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Saints Alive

January – February 2020



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

We have celebrated Advent and Christmas and now celebrate the Season of Epiphany. These celebrations are filled with Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love as we celebrate that 'God is with us'. The angels begin Christmas with "do not be afraid for I bring glad tidings of great joy". This is a key message for us, especially as many social scientists warn us we are creating a culture of fear that is disconnected from what is actually happening around us. Research shows that the perception of most people around the world is that poverty, crime and war has increased over the last thirty years, while the actual numbers tell us the exact opposite is true. We cannot give into fear. "Love casts out all fear". We need to incarnate the Christmas message all year through and break the cycle of fear by bringing the Love of God in Jesus to everyone we meet.



Blessings for the New Year,

Paul Bowie



Regular Services

Sunday: 8:00am – Spoken Service

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

Sunday School 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays.

Thursday Morning Eucharist: 10:00am

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

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

Healing Prayer offered during Communion or after the Worship Service.

Editor of Saints Alive

(I was searching on the internet and found this reflection on Epiphany. It spoke to me so I thought I'd share it here)

“In the Book of Genesis, we hear these words dramatic words from God, ‘Let there be light.’ (1.3). In John’s gospel, Jesus describes himself with these equally profound words, ‘I am the light of the world.’ (8.12). Today we celebrate the great festival of light, the Epiphany of the Lord. As the church, we remember and celebrate that Jesus who was born in the darkness of night in an animal shed is the light of and for the world. The word ‘epiphany’ means to make known or to reveal. The angels made known and revealed to the shepherds the joy of the birth of Jesus. In the same way, the star led these strangers from the East and revealed the same Jesus to them.



Our first reading from the Prophet Isaiah calls us to ‘Arise, shine out because our light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising in us, though night still covers the earth and darkness the people.’ Through the birth of Jesus and today’s wonderful feast, we are the people on whom a great light has shone.

Traditionally, we believe that the shepherds did not stay at stable after seeing Jesus, Mary and Joseph; they left glorifying and praising God. They left filled with the good news of this wondrous child. Just as the angels had proclaimed the good news to them, the shepherds in their turn shared their good news with others. In the same way, the visitors from the east, after they had given Jesus their gifts also left the stable. They didn’t stay there either. We are only told that they did not back to Herod but went home another way. We can only assume, that they too told everyone what they had seen and heard in that small stable in Bethlehem.

As we look upon the crib, we cannot stay there. Like the shepherds and the magi, we too are called to move away and take the light of Jesus with us. We are asked not only to admire the light, but to be people of light. As Jesus himself tells us, ‘You are the light of the world and your light must shine.’ The light of the Epiphany is given to us as a gift, but we cannot keep it to or for ourselves. Through the quality of our daily lives and how we treat each other, we are called to make our families, homes, parish communities and the wider world a better and brighter place for all people, especially the poor and the marginalised.

May Christ the Light and the Light of Christ fill all our homes, families and our parish communities this day and always.”

~Michael Moore OMI~



Notice of Annual Vestry Meeting All Saints Anglican Church

The meeting will take place on **Sunday, February 9, 2020**
in the church hall after the 9:30am Worship Service.

The Vestry Meeting is the Anglican word for a General Meeting, to which all members of a church are invited to have a voice and a vote.

The Vestry is composed of all the baptized members of the congregation, of the full age of 16 years, who for at least six months preceding the holding of a Vestry meeting have been identifiably involved with that congregation, through worship, fellowship, and financial support to that congregation.

WE WANT YOU AT OUR VESTRY MEETING! Your voice, your ideas and insights are valuable! This opportunity to gather **TOGETHER**, to identify **TOGETHER** our direction for the coming year, for as many people as possible at All Saints to feel a sense of ownership, responsibility and participation in the life of our congregation is of **VITAL** and **LIFE-GIVING** importance.

We will be seeking nominations for the Parish Council in **January**. We ask that you prayerfully consider serving in this ministry. New members will be chosen at our Annual Vestry Meeting on Sunday, February 9, 2020 after the 9:30am Service in the Church Hall.

Accepting a call to a leadership position is an act of stewardship. Parish Council members share with their parishioners a wide array of knowledge, skills and experiences plus the devotion of their time, talent and treasure for the parish community.



Parish Council Retreat

Retreat for the new Parish Council 2020 will be an extension of the meeting Sunday March 29, starting at 11:30am.

We will be meeting in the Lounge.

"All are from the dust,
and to dust all return."

Ecclesiastes 3:20, ESV



Ash Wednesday Service

February 26th, 2020

Wednesday evening 7:00pm

LENTEN STUDIES

Resting in God's Presence: a 3-part Prayer Practice Series

January 18, February 22 and March 28th 10:30am – 1:30pm



Welcoming Prayer in Lent

We will be following Thomas Keating's 40-day guide book to learn and practice the Welcoming Prayer Practice. We will meet weekly 7 times to check-in, learn together and be inspired in this embodied practice of saying YES for everyday life. This 'Consent on the Go' provides a means for moving deeper into trust and intimacy with the living God; learning to let go!

Saturday Mornings at All Saints Anglican Church February 22nd – April 4th 10:30am – 12:00pm

No charge

Facilitator: Lorie Martin

(you may choose to purchase a 40-Practice Booklet \$25.00)

Please speak with Lorie Martin for more information.



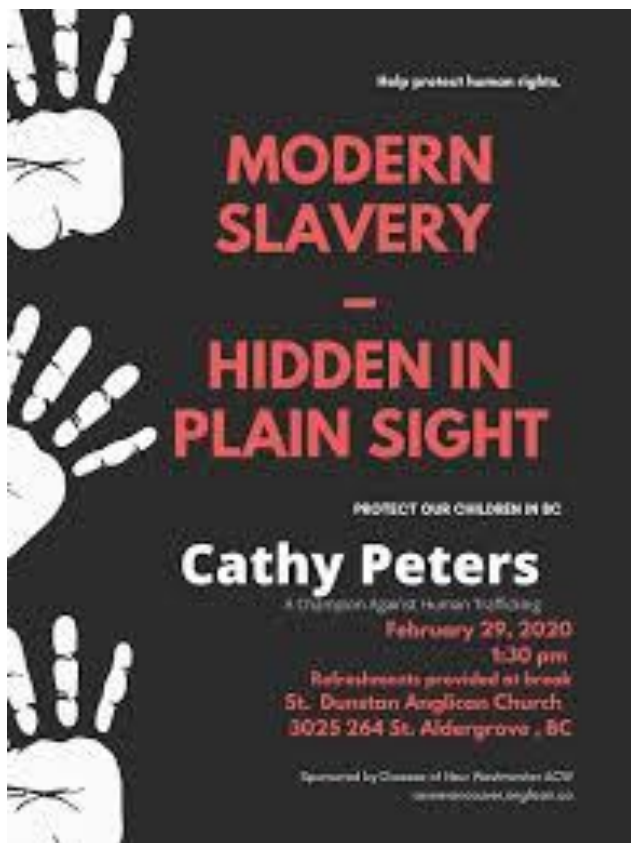
Lorie Martin

Hi friends! It is so good to be with you. I have appreciated your warm hospitality, generous service, and sincere faith. I am so grateful for you, the Reverend Paul Bowie, and this vibrant place of solid Anglican Tradition and beautiful openness to the Holy Spirit.

In case you are wondering... I am a student of Vancouver School of Theology and have been licensed by the Diocese to All Saints to learn and develop solid understanding and practice skills to equip my vocational journey. I am doing my Field Placement for two more semesters at All Saints (until August 2019). I am a postulant for the Diocese of New Westminster which means I have been recommended for Ordination to the Priesthood by the Advisory Committee for Postulancy for Ordination (ACPO).

I live with my husband, Dwight, at Lindell Beach, a lovely little lakeside village on the south end of Cultus Lake. We raised 5 children and now enjoy our 3 grandchildren – they are the best ever! We've lived in BC for 27 years after moving from Edmonton. Dwight attends St. Dunstan's, our home parish.

My passion is for people to experience the steadfast love of God in all of life. I have been a Spiritual Director for 13 years and offer Contemplative Retreats and Programs for spiritual growth and transformation. Recently I've had the joy of co-creating St. Dunstan's Centre for Spiritual Renewal in Langley with the Reverend David Taylor. Our program offers many weekly, monthly, and special retreats, workshops, and circles of prayer. I have been asked to offer some of these here at All Saints so watch for some wonderful opportunities for coming together and growing in God's grace. I am very grateful to be worshipping and serving together with you.



PROTECT OUR CHILDREN IN BC

Cathy Peters

A Champion Against Human Trafficking

February 29, 2020 1:30 pm

Refreshments provided at break

St. Dunstan Anglican Church

3025 264 St. Aldergrove, BC

Sponsored by Diocese of New Westminster
ACW acw@vancouver.anglican.ca



All Saints Christmas Tea & Bazaar 2019

Many thanks to everyone who donated so generously of their time & energy & of most importance their various talents to enable us once again enjoy a very successful Christmas Bazaar & Tea. Although the ACW undertakes the organization of the event it could not happen without members of our congregation coming forward to offer their help. Of most importance is the fellowship which was obviously being enjoyed by our workers & our many visitors as they met & visited over a cup of tea & time of fun & relaxation.

We also recognize & thank Karl's Meat Market who donated the suet for our mincemeat & those who so generously donated towards apples for mincemeat, particularly recognizing Fruits & Greens who gave us a generous discount on the apples. Last but not least to Cob's Bread who gave us a generous discount on the purchase of the bread for our sandwiches.

We remind everyone that ACW means Anglican Church Women & so we are all members of ACW. Sometimes when we extend an invitation to join our "group" we often receive the response "I would Like to become a member but I am not too keen on "attending meetings". We point out that you are not required to attend meetings but your willingness to help is always appreciated. However, we should point out that at these meetings we make decisions on what activities we plan to assist the Parish in keeping their funds topped up. At our January meeting we will be reviewing our Bazaar and how we might make improvements for next year. With the few members in attendance we toss about new & fresh ideas; hence, the more members in attendance the more new & fresh ideas we get. It's worth considering being a contributor. We welcome newcomers at any time & look forward to a new year.

Happy New Year to all!



Marci & Polly – Look at those beautiful smiles.



Molly serving a delectable plate of sandwiches



Donna & Margaret – selling Tea Tickets



Whatcha got there Brent?



Lots of great stuff. Hi Jane!



Yummy Cookies



Judy, Joe, Rose & Chris busy in the kitchen where all good things are made.



Pat, Margery, & Jan waiting for Tea & dainties.



So many to choose from. Chris makes his decision and Lisa serves.



Dick selling our Famous Mincemeat



Full House



Joe prepping sandwiches



Advent 2020

Each Sunday in Advent we hung the banners of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love as we lit the Advent Candles.

A special thank you to Marlene and the choir for the Advent Lessons and carols. This is always a lovely service.

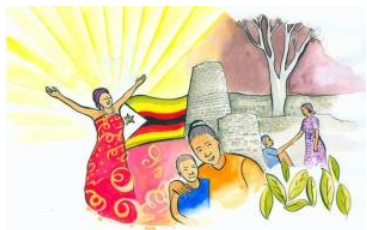
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner



St. Andrews United Church will be hosting The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, February 25th beginning at 5:30 pm in the Church Hall. We'll have pancakes, sausages, sliced fruit, coffee, etc. Admission will be by donation to be given to the Central School Breakfast Programme.

Everyone is welcome. Come share fellowship and pancakes!

World Day of Prayer - Zimbabwe



St. Andrews United Church, 2nd & James in Mission, **Friday, March 6, 2020**

We are empowered to take up our mats. No more waiting powerlessly on the mat. As expressed in the WDP 2020 painting by Nonhlanhla Mathe, let us give a healing hand to the needy, let us embrace children with love as their future is ahead, and let us open our arms in joy as the time to rise up has come. This is the time for change!

Bales to the North



Thank you so much to everyone who donated so generously with new and gently used clothing. The Christmas shipment to Whitehorse for distribution to parishes in the North consisted of 28 bales.

Flower Dedication Schedule for 2020

Polly is assembling the schedule for 2020. Ideally, each Sunday has flowers at the altar donated by a parishioner, with a dedication in the bulletin for that Sunday. The chart for the year is on the Narthex bulletin board. Please speak with Polly to find a Sunday suitable for you.



7th Annual Festival of Trees a Fantastic Success

The Seventh Annual Mission Festival of Trees and Dramatic Reading of Dylan Thomas' "A Child's Christmas in Wales", took place December 10th to 14th and was a huge success.



The Festival is held to support the Mission Christmas Bureau and the five-day event managed to raise \$4,239.00 in cash donations, and many pounds of non-perishable food items, as well as Christmas gifts. Thank-you for all the generosity of everyone who attended the event.

Thirty-four decorated Christmas trees from various, groups, families, churches, businesses, and organizations were distributed through the Christmas Bureau to families/seniors in the Mission community.

There were 40 volunteers involved, plus the entertainers who performed throughout the event, and those who performed in the Dramatic Reading of Dylan Thomas' "A Child's Christmas in Wales".

Results of the voting by visitors to the Festival for their favourite trees are as follows:

People's Choice Award

Mission Ukulele Circle

Best Uniquely Decorated Tree

Kragh & Bedard Family

Best Crafty Decorated Tree

Girl Guides of Canada – Mission District

Best Family Decorated Tree

Mandzak Family

Best Business Decorated Tree

Magnolias On Main

Best Organization/Group Decorated Tree

Rotary Club of Mission - Sunrise

Honourable Mention also goes to the following:

Mission School District #75

St. Andrews United Church

Royal Bank of Canada

All Saints Anglican Church Women

Dunvegan Dance Academy

"MANY, MANY THANKS" to all who, in any way, contributed to the success of this



A massive thank you to Joy and Margaret for hosting this annual event that brings such talent and joy for our community to participate in and watch at All Saints Anglican Church. Thank you to Rick, Rose, Jane and Simone for all your hard work in organizing this year's event, especially all the folks from All Saints



All are Welcome

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, or filthy rich, We extend a special welcome to those who are new-borns, poor as dirt, skinny as a rail, got a hitch in their git-along, or just plain can't sing. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up, or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Lutheran than Luther, or more Catholic than the Pope, or haven't been in church since little Maria's confirmation.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 40 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters, and people who stay up too late at night. If you're having problems, or you're down in the dumps, or you don't like "organized religion," we've been there too. If you blew all your offering money at Black Hawk, you're welcome here.

We offer a special welcome to those who could lose a few pounds, think the earth is flat, work too hard, can't spell, or came because grandma's in town and wanted to go to church. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, are three-times divorced, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid, or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers, doubters, bleeding hearts ... and you!

Welcome Home! *(All credit to Rev John Petty All Saints Lutheran, Aurora, Colorado)*

All Saints Anglican Church

Hall for Rental

- Meetings
- Parties
- Meals
- Gatherings
- Workshops

Please email
allsaints_mission@shaw.ca

Attention: Polly Betterton

A Friendly Reminder

To avoid disappointment and conflict it is imperative that all groups gain confirmation of available time and space from the Booking Coordinator. This is on a first come, first served basis. If you are using the hall, lounge, kitchen, sanctuary, chapel, or any combination thereof, please book it with Polly Betterton, (allsaints_mission@shaw.ca attention Polly Betterton before any other plans are made. It must be in writing or email for confirmation.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

A message from Harold Vos & Sue

I wanted to share with you our Children Day event. It's an annual event celebrated throughout the Diocese at this time of year. It's open to all children, no matter what faith. Turn out was a little low, we had expected about 200 but only about 150 showed. Still, we had a lot of fun. It was opened with a prayer from Father Johny who led the short service.

We do miss you all. Have a very good Christmas season and a blessed Christmas.



These are photos of the Sunday school.



Youngest class



Sue's class of the oldest students



Teachers and Assistants

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

Sunday Basket January/February

We will be collecting non-perishables for Mission Food Centre.



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



Outreach Program - The proceeds of the pie sales have been given out to the following:

\$200.00 to SARA for baby items
\$200.00 to My House for sleeping bags and or tarps
\$100.00 to Hope Central for the Shower Program.



Pancake Breakfast 8:30 - 9:20am

1st Sunday of the Month

Pancakes \$4.00 (\$3.50 Senior/Child) comes with coffee, tea, juice, and fruit

Bacon or Sausage .50 or 2 for .75

Scrambled Eggs 2/\$1.75

French Toast 2 slices \$5.00

Church Humour

When you run out of Christmas wrapping paper



There was a little old lady who would come out every morning on the steps of her front porch, raise her arms to the sky and shout, "Praise the Lord!"

Well, one day an atheist moved into the house next door. Over time, he became irritated at the little old lady. So every morning he would step out onto his front porch and yell after her, "There is no God!"

Time passes with the two of them carrying on this way every day. Then one morning in the middle of winter, the little old lady stepped onto her front porch and shouted, "Praise the Lord! Lord, I have no food and I am hungry. Please provide for me, oh Lord!"

The next morning she stepped onto her porch and there were two huge bags of groceries sitting there. "Praise the Lord!" she cried out. "He has provided groceries for me!" The atheist jumped out of the hedges and shouted, "There is no Lord. I bought those groceries!" The little old lady threw her arms into the air and shouted, "Praise the Lord! He has provided me with groceries and He made the devil pay for them!"



Dear Lord,

As your humble servant, let me prove to you that winning the lottery won't change me.

 Amen