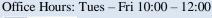
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Saints Alive

July – August 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.

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional unceded territory of the Sto:lo Nations

Rector's Ramblings

Dear Friends:

I write to you on June 25. That means that Christmas is only six months away! But let's not get ahead of ourselves. We have had a busy first six months of 2019, and by all accounts the Fall is going to be busy as well. I want to thank everyone who has taken on a job this year. We couldn't do all the things we do without your willingness to help out. July and August are traditionally 'down' times at All Saints, when we can catch our breath and ready ourselves for the demands of the Fall.



I will be on Holidays July 15 – Aug. 15. The Rev. John Sovereign will be taking Sunday Services. A number of projects will be completed over the summer – the Chapel, the Heating System Upgrade, and the upgrade of the Florescent Lights.

My prayer is that all of us will be able to take some time to renew our bodies, minds and spirits over the summer. Take some time to relax and enjoy the beauty of Nature. Because Christmas is coming!

Summer Blessings,

God Bless You, Paul Bowie+



Enjoy your Vacation, Paul & Juliette. Blessings from your church family!



Regular Services (Note Changes for Summer)

Sunday: 8:00am – Spoken Service

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

Sunday School 2nd & 4th Sundays. *No Sunday School

July/August*

We welcome The Rev. John Sovereign who will be taking services while Rev. Paul is on holidays from July 15 – August 15.

Thursday Morning Eucharist: 10:00am *Cancelled July/August

Children's quiet play at back of church & Play room off the Narthex

The deadline for submissions for the next edition of 'Saints Alive' is <u>August 25, 2019.</u> Thank you for your contributions to the newsletter.



During Vacation time the Church Treasurer will continue to pay for expenses, so please consider leaving your offering envelopes before you go away. Post-dated cheques will be gladly accepted.



If you are travelling this summer, enjoy yourself, relax and take care.

God preserve those who travel;
surround them with your loving care;
protect them from every danger;
and bring them in safety to their journey's end;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Summer Schedule: During the month of July and August there will be No Sunday School nor will there be Pancake Breakfasts. Thursday morning Eucharist Service will also be 'on Vacation'. No choir practice! All will recommence in September; starting dates will be in the late August Announcements.

Editor of Saints Alive



God, Creator and Giver of all that

is good, we thank you for our many blessings. Mindful of your generosity, we acknowledge that all that we have is from you. Daily, we offer you thanks and praise for the beauty of the earth, our work, our family and our loved ones.



In the dawning of a new day, You are with us. In each dark hour, You are here. Blessed by Your grace, we show gratitude by sharing what we have. By serving our brothers and sisters, we serve You.

As You protect and guide us on our journey, we, Your stewards, remain ever grateful for Your constant love. Amen

I have been determined and mindful of giving thanks each morning when I wake. Truthfully some mornings that is a struggle as I know I will slowly and painfully climb out of my bed. But I can get out of bed and for that I am grateful. I am grateful that I have a wonderful family, (our dog Chevy), my church family, and my work family. I give thanks for the grace of God that I live in a country that I do not need to flee from violence.

When I practice gratitude nothing seems too difficult as I count my blessings each morning. With bountiful blessings I want to be generous in my time, talents and treasure.

I have some favourite non-biblical quotes (biblical passages are good too) that I ponder and I will share them below. May they inspire you as they have inspired me.

"Give yourself entirely to those around you. Be generous with your blessings. A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal." ~Steve Maraboli

"It is literally true that you can succeed best and quickest by helping others to succeed." ~Napolean Hill

"If we all do one random act of kindness daily, we just might set the world in the right direction" ~Martin Kornfeld

"The ideals which have lighted my way, and time after time have given me courage to face life cheerfully, have been kindness, Beauty, and Truth." ~Albert Einstein

"If you are really thankful, what do you do? You share." ~W. Clement Stone

"For it is in the giving that we receive." ~Saint Francis of Assisi

Blessings and have a wonderful, safe and relaxing summer,

Donna Kennedy



Pentecost Sunday



Preparing for the Processional



Childrens' Time

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On June 9^{th} we celebrated Pentecost Sunday.

The Sanctuary was decorated with flame coloured streamers and the children wore red banners.

Rev. Paul invited the children to the altar for an Instructional Eucharist.

Benjamin loves to carry the cross for the Processional and Recessional Hymns. Our children are a Blessing indeed!

Recessional



Sermon on the Amount

It has been decided that we need to keep everyone up to date on our finances so this will now be a regular part of the Newsletter. Therefore, this report will cover our Income and Expenses from **January 1 to May 31, 2019** as well as the budget to date.

<u>Income</u>		Budget
Envelope Giving	36,082.55	38,333.35
Special Envelopes	505.00	500.00
Open Offerings	1,635.07	1,885.40
Building Donations	13,810.00	14,625.00
Fundraising to date	2,223.60	2,100.00
Miscellaneous	800.00	250.00
Total Income	55,056.22	57,693.75
Expenses		Budget
Expenses Diocesan Assessment	7,720.00	<u>Budget</u> 7,720.00
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Diocesan Assessment Wages & Benefits	41,100.90	7,720.00 41,066.30
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Explanation of Numbers

The Total Income numbers means we now have a shortfall of \$2,637.53 between the total income and the budget numbers. The biggest shortfall is in our envelope giving which is worrying and means that we will need to do better on our Fundraising projects if we want to meet our budget numbers we passed at Annual Vestry. Although our Building Donations has a smaller shortfall this is dependent on the hall being rented. On the other hand, we need to give a big thank you to Ed for the Plant Sale that came in \$258.45 over what was expected. In the Miscellaneous line we will continue to be above budget numbers due to the \$500.00 given to us by VanCity to pay for the Lighter Living workshop that was held at All Saints in April and written up in the Topic. The Total Expenses numbers gives us a \$1,342.78 difference between the total expenses and the budget numbers. Once again, the biggest expense is the gas cost (\$1,164.78 above budget). Hopefully, with the furnace off for the summer it will start to even out but of course once the heat comes back on in the fall, we will see the cost go up again. The Miscellaneous expense is for the costs incurred for the Lighter Living Workshop and paid for by VanCity and the budget amount for that line is for any seminars or training which hasn't been used yet and the Diocesan Synod costs for our delegates that hasn't been paid yet.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Beale

\$\$\$ The Rector's Emergency Discretionary Fund \$\$\$

This fund is used by Paul to assist people with financial help when a crisis comes into their lives or someone is having difficulty feeding their family and needs help with a grocery gift card. We will never know what it is used for as this is at Paul's discretion but as your Parish Council we do see when the fund is getting low and needs to be topped up again. Therefore, we are asking you to consider giving a donation to this fund periodically to assist in this very necessary ministry at All Saints.

Thank you, Your Parish Council



Polly Betterton of All Saints Anglican Church with #allarewelcomehere bumper sticker to be displayed at the church. Mission businesses are also part of the campaign sponsored by Prospera Credit Union and launched by MCSS Local Immigration Partnership to promote inclusion.

All Saints welcomes Immigrants as well as LGBTQ2S and Indigenous peoples.



To our family at All Saints,

Thank you all for your prayers, your caring, your love and support through this difficult time for us.

It was a great comfort & we appreciate it very much.

Love to you all Emil & Gloria

If you wish prayers on our confidential prayer chain or to have blessed communion brought to you, please contact Deacon Glen Nicholson at 604-768-9346 or gnicholson839@gmail.com



Truth and Reconciliation

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Truth and Reconciliation work this year.

From Mother's Day, May 12 each Sunday until Pentecost June 9, we celebrated our connections to indigenous peoples, with presentations by T and R committee members about

those connections during the service. Everyone was invited to think about their relationship with our First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples during that time and to write their own connections, be they through family, friendship, understanding or prayer, on green or yellow leaves to hang on our Tree of Connections. There were also flowers for prayers. We've had a wonderful response and now have a tree full of leaves and flowers. Thank you all for participating.

Sunday, May 5, Allison Doerksen gave an appreciative audience an excellent presentation on Pow Wow etiquette and pow wow dancing. It was lots of fun and very informative.

On Sunday, June 9 five signs translated from English to Halquemélem were blessed by Paul during the service. These signs for the kitchen, main hall, men's and women's downstairs washrooms are now up. Look for the Unceded Territory acknowledgement on the Sanctuary door.

On Friday, June 21, National Indigenous Peoples Day, many All Saints folks dropped in on the celebrations at Heritage Park put on by The Mission Friendship Centre. There were booths, dancing, drumming, a bannock contest and lunch for all.

On Saturday, June 22, Susan, Rene and Sheila attended the Ecole Mission Secondary School Convocation and presented the 2019 \$500 scholarships to Cassandra Colorado and Daina Hayes, two excellent students who have been involved in Truth and Reconciliation for two years. Congratulations to them and all the best for their futures.

Speaking of scholarship winners, the latest issue of "The Footprint Press" has an article on Carbon Footprints and artwork by Zachary Pelletier, one of our 2017 recipients. He is Métis and an SFU Environmental Sciences student. You can read the article online at Footprint Press.ca. Way to go, Zach.

On Sunday, June 23 we celebrated National Indigenous Peoples Day of Prayer with smudging in the Chapel, drumming during the service, and the Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address "Greetings to the Natural World" during the Prayers of the People. Our guest speaker was unable to make it at the last minute, but the Reverend Paul and Metis Elder Rene stepped in and talked about the work being done to create an Indigenous church within the National Church. Finally, at coffee, we were treated to Sam's bannock. Delicious!

The special offering towards All Saints 2020 Ecole Mission Secondary School Truth and Reconciliation Scholarships that day came to \$565. Thank you all for your generosity.

The Truth and Reconciliation Bulletin Board is now up in the Narthex. Please check it for interesting information about T and R. If you have any questions, or wish to suggest an activity or event, please speak to a committee member: The Reverend Paul, Susan Truman, Rene Inkster, Sam Green, Jan Openshaw, Jim Wilson, Margaret Blades, Molly Hawkins, or Sheila Barker.

*Photos and information on following pages



Tree of Connections





All Saints has been celebrating our connections to Indigenous peoples, be they through family, friendship, understanding or prayer, with presentations by Truth and Reconciliation committee members about those connections during the services.

Everyone is invited to think about their relationship with our First Peoples during this time.

This is a unique opportunity to express these relationships visually on the Tree of Connections.

All Saints Truth & Reconciliation Scholarships for 2019





The winners of the scholarships are Daina Hayes and Cassandra Colorado. Both are excellent students who have been involved in Truth & Reconciliation for 2 years. The scholarships are \$500 each and were presented on June 22 at Ecole Mission Seconday School's Convocation by Rene Inkster, Sheila Barker and Susan Trueman. Congratulations Daina and Cassandra and the very best for your futures.





National Aboriginal Sunday Celebration

June 23



Displays of beautiful art and sacred artifacts were set up and drummers performed.



On Sunday, June 23 Indigenous Peoples Sunday, All Saints celebrated Canada's native peoples. Smudging was offered in the Chapel at 9am, an Indigenous cleansing ritual. Keith Cameron, Aboriginal Liaison Officer for the BC Government and Services Employees Union and elder Sam Green's nephew was to be our guest speaker but due to unfortunate circumstances was unable to attend. Rev. Paul and Elder Rene Inkster spoke in his absence. There was a display of artifacts, drumming and bannock. A special offering was collected towards All Saints 2020 Ecole Mission Secondary School Truth and Reconciliation Scholarships. We give thanks to our Truth and Reconciliation Committee for all their efforts in making this a memorable celebration.

Prayers of the People the Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address.

There will also be a display of Indigenous Artifacts

You will find a short video of the Recessional Hymn on All Saints Anglican Church Mission Facebook page









Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address for Indigenous Sunday, June 23, 2019

For our Prayers of the People on Indigenous Sunday, used the Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address "Greetings to the Natural World". This translation from the Mohawk was published in 1993 by Six Nations Indian Museum and The Tracking Project. The English version is by John Stokes and Kanawahienton (David Benedict, Turtle Clan/Mohawk). Original Inspiration was from Tekaronianekon (Jake Swamp, Wolf Clan/Mohawk).

Now our minds are one.

The Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address "Greetings to the Natural World"

Today we have gathered and we see that the cycles of life continue. We have been given the duty to live in balance and harmony with each other and all living things. So now, we bring our minds together as one as we give greetings and thanks to each other as people.

Now our minds are one.

We are all thankful to our Mother, the Earth, for she gives us all that we need for life. She supports our feet as we walk about upon her. It gives us joy that she continues to care for us as she has from the beginning of time. To our mother, we send greetings and thanks.

Now our minds are one.

We give thanks for all the waters of the world for quenching our thirst and providing us with strength. Water is life. We know its power in many forms – waterfalls and rain, mists and streams, rivers and oceans. With one mind, we send greetings and thanks to the spirit of Water.

Now our minds are one.

We turn our minds to all the Fish life in the water. They were instructed to cleanse and purify the water. They also give themselves to us as food. We are grateful that we can still find pure water. So, we turn now to the Fish and send our greetings and thanks.

Now our minds are one.

Now we turn toward the vast fields of Plant life. As far as the eye can see, the Plants grow, working many wonders. They sustain many life forms. With our minds gathered together, we give thanks and look forward to seeing Plant life for many generations to come.

Now our minds are one.

With one mind, we turn to honour and thank all the Food Plants we harvest from the garden. Since the beginning of time, the grains, vegetables, beans and berries have helped the people survive. Many other living things draw strength from them too. We gather all the Plant Foods together as one and send them a greeting of thanks.

Now our minds are one.

Now we turn to all the Medicine herbs of the world. From the beginning they were instructed to take away sickness. They are always waiting and ready to heal us. We are happy there are still among us those special few who remember how to use these plants for healing. With one mind, we send greetings and thanks to the Medicines and the keepers of the Medicines.

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Now our minds are one.

We gather our minds together to send greetings and thanks to all the Animal life in the world. They have many things to teach us as people. We are honoured by them when they give up their lives so we may use their bodies as food for our people. We see them near our homes and in the deep forests. We are glad they are still here and we hope that it will always be so.

Now our minds are one.

We turn our thoughts to the Trees. The Earth has many families of Trees who have their own instructions and uses. Some provide us with shelter and shade, others with fruit, beauty and other useful things. Many people of the world use a Tree as a symbol of peace and strength. With one mind, we greet and thank the Tree of Life.

Now our minds are one.

We put our minds together as one and thank all the Birds who move and fly about over our heads. The Creator gave them beautiful songs. Each day they remind us to enjoy and appreciate life. The Eagle was chosen to be their leader. To all the Birds – from the smallest to the largest – we send our joyful greetings and thanks.

Now our minds are one.

We are all thankful to the powers we know as the Four Winds. We hear their voices in the moving air as they refresh us and purify the air we breathe. They help us to bring the change of seasons. From the four directions they come, bringing us messages and giving us strength. With one mind, we send our greetings and thanks to the Four Winds.

Now our minds are one.

Now we turn to the west where our grandfathers, the Thunder Beings, live. With lightning and thundering voices, they bring with them the water that renews life. We are thankful that they keep those evil things made by Okwiseres underground. We bring our minds together as one to send greetings and thanks to our Grandfathers, the Thunderers.

Now our minds are one.

We now send greetings and thanks to our eldest Brother, the Sun. Each day without fail, he travels the sky from east to west, bringing the light of a new day. He is the source of all the fires of life. With one mind, we send greetings and thanks to our Brother, the Sun.

Now our minds are one.

We put our minds together to give thanks to our oldest Grandmother, the Moon, who lights the night-time sky. She is the leader of woman all over the world, and she governs the movement of the ocean tides. By her changing face we measure time and it is the Moon who watches over the arrival of children here on Earth. With one mind, we send greetings and thanks to our Grandmother, the Moon.

Now our minds are one.

We give thanks to the Stars who are spread across the sky like jewelry. We see them in the night, helping the moon to light the darkness and bringing dew to the gardens and growing things. When we travel at night, they guide us home. With our minds gathered together as one, we send greetings and thanks to the Stars.

Now our minds are one.

We gather our minds to greet and thank the enlightened Teachers who have come to help us throughout the ages. When we forget how to live in harmony, they remind us of the way we were instructed to live as people. With one mind, we send greetings and thanks to these caring teachers.

Now our minds are one.

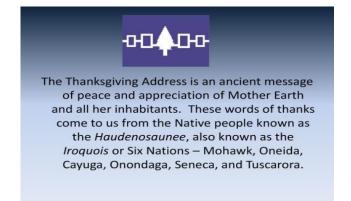
Now we turn our thoughts to the Creator, or Great Spirit, and send greetings and thanks for all the gifts of Creation. Everything we need to live a good life is here on this Mother Earth. For all the love that is still around us, we gather our minds together as one and send our choicest words of greetings and thank to the Creator.

Now our minds are one.

Of all the things we have named, it was not our intention to leave anything out. If something was forgotten, we leave it to each individual to send such greetings and thanks in their own way.

Now our minds are one.





Volunteers NEEDED SIGN UP TODAY

Coffee Fellowship

What can you do? One Sunday per month - Please volunteer to:

- Bring a sweet (home baking, store cookies, fruit, etc)
- Help with Serving,
- Help with clean-up

On a regular Sunday St. Andrews' team makes the coffee & tea and sets out the mugs etc. (when they are worshipping in Abbotsford, our team does this). Food is donated by both churches and is placed out by the Servers. They start serving about 10:30am and the All Saints team joins in after our worship ends about 10:45. By 11:20am the Anglican team fully takes over and later, does all of the clean-up.

We need You to make a commitment to do some part of these jobs for one Sunday a month. Although it is generous for you to say, "I can help anytime, just ask me." or, "If I'm there, I will gladly help." This does Not help. We need to be sure we have a full team.

Join us for Coffee Hour immediately

Will you bring a sweet once month? When? Will you help clean up once a month? When?

Please speak to Ed or Polly.

p.s. Summer holidays and we need extra help.





Please consider donating.





Thank you to each and every volunteer at All Saints. Together we do incredible work.
Thanks be to God for our time and talents

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH ANNUAL WALK-RUN-BIKE-ATHON

Join us once again for a wonderful fun day Sunday, September 22, 2019

Place: Heritage Park Place Clubhouse

33751 - Seventh Avenue

Time: 10:00 a.m. - Church Service

11:00 a.m. - Walk-Run-Bike-athon

12:30 p.m. - Picnic Lunch



This is our 6th Annual event. Once again, we will use the clubhouse at Heritage Park and we will start the morning with a church service at the clubhouse, followed by the Walk-Run-Bike-athon through the park (maps to be provided), and then back to the clubhouse for lunch. All the food will be provided by the organizers and once again our two chefs will be manning the barbecue to cook the Hamburgers and Hot Dogs.

The pledge sheets are being handed out now and throughout the summer so that you have the time to collect pledges and be ready for September 22th so please make sure that you are registered and have a pledge sheet so that you can get started collecting pledges. Let's see if we can beat last years' total.



100 years ago - from the Fraser Valley Record 1919

April 24, 1919 ALL SAINTS WHIST DRIVE

A sale of work and a whist drive was the interesting item at the Imperial Hall on Monday afternoon and evening last. The sale of work was a grand success and the whist drive in the evening was one of the social events of the season, at which a very large number of people attended, all report having a most enjoyable time. The dance after the whist drive was also greatly enjoyed.

Thursday, Dec. 4th Ladies of All Saints Guild Entertain

The Ladies of All Saints Guild entertained a number of friends at the vicarage, Thursday November 27th, where a pleasant evening was spent with whist and five hundred. Mrs. C.A. Christie and Mr. Harry Webb carried away the first prizes, while the consolation prizes were left to Mrs. Watkins and Mr. Webb snr. Among those noticed present were Mrs. Stephen, Mrs. Webb, Miss Webb, Mrs. Winch, Miss Winch, Mrs. Portsmouth, Miss Portsmouth, Mrs. Stokes, Miss Appleby, Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. McMann, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Neil, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Moris Read, Messrs. Rev. Weatherdon, McKenzie, Webb, Harry Webb, Christie, Winch, Portsmouth, Witmore, Taylor, Judd, Stephen, Brassey, Watkins, Randolph Appleby, Frank Appleby, Aubrey Blanchard, and other.

Polly's NOTE: There were at least 33 people in the vicarage; that is at least 8 tables of 4 - HOW big was the vicarage?

Also, I have never played Whist. Does anyone know how?



"He shall have dominion from sea to sea...." Psalm 72:8

We pray for the movement of your Holy Spirit across this nation and for the work of your church in every city and village.

O Lord, make us mindful of your generosity, and glad to do your will.

Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honourable way of life.

Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride, arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Make us, who come from many different backgrounds and countries, a united people – one in purpose and vision. Give our government a spirit of wisdom and compassion that there may justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, lead us to thanksgiving, and when times are troubled, lead us to a deepening trust in you.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ adapted from a prayer on the website of Trinity Anglican Church in Barrie, Ontario. http://www.trinitybarrie.ca/



Please check our website for ALL meetings and upcoming events

- July15 to August 15 Rev. Paul Bowie on holidays
- August 25 Deadline for submissions to Newsletter
- Sunday August 25th Parish Council 11:15 am.
- Tuesday August 27th ACW Meeting at 11:30am Planning session for the Bazaar
- Thursday August 29th Worship Advisory Meeting 2pm
- Sunday September 1st Pancake Breakfast
- Sunday September 15th Holy Cross Sunday, Holy Baptism
- Sunday September 22nd Annual All Saints Walk-a-thon
- Sunday September 29th Parish Council at 11:15am
- Sunday October 6th Blessing of Pets 4pm
- Tuesday October 22nd 6pm Preparation of Mincemeat
- Wednesday October 30th 10am Bottling of Mincemeat
- Saturday November 16th Bazaar and Tea
- Saturday November 23rd Craft and Vendor Fair



July and August are our months for bringing school supplies for Ecole Mission Central School. Look for a list in the Sunday bulletin. Also on Sunday, Sept 15 representatives from the Varanasi School in India that we support with our bottle donations will be coming to speak to us about the work of the school. This is All Saints' international outreach and the first time we will hear from people involved with the school. In addition the Holy Rollers were busy in May and June making pies - 40 large and 26 small. Proceeds will go to outreach projects to be determined at our August meeting. Watch for info in the bulletin.

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



Ongoing Outreach

July – August Outreach Basket we are collecting school supplies for Ecole Mission Central Elementary School. Please see weekly bulletin for needed supplies.





TRIM Care Home Ministry at the Residence

We offer the Residents an opportunity to receive worship and fellowship once a month.

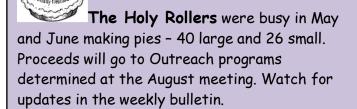
Please speak with Deacon Glen for more information.





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.



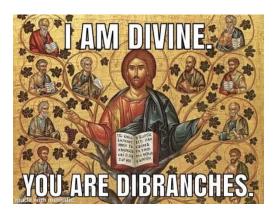


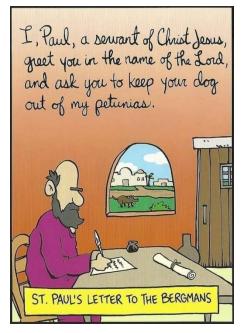
Please note: No Breakfast July or August Next Breakfast September 1st

Pancake Breakfast 8:30 - 9:20am

1st Sunday of the Month

Church Humour





Recreation is my shepherd, I shall not stay at home; It maketh me to lie down in a sleeping bag; It leadeth me down the highway each weekend.

It restoreth my suntan; It leadeth me to Provincial parks for comfort's sake. Even though I stray on the Lord's Day, I will fear no reprimand, for I am relaxed; My rod and reel they comfort me.

I annointed my skin with oil, My gas tank runneth dry; Surely my trailer shall follow me all the weekends of summer, And I shall return to the house of the Lord this fall. A priest and a taxi driver both died and went to heaven. St. Peter was at the Pearly gates waiting for them.

'Come with me,' said St. Peter to the taxi driver.

The taxi driver did as he was told and followed St Peter to a mansion. It had everything you could imagine from a bowling alley to an Olympic size pool.

'Oh my word, thank you,' said the taxi driver.

Next, St. Peter led the priest to a rough old shack with a bunk bed and a little old television set.

'Wait, I think you are a little mixed up,' said the priest. 'Shouldn't I be the one who gets the mansion? After all I was a priest, went to church every day, and preached God's word.'

'Yes, that's true.' St Peter rejoined, 'But during your sermons people slept. When the taxi driver drove, everyone prayed.'

So I just got back home...

My dog is laying on the back patio covered in dirt with a rabbit in his mouth. The Rabbit's not bloody, just dirty. Now, my neighbor's kids raise these Blue Ribbon WINNER Rabbits. I instantly knew it was one of their rabbits. So I took the rabbit away from my dog, I rushed inside, washed all the dirt off it before my neighbors could come home. It was stiff but I heard some ANIMALS play dead when they are AFRAID, I couldn't remember which animals because I was NERVOUS. I took it and placed it back in one of the cage, then I ZOOMED back home. NOT 30 minutes later I hear my neighbours screaming. So I go out and ask them what's wrong?

They tell me their rabbit died three days ago and they buried it but now it's back in the cage.