



Saints Alive!

September – October 2021



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. All are Welcome!

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

Rector's Ramblings

IN-PERSON WORSHIP AT ALL SAINTS, MISSION

We are very pleased to be able to offer in-person worship again at All Saints, Mission. The Provincial Health Officer has mandated that anyone 12 years of age or older must wear a mask at all times in indoor public spaces. The Bishop has given us permission to worship together in the church building when we follow these guidelines:



- 1) Masks must be worn at all times while in the narthex and sanctuary;
- 2) Socially distanced seating. Under these conditions the capacity of our sanctuary is approximately 25-30 people. Family groups may sit together.
- 3) Singing is permitted, but only while wearing a mask.
- 4) Sharing the Peace; please wave to one another. Do not leave your seat.
- 5) Keeping your masks on, come up the centre aisle to the altar rail to receive the communion bread (no wine is used). Return to your seat using the side aisles. You can eat the bread either by stepping to one side at the communion rail or when you return to your seat.
- 6) There will be a 'coffee hour' in the Hall after the Service. Please wear your mask when you move around the Hall. Drinks and food will be 'ordered' and given out from the kitchen.

These guidelines need to be followed to keep us all safe. The in-person Service on Aug. 22 went very well; we had 25 people at the church and 14 'screens' on ZOOM. Thanks to Richard, Margaret and Isobel Blades for providing and serving the 'goodies' in the Hall.

Blessings,

Rev. Paul Bowie



Regular Services

Masks to be worn during the Service

Sunday: 10:00am until further notice – Family Service BAS with Music
Continued participation on Zoom

Thursday Morning Eucharist: 10:00am

Healing Prayer will be offered during Communion or after the Worship Service at the back of the Sanctuary or in the Chapel.

The deadline for submissions for the next edition of 'Saints Alive' is **October 25, 2021.** Thank you for your contributions to the newsletter.

Editor of Saints Alive

Greetings! I hope you were able to enjoy some Rest and Relaxation this summer even in the heat and smoke. The fires throughout our province have been truly devastating and I know your prayers along with mine go out to all those affected. We give thanks to all the fire fighters from around the globe who have come to assist our own first responders.

Well fall is soon approaching and hopefully we will become busy again at All Saints. Please take note of all the events and mark your calendars. I encourage you to check our webpage as all things happening are listed there. **Please inform me if you see something that needs amending.**

We will be having our Ministry Fair on the 7th of November. As a precursor to the Fair I am taking the opportunity once again to focus on Stewardship. Stewardship, in its simplest terms, asks us to put God's priorities before our own. To give the first portion of our gifts of time, talent and money to God's work and only then, to satisfy our own needs. This leads directly to the cornerstone of stewardship: sacrificial giving. God does



not judge us by how much we give but by how faithful we are in making that gift. So it is too with our talents and our time. What counts is in the way we give each away, in faith, to help others.

Give all these things out of sheer gratitude to God for everything God has given you. As a final step, put your trust in God and see what a wonderful way it is to live.

We dedicate ourselves to:

- Worshipping and praying,
- Reflecting, seeking forgiveness and returning to God,
- Living by Christ's model,
- Serving others in Christ's name,
- Working toward justice and peace.

Blessings,
Donna Kennedy

Be the Hands & Feet of Christ *Get connected with Your Parish Family*

All Saints Anglican Church
November 7th, 2021

Ministry Fair

Stewardship
sharing the gifts we have been given

Learn about Ministries in need of your Time & Talent!

Rev'd Paul, Wardens Judy, Polly, and I invite you to **All Saints Ministry Fair November 7th, 2021** after the worship service. All are Welcome.

Where is God calling you to Serve?

As a congregation we will be re-evaluating our ministries and addressing how to best serve as we are transitioning from our COVID Zoom Services to IN-Person Services.

Share what you love and see where your gifts might fit our parish

God is calling you to share your Stewardship of Faith, Time, and Talents

Monthly Schedule

This is the schedule that is created for every month, so we know who is doing what.

Now is the time for YOU to try something new - would you like to do one of these volunteer jobs?

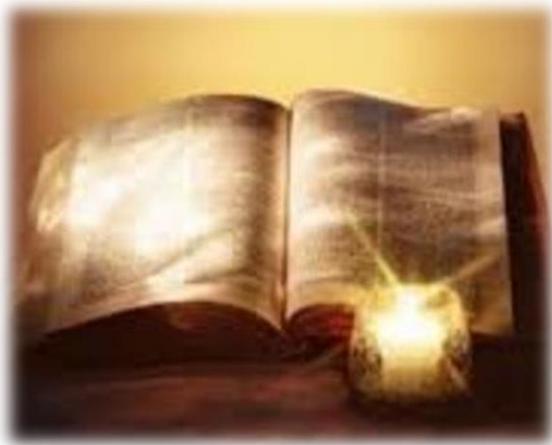
You will get lots of training & mentorship; it is enriching to be part of our worship services.

Speak to Paul, Judy, Polly, or to someone whose name is in the schedule.

There will be Sign-Up sheets in the narthex, and we will be adding names into the blank spots throughout the month.

Table 1

September	September 5 15th aft Pentecost	September 12 16th aft Pentecost	September 19 17th aft Pentecost	September 26 18th aft Pentecost
Readings	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125 James 2:1-10, 14-17 Mark 7: 24-37	Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalm 19 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38	Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalm 1 James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37	Esther 7:1-6,9-10, 9:20-22 Psalm 124 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50
READERS two	Sandy Polly	Gloria Juliette	Cyndie Molly	Jan O. Jim
INTERCESSOR	Donna	Brenna	Susan	Connie
Healing Prayer a pair				
GREETER(s) all helpers				
COFFEE all helpers				
Altar Guild	Polly	Polly	Judy	Márie
		Walk-a-thon Service		



Bible Study

We shall begin our Wednesday Evening Bible study on September 29th. All are Welcome.

Rev'd Paul will be leading the study on the Book of Acts.

It will be determined if we shall continue the study on Zoom or In-Person at the church.

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH ANNUAL

WALK-RUN-BIKE-ATHON

Join us once again for a wonderful fun day

Sunday, September 12, 2021

***Place: Heritage Park Place Clubhouse
33751 - Seventh Avenue***

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

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

12:30 p.m. - Picnic Lunch



This is our 8th Annual Walk-Run-Bike-athon and although last years event was very different thanks to everyone, we still raised \$4,450.00.

This year we are back at the clubhouse where all doors will be wide open for a service before the walk down the hill in the park and then hamburgers and hot dogs will be served back at the clubhouse on the patio. Maps available at the church with the clubhouse highlighted.

If you would like a pledge sheet please speak to Judy Beale or send an email to jmbeale@shaw.ca to have one sent to you. Otherwise, just put your donation in an envelope with your name on the outside. Please give pledge donations to Judy as they are counted separately.

Unfortunately there will be no Zoom this Sunday



THE CALENDAR FOR 2022 is being offered and available through our Parish ACW. It contains 12 full sized & 12 thumbnail pictures of churches across Canada.

The theme of the calendar this year is “Connection”

The Calendars are now on order. For many of us the Church represents connection - to our relationship with God, to our communities (from local to global) and to a rich spiritual tradition. While 2020 and 2021 have assured many of us that the Church exists beyond its buildings, our buildings are nonetheless a symbol of these connections. The calendars are now on order. They will cost \$10.00 each. If you are planning to order one, please contact Colleen Keil (604-826-8812) or Judy Beale (604-287-0224). Some of you have already ordered one or more & those have been noted.

Not the Bazaar Bake Sale



This is our second year of Covid precautions: mask wearing, safe distance.
Last year we put on a Fundraiser "Not the Bazaar Bake Sale"

We had many who volunteered to bake and/or make home preserves.
We had many more who were eager to buy Home Baking & Preserves.
I am volunteering to coordinate another "not the Bazaar Bake Sale"

This is your advance warning of baking fun to come, good food to purchase and some ‘**Fun-draising**’ for our church. I will keep you posted.

Polly Betterton



Submitted by Gilli McLaren

Compassion means to suffer with those who suffer.

Lambeth Palace

One summer day, wandering around London with my camera, photographing historic landmarks, I thought I would go to Lambeth Palace and take a photo, maybe even a 'selfie,' if a passerby would oblige, or maybe a photo of me with the Palace as a backdrop. But when I got there, I was dismayed to find the entrance barred by a huge gate, not only denying access to the uninvited, but also totally obscured the view to street - side onlookers, such as me. Ever an optimist, I thought I will patiently wait, and surely the gateman will open for an outgoing vehicle or one seeking admission, and I will get a glimpse or a shot of the Palace. No such luck. I waited in vain for a long time and eventually gave up.

The man who lives there

Our niece, Gauri (my sister's daughter) grew up in Cardiff. She faced tragedy in her life, when her young husband died to cancer very early and she struggled to survive and care for her baby girl. It is a poignant story of fortitude and courage and of faith and hope – never give up. BBC, Wales invited her to an interview, which they broadcast nation-wide and it caught the attention of Archbishop Welby. He quoted her story in one of his writings, and invited her to tea at the Lambeth Palace.

Gauri later regaled us with her experience of this gracious man, of quail eggs and cucumber sandwiches for tea, and how with infinite compassion, he reached out to her. While I was thrilled with her wonderful experience, I could not forget the day I stood outside the palace gates hoping, just hoping to get a glimpse and maybe a selfie, and here was my niece invited to tea by the man who lived there. Life is not fair!

A Crime

It was a Sunday, April 13, 1919 and people had gathered together at Jallianwala Bagh (a park), to enjoy the spring sun and celebrate Baisakhi, the spring festival. These seven acres of greenery, a small oasis in the midst of a bustling city, belonged to a wealthy family called Jallianwala, and was situated close to the Golden Temple, the holiest shrine of the Sikh faith, located in the city of Amritsar. Families and friends who came to worship, often went to the park to relax and have a picnic. It was totally enclosed with high walls on all four sides with just one narrow gate.

The word genocide was not yet a part of our vocabulary – it was only coined in 1945; but the Armenian massacre (1915 - 16) was still fresh in the psyche of a world that had decided to look the other way. Brig. General Dyer, the station commander, suspecting insurrection, marched with 80 riflemen, including two armoured cars with machine guns and positioned them at the narrow entrance. He ordered them to fire, without warning, on a defenceless and peaceful people, that included, elderly women and children, and the firing only stopped when they ran out of ammunition – 1650 bullets were fired, and the bullet marks on the walls are preserved even to this day. There was no where to run or hide. Some desperately tried to climb the high walls, clawing in desperation only to lose their nails. There was a well in the park and many tried to escape by jumping into it – 120 bodies were later removed. Those of you, who have seen Richard Attenborough's 'Gandhi' will recall the horror as he portrays so realistically the massacre at Jallianwala Bagh.

Justice, on that day did not roll like a river, but rather wept torrents of grief. It was a pivotal moment in India's struggle for independence. Rabindranath Tagore, Poet laureate, Nobel Prize for literature 1913, renounced his knighthood and honours that the British Government had bestowed on him. Many other luminary, great men, academics etc. gave up their honours. Gandhi who had rather modest goals of seeking dominion status for India on similar lines as, Australia, Canada etc., now decided to seek full freedom.

Seeking Forgiveness

In 1980 on a holiday trip to Kashmir, we stopped over at Amritsar to visit Jalliwala Bagh because I wanted our children to know about the brutal man, Brig. General Dyer, now known in history as ‘the butcher of Amritsar,’ who forgot his humanity, and 1,050 defenceless souls lost their lives. There is an eerie silence there that forces you to listen, to hear the haunting cry of the dead on their dying lips “Why?”

Dignitaries on state visits to India, often go to this shrine to lay those obligatory wreaths, and stand in mournful silence – it is always a moving experience. Amongst the many distinguished visitors from all over the world have been Queen Elizabeth II with Prince Philip, British Prime Ministers, Prime Ministers, David Cameron, Teresa May. But the British Government has been unable to ask for forgiveness for this dastardly act, because temporal justice is retributive justice, and an official apology may involve unacceptable monetary compensations.

Justin Portal Welby enthroned as Archbishop at Canterbury Cathedral on March 21, 2013 is 105th in a line that goes back to more than 1400 years to Augustine of Canterbury, the ‘Apostle to England’ sent by Rome in 597 BCA. He is the Primate of all England, and *primus inter pares* (first among equals) of the world-wide Anglican communion of 80 million – the third largest Christian body, after the Roman Catholic and the Orthodox Churches.

On a recent visit to India Archbishop Welby also went to Jallianwala Bagh. As he went around the garden, he saw the bullet holes in the wall, and knelt and prayed. As he approached the newly built shrine, he surprised and startled his retinue, when he prostrated himself on the ground, a picture of abject contrition, asking God for forgiveness. “In your mercy remember me, Lord because of your goodness. (Psalm 25.6-7)” – a picture that had an indelible impact on the hearts and minds as it was headlined in Indian newspapers and witnessed on national TV. He said: “*The souls of those who were killed or wounded, of the bereaved, cry out to us from these stones and warn us about power and misuse of power. I cannot speak for the British Government ... but I can speak in the name of Christ and say this is a place of both sin and redemption, because you have remembered what they have done and their names will live, their memory will live before God. And I am so ashamed and sorry for the impact of this crime committed here.*” To ask for forgiveness is quite easy, when it is mere words. But forgiveness has an element of atonement, of contrition, of weeping with those who weep, and to feel the pain of those who suffer. Justin Welby in that that posture of prayer was asking for justice, not the retributive justice that the world demands but restorative justice which God requires; a justice that is available in the Kingdom of God. It was through Jesus that God’s justice was announced, that every one may have abundant life.



This is the gospel of Christ.

Gilchrist (Gilli)
McLaren



Submission by Kathleen Monteith

Now my new life is surrounded by challenges. If I believe in God and that anything is possible, then I can overcome anything. But to keep on testing that belief I had to face the question; what was the depth of my faith? No more smoke and mirrors. Could I really challenge all my fears? Then one by one my bucket list of fears was emptied out. I am sure that God laughed at my silly little fears like backing into a parking spot but I began to realize that through all this, I was developing a moment by moment relationship with God. He was with me every second of every day.

We had become a team, like the tandem bike.

In my former life I had surrounded myself with what was comfortable and gradually I had entwined myself with a knotted rope tightening until I had become afraid to venture further than my front door. I was a senior No one expect more from me. I had wrapped myself in a neat little package covered in fear. Nothing in – Nothing out.

Breaking loose was so exciting! I knew that I was not alone. God was with me and all his angels were surrounding me. Now I can believe in myself because he has believed and continues to believe in me. I have a new voice. And the message that I am stating out loud and clear is that I am loved. And that love is Absolutely

Amazing!! I AM LOVED!!! I AM LOVED!!!

Now for tomorrow, I plan to take on the day.

Birth Announcements

EXCITING NOTICE FROM MARIE TALLON

Introducing my new Great grandson” Will ” and his Family. Carly and Taylor Stroh and big sister Lyla announce the birth of their son Will Robert Stroh. Born May 22, 2021 9lbs 10oz
With all the girls in our family, it’s so exciting to have a boy.



Sasha-Rae Saunders and Gerry Wiesner and big brother Elliott announce the birth of Miles Landon Wiesner Aug 1 at 7:49am 6lbs 15oz.

Grandparents Leanne and Russ LaChapelle are thrilled with their new grandson.





Congratulations Allie! Great work! This little entrepreneur raised \$369.00 for the BC SPCA by making and selling Homemade lemonade, bags of chips, Rice Krispie squares.



Submission from Polly Betterton

People have been saying that during COVID one gets a new car, baby or a dog.

Well, Ed & Polly got a puppy. Here she is 4 weeks during one of our weekly visits to the breeder and 9 weeks old at home.

Belle is a cocker spaniel; she will develop much more brown fur as she matures.





Bottles for Children

We have an ongoing Outreach where all the money from recycled bottles is sent to a registered Charity that helps children. We first heard about BHN at a Diocesan ACW meeting; the leader of this mission is the daughter of an ACW lady in the lower mainland.

Our Outreach continues. Bring your bottles to the lower lobby under the 2nd Ave. stairs for Ed to take to a recycling depot. If you cannot get to the church Ed will pick it up if it is a big bag-full. Please phone Ed at 604-826-8277

Basic Human Needs (BHN)

Indian Children's Development Society

BHN Indian Children's Development Society was formed with the belief that if you provide basic human needs to a child you will be able to break the cycle of poverty. We believe that we can break this cycle by advancing education and begin alleviating the poverty to these poor and homeless street children. These basic human needs include education, shelter, food and caring.

Help support our mission in relieving poverty and advancing education in Varanasi, India, by developing and supporting initiatives and activities that provide free food, clothing, shelter, education, and health care for children and families living in poverty.

God's Bounty



Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labours of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord... Amen

Little Saints of All Saints



To Be Like Jesus

Theme

To be like Jesus means a life of service to others.

Scripture

"Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be the slave of all. For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:43-45 (NLT)

When I was a little boy, the best thing about having chicken for dinner was the "wishbone." After we finished eating, my sister and I would each hold one side of the wishbone, close our eyes and make a wish. Then we pulled on the wishbone until it broke apart. The one who got the biggest piece was supposed to have their wish come true.

Have you ever wished for something? Sure you have. We all have. Sometimes we make a wish without thinking about what would happen if our wish really came true.

Have you ever planned to have a picnic and it rained? Perhaps you sat and watched the rain and grumbled to yourself, "I wish it would stop raining." What if that wish came true and it really stopped raining FOREVER? There would be no grass, no trees, no flowers. Rivers, lakes, and streams would dry up and all life would begin to disappear. This world would be a miserable place if it stopped raining, wouldn't it?

James and John were two brothers who were disciples of Jesus. One day, the two of them came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus replied.

"In your glorious Kingdom, we want to sit in places of honour next to you, one at your right and the other at your left." You see, they thought that Jesus was going to set up an earthly kingdom, and they wanted to sit beside him on the throne. They wanted to share in his greatness.

Jesus answered them and said, "You don't know what you are asking." Then he explained that whoever wants to be great must be a servant of all. He said, "For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many." (NLT) Jesus was right! I don't think that being a servant was exactly what James and John were wishing for!

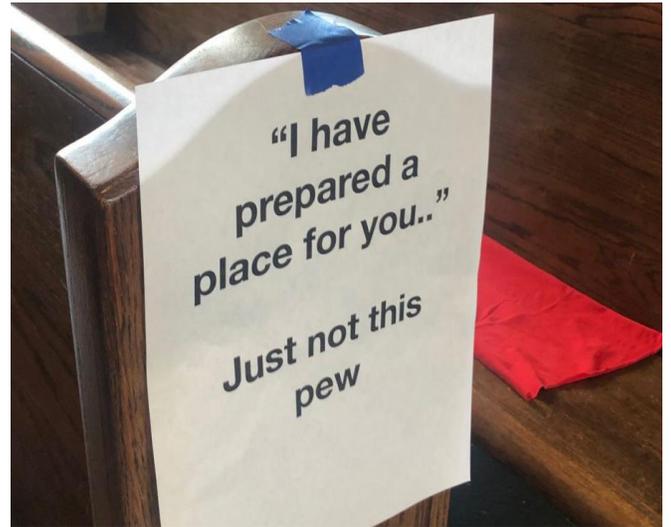
Sometimes you and I may say, "I wish I could be more like Jesus." Is that really our wish? If we really want that wish to come true, we must give our lives in service to others.

Dear Jesus, help us to mean it when we say, "I wish I could be more like Jesus." Amen.



Church Humour

- * Give God what's right - not what's left.
- * Man's way leads to a hopeless end - God's way leads to an endless hope.
- * He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.
- * Don't put a question mark where God puts a period.
- * Are you wrinkled with burden? Come to the church for a facelift.
- * When praying, don't give God instructions - just report for duty.
- * God doesn't want shares of your life - He wants a controlling interest.
- * Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church.
- * We don't change God's message - His message changes us.
- * When God ordains, He sustains.
- * Plan ahead - It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- * Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory position.
- * Suffering with truth decay? Brush up on your Bible.
- * Exercise daily - walk with the Lord.
- * Coincidences happen when God chooses to remain anonymous.
- * Wisdom has two parts - 1) having a lot to say 2) not saying it.
- * A clean conscience makes a soft pillow.
- * Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it.
- * Compassion is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.
- * He who angers you controls you.
- * Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.
- * Give Satan an inch and he'll be a ruler.
- * Forbidden fruits create many jams.
- * Be ye fishers of men - you catch them & He'll clean them.
- * God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.



and now these two remain: holo and peve. but the greatest of these is peve.

