



Saints Alive

May/June 2022



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

The Presence and Power of the Spirit: by Rev. Dr. Mark D. Roberts

On the day of Pentecost, seven weeks after the resurrection of Jesus, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon those followers of Jesus who had gathered together in Jerusalem. What happened on the first Pentecost continues to happen to Christians throughout the world today, though usually not in such a dramatic fashion. We rarely get a heavenly wind and tongues of fire anymore. Nevertheless, God pours out the Spirit upon all who put their faith in Jesus Christ and become his disciples (see Romans 8:1-11).

Christians are meant to live in the presence and power of the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit helps us to confess Jesus as Lord (1 Cor 12:3), empowers us to serve God with supernatural power (1 Cor 12:4-11), binds us together as the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:12-13), helps us to pray (Rom 8:26), and even intercedes for us with God the Father (Rom 8:27). The Spirit guides us (Gal 5:25), helping us to live like Jesus (Gal 5:22-23).

Personal Implications: Pentecost presents us with an opportunity to consider how we are living each day. Are we relying on the power of God's Spirit? Are we an open channel for the Spirit's gifts? Are we attentive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit? Is the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, etc.) growing in our lives? Most Christians I know, including me, live in the presence and power of the Spirit, but only to an extent. We are limited by our fear, our sin, our low expectations, not to mention our tendency to be distracted from God's work in us. Pentecost offers a chance to confess our failure to live by the Spirit and to ask the Lord to fill us afresh with his power.



Regular Services

Sunday: 8:00am – Spoken Service
Sunday: 9:30am – Family Service BAS with Music
Thursday Morning Eucharist: 10:00am

Healing Prayer offered in the Chapel during
Communion or after the Worship Service.

**The deadline for submissions for the next edition of 'Saints Alive' is June 25, 2022.
Thank you for your contributions to the newsletter.**

Editor of Saints Alive

I would like to share with you a favourite prayer of mine on the Fruits of the Spirit. Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-control.

Fruits of the Spirit

We choose Love: No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness.

We choose love. Today we will love You God and what You love. –



We Choose Joy: We will invite You our God to be the God of circumstance. We will refuse the temptation to be cynical...the tool of the lazy thinker. We will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings, created by You our God. We will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see You God.

We choose Peace: We will live forgiven. We will forgive so that we may live. 'We love to do your will, Almighty God'

We choose Patience: We will overlook the inconveniences of the world. Instead of cursing the one who takes our place, we'll invite him to do so. Rather than complain that the wait is too long, we will thank You God for a moment to pray. Instead of clenching our fists at new assignments, we will face them with joy and courage.

We choose Kindness: We will be kind to the poor, for they are alone. Kind to the rich, for they are afraid. And kind to the unkind, for such is how You our God, have treated us.

We choose Goodness: We will go without a dollar before we take a dishonest one. We will be overlooked before we will boast. We will confess before we will accuse. We choose goodness.

We Choose Faithfulness: Today we will keep our promises. Our debtors will not regret their trust. Our associates will not question our word. Our spouses will not question our love. And our children will never fear that we will not come home.

We choose Gentleness: Nothing is won by force. We choose to be gentle. If we raise our voices may it be only in praise. If we clench our fists, may it be only in prayer. If we make a demand, may it be only of ourselves.

We choose self-control: We are spiritual beings... After these bodies are dead, our spirits will soar. We refuse to let what will rot, rule the eternal. We choose self-control. We will be drunk only by joy. We will be impassioned only by our faith. We will be influenced only by You our God. We will be taught only by You Jesus Christ our Saviour. We choose self-control

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The fruits of the Spirit.

To these we commit our day. If we succeed, we will give thanks. If we fail, we will seek Your grace. And then, when this day is done, we will place our heads on our pillows and rest.

Amen.

~Max Lucado~

Peace be with you,
Donna Kennedy

“*This resurrection life* you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It’s adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike “What’s next, Papa?” God’s Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what’s coming to us an unbelievable inheritance!” (Romans 8:17, Message) May our “What’s next, Papa” be filled with expectation, hope, joy and blessing! Lord have mercy.

Peace be with you, Donna Kennedy

Romans 8:17-30

And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God’s glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering. ¹⁸Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. ¹⁹For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. ²⁰Against its will, all creation was subjected to God’s curse. But with eager hope, ²¹the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God’s children in glorious freedom from death and decay. ²²For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.





The Women

Have you ever noticed how many times Christians say: “Jesus was abandoned by ALL His friends”?

Because NO.

The women never left.

THE WOMEN STAYED. Until His last breath and beyond.

A WOMAN was the first to discover he was Risen!

And like every time a dude is all: “You would have denied Him three times, too”

I’m like: Nah, bro. 😊

By God’s Grace I would have been with the other women weeping at the foot of His cross.

Cuz Mama doesn’t run away. Mama stays. Mama watches until the very last

breath.

What I would GIVE if someone preached an Easter morning message about the WOMEN WHO STAYED. I’d be a mess of tears. If just ONCE the dudes could de-center themselves. Like why is this too much to ask? 😊

~ Elizabeth Esther



SERMON ON THE AMOUNT

It has been quite some time since we have done a Sermon on the Amount so this will let you know how the last three months from January to March our financials have been doing.

Income	Jan/Feb/Mar	Budget to Date
General/Special Giving	19,946.09	21,165.00
Open Offering	267.84	205.01
Building Rentals	11,725.00	13,637.50
Miscellaneous	5,001.23	4,899.99
Total Income	36,940.16	39,907.50
Expenses		
Diocesan Assessments	4,749.99	4,749.99
Administration & Wages	44,408.31	43,704.06
Buildings & Grounds	9,284.54	6,719.00
General Expenses	260.00	441.00
Total Expenses	58,702.84	55,614.05
Deficit	(21,762.68)	(15,706.55)

Although the General/Special Giving is a little low it is still doing well. We do want to thank all those who are using the Pre-authorized Donations as it allows us to know how much a month we will be receiving. For those who prefer the envelope giving the collection plate is on the small table as you enter the Sanctuary. Due to Covid restrictions we have not gotten back to passing the plate during the services but what you put into the plate on your way in to the service is blessed during the Prayers over the Gifts. If you are dropping off your envelope at the church mail slot, we are still checking the mail two to three times a day.

For the first three months the Diocese has forgiven the Diocesan Assessments for all parishes to help with the large increase in our insurance but as of April we will now be paying the full amount.

As for the expenses we did have some computer and Lift repairs and unfortunately like all of us the gas costs have gone up exorbitantly. We have thermostats in every room so that we can control when and how much heat is used in the building but unfortunately when the budget was created the budget for gas was set to what last year's costs were so Building costs will no doubt be high all year unless a miracle happens.



Blessings,
Judy



Lord we pray that we will make stewardship a way of Life. We acknowledge you as the source of all we have and all we are. Help us to place you, our loving Creator, first in our lives by becoming more prayerful, more focused on loving and caring for

our families and our neighbours in need, and by becoming less preoccupied with material things.

Help us to hear your call to be good stewards, caretakers, and managers of all your gifts by sharing them for your purposes.

Help us make your priorities our priorities and to put our faith into action. Help us plan to “give back” the talents, treasures and time with which we have been blessed.

Help us plan to serve our church, our community, and our world with your gifts. May we serve you and pray with a joyful spirit of mind and heart. Amen

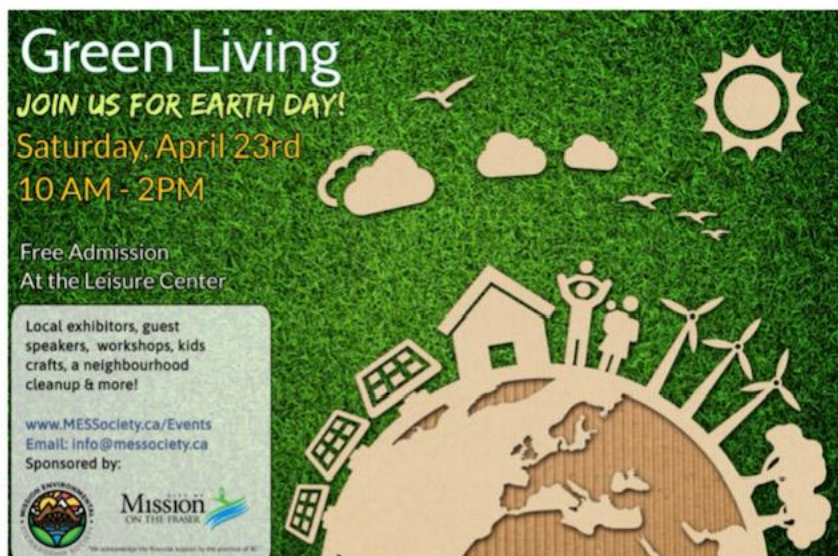


Anglican Church Women

A.C.W. is planning a Fellowship Lunch on Tuesday, June 14th at 11:30am. This will be open to everyone in our church.

We hope to book Ricky's Restaurant's back room, so we would like to have an estimate of how many will be attending. Address of Ricky's is 32081 Lougheed Highway.

Please call Colleen Keil 604-826-8812 before June 1st if you would like to attend.



Welcome to Green Living 2022
Saturday, April 23rd, 10:00am –
2:00pm
Mission Leisure Centre

It was a great day when everyone gathered at the Leisure Centre to celebrate Earth Day with Guest Speakers, 24 Exhibitor groups, childrens crafts - games – puzzles – and planting, Seed Swap, as well as a community cleanup with the MESSociety.

Exhibitors began arriving around 8:00am to

set up their booths, inside the Curling Rink as well as some outside the Main Entrance of the Leisure Centre.

Exhibitors included the following:

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| 1. Mission Environmental Stewardship Society | 13. Fraser Valley Invasive Species Society |
| 2. City of Mission (Parks & Recreation, Forestry, & our Environmental Department) | 14. Fraser Valley Watershed Coalition |
| 3. United Church Earth Stewards | 15. Independent Cycles Inc. |
| 4. All-Saints Anglican Church Environmental Group | 16. Mission Central Community Garden |
| 5. Abbotsford Mission Nature Club | 17. Mission City Farmers Market |
| 6. Archway Recycling | 18. Mission Friendship Centre Society |
| 7. BC Hydro | 19. OWL Rescue & Rehabilitation Society |
| 8. Be the Change Action Circle | 20. Revolutionary Knitting Circle – teaching |
| 9. BRIM | 21. United Way |
| 10. Fortis BC | 22. VREC Solar Energy |
| 11. Fraser River Sturgeon Society | 23. Wentings Cycle & Mountain Shop |
| 12. Fraser Valley Conservancy | 24. Zero Waste BC |

The M.C. for the day was Michele Chapman, Executive Director of the MESSociety, and the Opening Ceremony began at 10:20am with Augusta Gladstone, Mesisl (Elder Herman Dan), and Aleya Silk.

Speakers for the day included Mayor Paul Horn, speaking about Mission's Environmental Charter; Tim Cooper, U.F.V. Instructor (PhD in Nuclear Physics) speaking on Climate Change; Rob Baxter, Founder of Vancouver Renewable Energy Cooperative, speaking on Solar Energy; and in the afternoon Rose Soneff speaking on Reducing Food Waste, “Why Onions Should Wear Pantyhose.”

There was much valuable information and green living tips for the community at large of all ages. There were also many hours of hard work put in by the Planning Committee, which included Michele Chapman and Margaret Clifton of the MESSociety, Joy Cox and Michael Knight of All Saints Anglican Church, and Myrna McGregor and Ken Soneff of the United Church Earth Stewards Group.

The overall theme was to encourage a “Green Focus”, and the aim was to promote:

- living a green, sustainable, environmentally, healthy lifestyle
- environmental awareness and education
- solutions
- inspire problem solving and environmental leadership or stewardship

All Exhibitors were to have a “green focus.”

All Saints Anglican Church's focus was “Helping other Churches and groups have a “Green Focus.” The Green Living Forum was a great opportunity for All Saints to let others know what we have been doing to help the environment, and how we can help people “green their lives” and become more environmentally friendly.

A special “Thank-You” to all those who helped prepare and/or be at our exhibit during the Forum- Michael Knight, Judy Beale, Molly Hawkins, Derek King, Ed Betterton, Joy Cox, Margaret Peake.



There was so much to learn and experience. The attendance was good, and there were folks of all ages. Activities were enjoyed by the young people, and very happy folks who brought items needing fixing to the Repair Cafe throughout the day.

There is so much to share about the day and it would have been great to see more folks from All Saints there in attendance, since climate change should be a priority for everyone, and how we can all play a part on limiting the effects climate change.

It would be great to have an active Environmental Stewardship group at All Saints.



All Saints Anglican Church

(Written by: Ed Betterton)

Location: 2nd Avenue and James Street,
Mission

- Size of building approximately 5,800 sq.ft.
- New double-paned/some triple-paned windows
- Solar panels
- Replace burned out bulbs/fixtures with LED
- Replacing door, weather stripping regularly
- 7 zones in the building – each controlling certain areas programmable thermostats allow minimum or maximum heat - also allow timer to go off and on

Besides our congregation we have St. Andrews United Church sharing the building. We also have rental groups, some weekly, monthly, and special happenings. For many years we have hosted community dinners/community Christmas dinners/ First Nation events/Festival of Trees/Stone Soup, etc.

Internal Waste Programs

- garbage gathered and disposed of every 2 weeks
- blue recycle bin – paper/cardboard/plastic/metal aluminum trays
- Rot-pot – kleenex/hand drying paper towels/food scraps

A Little Story:

A few years ago we had two dinners, on Tuesday and Friday, in the same week. More than 15 black garbage bags were left after the events, with garbage day not until the middle of the following week, we could have had a problem. Community and Congregational gifts of extra rot pots (now we have 5) and a second blue bin, gave me containers to fill. With rubber gloves, and a bit of effort I was able to put out 2 garbage cans/2 garbage bags (year-end extras)/5 rot-pots/ 2 blue bins - problem solved.

We have a garbage can/a rot-pot/and a blue bin visible to many who use our facilities downstairs.

- Years ago we could have put out 2 to 3 garbage cans a week, now I usually put out 1 can every 2 weeks.
- During the warm weather I put out paper yard waste bags as well for grass clippings/pruning/weeding/and leaves.
- With wild life and no people in the Church, at times a compost area is impractical.

Our recycling program is working due to the following:

- The instigator of the program, Ed Betterton, who worked on, and still works on, school wide involvement or Rotary sponsored clean-up in the community
- People inside/outside our Church seeing the need to do something
- Availability of containers, or advice, on what can be done
- Batteries and bulbs are gathered and taken away
- Yes I encourage staff from home
- A plastic bag box, to collect clean used bags
- Now I have, after many years, a lot of people putting stuff in the correct container, and telling others nearby which stuff goes where.

The biggest bit of advice to start, and continue, a program is:

- START SMALL
 - KEEP IT SIMPLE
 - Rejoice in the success you achieve
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I started attending All Saints in 1982, and was doing recycling at E.S. Richards School by this time, so it was a natural carry over. I was involved with a program at Bell Road in the late 1970's before that, as well as at home, and volunteering at the original depot on Knight and Stave by the middle 1970's. Involvement meant nobody did it and I took over, seeing the need and upcoming importance.

At All Saints, Stewardship became a goal. Every little bit helps our environment. We have bottles donated to raise money for outreach projects.

When I started teaching in the early 1970's there was little, or no information in the text books; when I retired in 2005 there was a large amount of information everywhere, and the need for doing something was rather obvious. I taught school for 37 years.

At the E.S. Richards School I ran a very successful recycling program Including:

- Pitch-In Week (done yearly) sponsored by Save-On Foods
- Encorp Pacific (done yearly) providing schools funds for various projects, including lunches for children
- Communities in Bloom Awards Night (done yearly) high-lighting various class projects to beautify the school grounds
- Pitch-In Canada Week (done yearly) sponsored by the B.C. Government, Mission District, and B.C. Waste Management Society
- Environmental Award (done when offered) sponsored the B. C. Government, Encorp, School District 75 (Mission)Recycling Council of British Columbia

My biggest event was a “We Did It” celebration, when I invited the following to attend an assembly in recognition of E.S. Richards School students and their efforts to make our town cleaner and greener:

- District School Superintendent and 2 Board Members
- Mission District Mayor and 2 Councillors
- Our elected M.L.A.
- Our elected M.P.
- Parents and students of E.S. Richards School
- Mission Record Newspaper



PASTORAL LETTER TO THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

The Anglican Church of Canada

April 20, 2022

Dear friends in Christ,

Archbishop Mark MacDonald has resigned as National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop and has relinquished the exercise of ministry due to acknowledged sexual misconduct, effective April 20, 2022.

This is devastating news. The sense of betrayal is deep and profound when leaders fail to live up to the standards we expect and the boundaries we set. Our hearts hold compassion for human frailty and space for repentance while we also ache with the pain that such betrayal causes first to the complainant; then to so many others and to the life of our Church.

First and most importantly our prayers must be for the complainant whose life has been affected by Mark's actions. The betrayal of trust by someone in such a prominent role of leadership will require a long road of healing and our constant prayers.

Also remember Mark and his family in prayer as they face the consequences of his actions that will affect every member.

The ripple effects of this misconduct will be felt throughout the Church both in Canada and internationally, but most especially within the Sacred Circle and Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples. We mourn with them. I trust that the good work that the Sacred Circle has initiated will continue to deepen and grow. On an interim basis I have asked Bishop Sidney Black to serve as Interim National Indigenous Bishop to give counsel and oversight to the work of Indigenous ministries. Bishop Sidney and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples will need the prayers of the whole Church as they discern the next steps in confirming the Covenant and Our Way of Life documents.

We have just lived another Holy Week in which the pain and brokenness of the world was taken up on the cross. Today we hold the broken lives and wounds of our Church before that cross and wait in longing for the healing and new life that God promises through Jesus Christ by faith.

We pray for God's grace for healing and comfort for all.

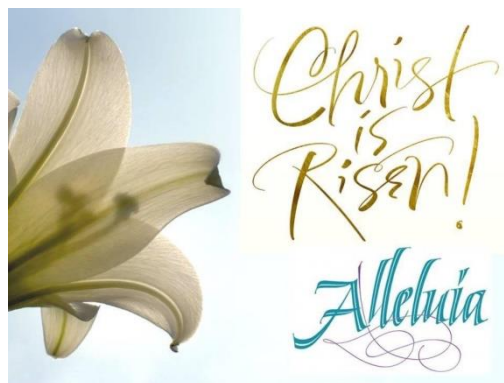
Yours in Christ,
The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls
Archbishop & Primate, Anglican Church of Canada



The Great Vigil of Easter

We began the service with a bonfire and lighting of the Pascal Candle and proceeded into the Church where we had a service of Readings, Prayers and Hymns and Ringing of Bells as we sang the Alleluia!!!

The Service was followed by a Reception with Hot Cross Buns, wine and Spiced Apple Juice.



Easter Sunday



The Church Sanctuary was beautifully decorated.



Friday Lunches in the Park

Beginning on May 6th we will resume our Friday lunches at Heritage Park.

Bring a bag lunch and we shall meet at noon.
Weather permitting.

*Thank
you* 

Worship Participants

The May schedule was completed and sent out this past week. As summer approaches more and more of you will be away for a day, week, or month. Please help by giving Polly the dates you cannot volunteer on a Sunday. This reduces mix-ups, conflicts and the need for last minute substitutions. If you would like to give extra help during the summer, please volunteer to be a Reader, Intercessor or coffee person. We welcome your participation.

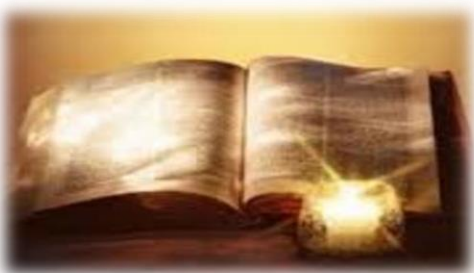
*****We are especially in need of people willing to do the Intercessions (Prayers of the People). There are only 4 of us participating in this important and rewarding ministry. You will receive help and instruction. Please let Polly know if you are willing to participate. *****

A very special thank you goes out to the Altar Guild and the Choir for all their hard work during this Easter Season. The Easter decorations and flowers were beautiful and the choir voices made a joyful noise to our Risen Lord!!!!



A Thank you from Colleen Keil

Thank you to all the Altar Guild ladies for the beautiful daffodils delivered to me on Easter Sunday. I had been out for the day & arrived home to find those flowers waiting for me. You wonderful ladies always make such a beautiful display on the altar. God bless you! From Colleen Keil



Bible Study **Resumes May 4th**

Join us on Zoom for our weekly Wednesday Evening Bible study on 7:00 –9:00pm. All are Welcome.

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



All Saints Anglican Church
is hosting a
Strawberry Tea
Fundraiser

Tell your friends.
Call church office to
reserve your tickets.

Entertainment for your enjoyment

June 11th 2pm – 4pm

Door prize for best
hat!!!

33077 Second Ave. at James Street, Mission

Enjoy Strawberries, Angel Food Cake and a tea or coffee.

Tickets to be reserved in advance. \$10.00 per person
604-826-2814 \$ 5.00 children 12 and under



Truth and Reconciliation Committee

Here is an update on our Truth and Reconciliation Committee's plans for the next two months. Our group met in March with a good size group present. It is wonderful to see that we have two more people interested in participating!

We are now taking the final steps to transfer money for two \$1000 scholarships for grade 12 graduates of Mission Secondary School Indigenous Program. We will soon

find out more about the two graduates, and details about when these will be presented in June.

As we always do, we will be marking Aboriginal Day at our Sunday service closest to the actual Day, which is June 21st. On Sunday June 19th, All Saints will celebrate the day. Be sure to attend that Sunday to participate!

Also watch for some new donated Indigenous art work in our church in the near future.

Submitted by Molly Hawkins



May 8th, 2022

*Mothers
hold their
children's hands
for awhile...
their hearts
Forever*



June 19, 2022

*A truly rich man is one whose
children run into his arms when his
hands are empty*

100th Birthday Celebration for Margery



Margery Skerry, ODNW celebrated her milestone 100th Birthday on March 9, 2022. After a week of celebrations, on March 13, 2022, the parishioners of All Saints Mission gathered in the Church Hall to celebrate. Margery was presented with a beautiful card, cake, and a letter of congratulations from Bishop John Stephens which was read aloud to the party attendees.

In 1946, Margery left England with her 3 ½ month old daughter to join her husband in Alberta.

For the next six years, they lived in two small towns, both with an Anglican church. She attended services and became a member of the Women's Auxiliary. Thus began many years of involvement in church service and

projects.

In 1952, her family moved to BC. They lived in Hatzic in the Municipality of Mission for many years. Their church, St. Peter's Mancroft was part of the Mission parish. She continued her membership in the W.A. and joined the Altar Guild. There were many families in the parish, and they started a children's choir. Margery and two other women sewed 18 surplices and velvet caps for the girls. During this time she taught Sunday School to the younger children. Inevitably the parish declined as families moved away and children grew up. In the 70s the church was closed and her family became part of the larger Parish of All Saints, Mission.

Margery was a member of the ACW and was involved in many projects. Over the next many years she helped at bazaars, lunches, teas, dinners, funerals, a few weddings, Dorcas and supported the Mission to Seafarers. For a few years Margery was also parish secretary. Margery continued with Altar Guild, served on Church Council and was a delegate to diocesan Synod. She sang in the church choir and was a reader.

In 1998, she took part in the prison ministry in Mission prison for the Protestant service. This was followed by coffee and a chance to talk and listen to the men. Margery says she received more than she gave.

Margery also participated in an outreach group that served a community dinner once a month.

For All Saints' 100th Anniversary, she served on the committee that planned the celebration. Margery was responsible for the "100 Years of Fashion" show and planned the Devonshire Cream Tea.

Margery also helped make pies as a fundraiser for outreach. The money goes to local agencies working with the poor and to two overseas projects.

Up until COVID-19 she enthusiastically attended ACW meetings and on Fridays put together the bulletin for Sunday worship.

Margery's children are all married, she has 6 grandchildren



Birthday Card from All Saints Parishioners 4

and two great grandchildren. Margery feels very blessed because they all live close by which enables the family to get together often.

She says, “My life is good.”



Margery cutting first slice of cake



Rev'd Paul reading aloud a letter of Congratulations from Bishop John

Pat Fleming's 98th Birthday



Those who were able gathered at Pat's home to wish her a Happy Birthday on April 1st. We sang and Rene drummed.

Pat received many birthday cards and was very appreciative.



Colleen Keil's 93th Birthday

Colleen had several birthday celebrations with her family during the week. Her great grandson Owen celebrated his 3rd Birthday.

Pictured is Colleen with her daughter Eileen, and great grandson Owen as they celebrate.



Congratulations

Sandy Cockcroft and Al Nueman were married on February 5, 2022 and their union was blessed by Rev'd Paul on March 17, 2022

UPcoming Sundays

May 29th – Ascension Sunday

June 5th – Pentecost Sunday (wear red)

June 12th – Trinity Sunday

June 19th – National Indigenous Sunday (wear orange)



The Daffodil

When winter snows
lay cold and still
my heart forgets
the daffodil.
But God is stirring
in the earth
the life that gives
their springtime birth.
Green leaves rise up
from frozen land
and straight and tall
in silence stand.
Then blessed by God
with warmer winds
the joy of springtime
comes again.
The daffodils with sunny
face
come rushing in
to take their place
like children
in a chorus line
the bob and sway
with giggling grace.

They dance their
yellow dance with glee
Their gift of spring
they bring to me.

Debbie Warnock





Spring is in the Air!!!

Juliette took these lovely photos of the beautiful blooms around the rectory.



Church Humour

In Jerusalem, a female journalist heard about a very old Jewish man who had been going to the Wailing Wall to pray, twice a day, everyday, for a long, long time. So she went to check it out. She went to the Wailing Wall and there he was! She watched him pray and after about 45 minutes, when he turned to leave, she approached him for an interview.

"Sir, how long have you been coming to the Wall and praying?"

"For about 60 years."

"60 years! That's amazing! What do you pray for?"

"I pray for peace. I pray for all the hatred to stop and I pray for all our children to grow up in safety and friendship."

"How do you feel after doing this for 60 years?"

"Like I'm talking to a wall!"



I wanted to go jogging this morning but Proverbs 28:1 says "the wicked run when no one is chasing them" so there goes that 🧘‍♀️



"No, no, that's not a sin, either. My goodness, you must have worried yourself to death."



Little Saints of All Saints

A New Wind Blowing



Theme: The Holy Spirit. (Pentecost Sunday)

Scripture: When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:1-4 (NIV)

How many of you like to fly kites? It is great fun to watch a kite soaring high into the sky. What is it that keeps the kite up there? It is the wind, isn't it? How many of you have ever seen the wind? That was a trick question! No one has seen the wind. We can't see the wind because it is invisible. Well, if we can't see the wind, how do we know that it is there?

One way we can know the wind is there is that we can hear it. When I wake up in the morning, I sometimes turn on the TV to see what the weather is doing. There are some mornings that I don't even have to look at the TV to know that the wind is blowing because I can hear it! I can hear it whistling through the trees, down the chimney, and around the windows and doors. We can't see the wind, but we know it is there because we can hear it.

Another way we can know that the wind is there is that we can see it moving things. (Take some bits of paper in your hand and blow them into the air.) We can see it moving the leaves on the trees and blowing bits of paper around. We can't see the wind, but we know it is there because we can see what the wind is doing.

Still another way we can know that the wind is there is that we can feel it. Blow onto the back of your hand. Did you see anything? No, but you could feel something, couldn't you? We can't see the wind, but we can feel it blowing against our faces and blowing through our hair.

Today, many churches celebrate a special day called Pentecost. It was on the day of Pentecost that God sent his Holy Spirit to the church. The Bible tells us that the apostles were all gathered together when suddenly there was a sound like a mighty, rushing wind. Then, it says, they were filled with the Holy Spirit. God's Holy Spirit is like the wind, we can't see him, but we can know that he is there, just like we can know that the wind is there.

We can know that the Holy Spirit is there because we can hear him. The Bible says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, and if any man hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him." (Revelation 3:20) We can't see the Holy Spirit, but we know he is there because he speaks to our hearts.

Another way we can know that the Holy Spirit is there is that we can see him moving people to do God's will. The Bible says that the Spirit of God moves his people to speak and to do things for him. (2 Peter 1:21) We can't see God, but we can see people doing things that God's Holy Spirit has moved

them to do.

We can know that the Holy Spirit is there because we can feel his presence. The Bible says, "I will fear no evil for Thou art with me." (Psalm 23:4) The Bible also says that "if we love one another, God lives in us." We can't see the Holy Spirit, but we know he is there because we can feel his presence in our life.

Father, thank you for sending your Holy Spirit. Even though we can't see him, we are thankful that we can hear him speak to our hearts, feel his presence in our daily lives, and see him moving us to do your will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

