARDENS ADOPT:



JANGLING KEYS



TURNING OUT THE LIGHTS



APPROACHING PEOPLE
WITH A ROTA



ORGANISING A
WORK PARTY



THE COMMENCEMENT
OF A GROUP HUG



SOME ODD OR
UNPREDICTABLE BEHAVIOUR

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Little Saints of All Saints

The Golden Rule



Scripture: "Do to others as you would have them do to you." Luke 6:31 (NIV)

What do you think of when you see a heart? Most of us would probably say that when we see a heart, we think of love. Who do you love? Do you love your parents? Do you love your brother or sister? How about your best friend? Do you love your teacher? It is easy to love these people, because they love us too.

Are there any boys or girls that are mean to you at recess? Has anyone ever said something about you that was not true? Do you love those boys and girls? Should we really be expected to love people who are mean to us, treat us badly, and say ugly things about us? Well, let's listen to what Jesus told us to do.

One day Jesus was teaching out on a hillside. We call his lesson that day "The Sermon on the Mount." In his sermon, Jesus said some things that really surprised his listeners. "You have heard that you should love your neighbours and hate your enemies," Jesus said. "But I say, love your enemies -- and if someone does mean and hateful things to you, pray them."

Why should we love our enemies? Jesus said that when we love our enemies, we are acting like children of God. If we only love those who love us, will God reward us for that? If we are only kind to our friends, what is so great about that? Everybody does that!

It isn't always easy to love your enemies, but there are some good reasons for doing it.

- It demonstrates the love of God to others.
- It sets a good example for others to follow.
- It turns enemies into friends.

Father, it is easy to love those who love us. Help us to love our enemies so that they might know that we are your children. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.