



Saints Alive

July/August 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

Dear Friends:

It is important in these unprecedented times that we take care of ourselves so that we can take care of others. The demands of everyday life can wear us down. Worries about our health and the COVID19 pandemic has drained our emotional resources. News of how the world and society is changing leave us with much uncertainty. Throughout it all, however, we need to take strength in the fact that God loves us and God is with us. We need to always return to the calm centre which is God so that we can deal with the chaos around us and in us. I always find summer to be a time when I can slow down and refocus myself. In summer I find myself spending more time outside, allowing Nature to work its calming healing. Having a vacation also helps to slow me down and reenergize me. I am especially looking forward to my holiday time in July this year – I have personally found this past year very demanding and tiring. Thank you for all that you have done this past year. I pray that each of you would find what you need to do to slow down, reenergize, and refocus on God this summer.



Blessings,

Rev. Paul Bowie



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



Regular Services

*** (Note changes to July Schedule)

Sunday: 9:30am – Family Service BAS with Music
Thursday Morning Eucharist: No Services until September

July Services:

Paul is taking the month of July for holidays and the Rev. David Price will be presiding at the first four Sundays, July 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th.

- There will be no service on July 31st.
- No Thursday Morning Eucharist
- No Zoom Service in July

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 August 25, 2022. Thank you for your contributions to the newsletter.

Editor of Saints Alive

Let Me Live Grace-fully: A poem by Ted Loder

Thank you, Lord,
for this season
 of sun and slow motion,
 of games and porch sitting,
 of picnics and light green fireflies
 on heavy purple evenings;
and praise for slight breezes.
It's good, God,
as the first long days of your creation.

Let this season be for me
 a time of gathering together the pieces
 into which my busyness has broken me.
O God, enable me now
 to grow wise through reflection,
 peaceful through the song of the cricket,
 recreated through the laughter of play.

Most of all, Lord,
let me live easily and grace-fully for a spell,
 so that I may see other souls deeply,
 share in a silence unhurried,
 listen to the sound of sunlight and shadows,
 explore barefoot the land of forgotten dreams and shy hopes,
 and find the right words to tell another who I am.



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

Join us once again for a wonderful, fun day
Sunday, September 11, 2022

*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 9th Annual Walk-Run-Bike-athon and last year, with 32 in attendance, we raised \$4,700.00 for All Saints.

As usual we will start with a church service in the clubhouse before sending everyone for a walk, run, or bike ride in the park (maps are available with several different paths to follow) and then back to the clubhouse where volunteers will have a picnic of hamburgers, hot dogs, and fixings ready for you.

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, address, and envelope number on the outside. **Please give all donations to Judy Beale.**

Unfortunately, there will be no Zoom service that Sunday.

Strawberry Tea



On Saturday June 11th we hosted a Strawberry Tea fundraiser.

The hall was beautifully decorated thanks to Jan Young and Margaret Blades.

After donations and expenses, we have a net profit of \$595.45. Including helpers we had close to 70 people.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped making the tea a success. Decorators, servers, bakers, ticket sales, set up and clean up.

Entertainment

Many thanks to Rick Chadwick and Terry Kennedy for their musical performances. They made this occasion very special by forming a musical partnership for the Strawberry Tea. Also contributing to the entertainment were nonsense recitals by Polly Betterton, Rose Bennett and Marilyn Keeler. Random photos of people enjoying the Tea.





It was lovely to see so many youngsters and young at heart enjoying the delicious cake and strawberries.



And the winners are: Prettiest Hat

Marie Tallon presented gifts to the recipients of the prettiest hats. Left her great granddaughter Lila, center Juliette, and right her granddaughter Carly. Carly and Lila's hat were adorned with mini lights.



The ACW hosted their annual June luncheon at Ricky's Restaurant. The luncheon was open to everyone. It was great to get together again.



Submission by Gilli McLaren

Wings of the Wild Bird -Designing sacred gathering

By

Kathi Bentall and Margaret McAvity

Have you ever wondered, when you see geese flying in a V formation, why they do so? It is because there is a leader bird at the apex of the V, who not only has the wisdom of experience to direct the flock to their destination; but also, the power of her wings that creates a wind uplift, and in its wake the rest of the birds fly a little more easily and with security and trust. And as they fly, the leading bird encourages by continuous honking, lest the weaker ones even think of giving up trying.



I have known authors Kathi and Margaret a long time. And to count them as friends is my blessing, as we have journeyed together in the fellowship of Christ. Silence is the first language of God. And through these many years I have watched with admiration as they organized silent retreats at Rivendell, and I think how many souls, like the birds have learnt to speak to God in silence, in the wake of the flight path these two women have created. It is said that, 'the good that men do is oft interred with their bones,' but the authors deny that eventuality because they have distilled the essence of their learning by writing a book, about silence and sacred gatherings - 'Wings of the Wild Bird,' and that ensures that their wisdom and knowledge will live on into the future. It is full of gems waiting to be discovered, and to borrow an apt description from their book, (p 6) it is like Margaret's Magic Cupboard to which one can go to again and again to find answers when designing sacred gatherings.

Before we accept a message, we want to know who the messenger is. The authors talk to you, not from the vantage point of the informed informing the uninformed, but by sharing their stories and vulnerabilities, of sadness and loss. They tell of their experiences with deep humility and it takes you to a whole different realm of understanding with surprises and wonderful insights. In the inimitable words that Monica Brown put to song; we are '*but earthen vessels, fragile and easily broken, yet hold a treasure a wealth untold,*' and expectantly waiting and wanting to be shaped by God.

Vignettes in Chap 6 are perhaps the most poignant part of this book because it is 'by your fruits you shall know them.'

There are many things I have learnt from their wisdom, foremost being the concept of 'emergent design' to avoid the temptation to try and pre-design a gathering; that a group will develop its own dynamics and will shape its own course. It is like a river that flows through its path ostensibly constrained by the contours of geography, but those contours themselves are also shaped by the force of the river.

I have read the book several times, and it was a delight to do so. The book is available at Rivendell, and you can order it through their web-site – Wings of the Wild Bird.

Blessings
gilli mclaren

Submission by Donna Kennedy

On behalf of All Saints Mission, I emailed a photo of our church to St. Saviour's Anglican Church in Riga. The following was their response.

Dear friends around the world,

From the bottom of our hearts, we cannot thank you enough for supporting our "Baznīcu nakts" (Night of Churches) event by sending us cards for our special display. In all, we were blessed to receive cards from more than 250 churches in 36 countries throughout the world! Throughout Saturday evening, more than 500 people visited the church and were able to enjoy your cards and learn about your special churches. You can see all of them on a map I have created

here: https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1aYwd3bnVVhbxx9hUbG_edZJC1cxK7dAj&usp=sharing

I have attached a few pictures from the event so you can see how the cards were displayed. We attached them hanging on strings so that our visitors could read your lovely messages as well. This was also the very first day after we finished phase 1 of a massive ongoing ceiling renovation project, so we were blessed as well to finally have the large scaffolding down (at least for now!) and to be able to access the entire church building.

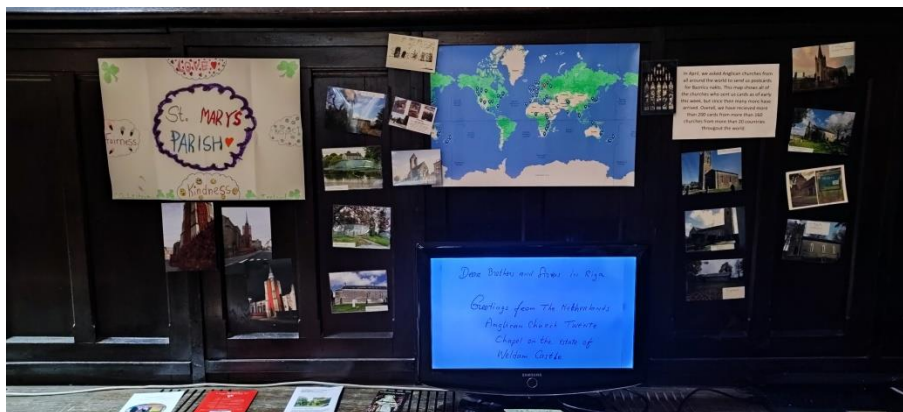
We have decided that even after the event is over, we will still continue displaying the cards as a permanent exhibition in the back of the church, and we will continue adding to it over time if anyone else continues to send us postcards. If you are ever able to make it out to Rīga one day, then perhaps you can find your card on our wall!

Thanks again for your friendship and cooperation in making this idea a reality!

Yours in Christ,

Joseph Horgan

St. Saviour's Anglican Church in Riga





National Aboriginal Sunday Celebration June 19, 2022



Today we acknowledge our kinship with our First Nations, Metis and Inuit brothers and sisters. Our text for today's service was selected and compiled by the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples.

Smudging was offered in the Chapel at 9am, an Indigenous cleansing ritual. The Service included special music, drumming and the 4 directions prayer. Our speaker Priscilla Wells, accompanied by her son, spoke about her personal story and family connection to residential school, and missing women. We so appreciate her gift of time, and her sincerity in the way she shared her message with us. We are still taking a special offering to go toward next year's Indigenous Scholarships. The Scholarships are such a worthwhile project to enable 2 students to attend secondary education, who otherwise would not have this opportunity. Special envelopes for your donations are marked "Indigenous Scholarship." Thank you for your generosity!

We give thanks to our Truth and Reconciliation Committee for all their efforts in making this a memorable celebration.



Indigenous Celebration for Graduates

On June 8, 2022 Jan Openshaw and Sam Green presented the All Saints Scholarships to Liam Swanston (Summit Learning grad), on the left, and Zebulon Gabriel on the right, a Mission Secondary School graduate. Liam won a few scholarships and was wearing the cedar hat as part of his recognition for courage. Rene Inkster also attended and sashed a number of the participants.



Congratulations Liam and Zebulon!!





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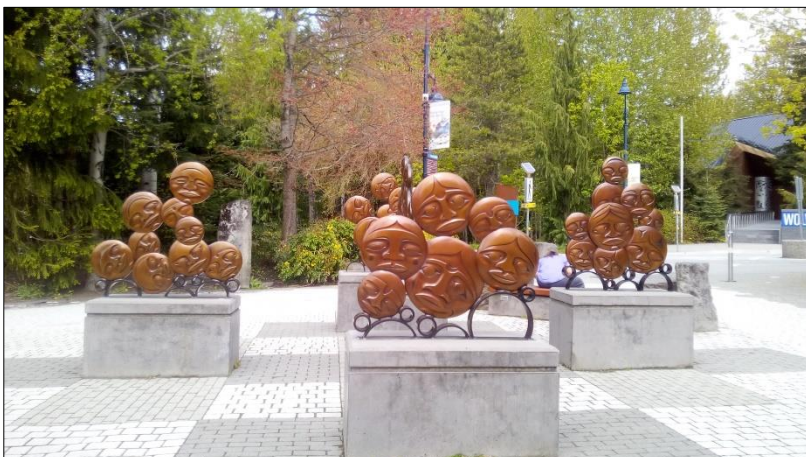
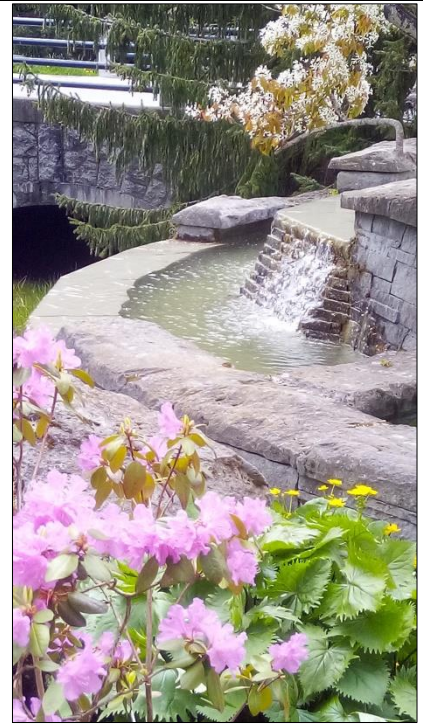
Baptism of Myles Landon Wiesner

Mom - Sasha-Rae Saunders, Dad - Gerry Wiesner, & big brother Elliott.
God parents - Amber Saunders and Shawn Dickey
Grandparents – Russ and Leanne LaChapelle and Patricia Wiesner and the late Garry Wiesner.



Submission by Juliette Bowie

Photos take at Whistler



Coffee Ministry

We have been informed that St. Andrews will not be holding services on certain dates throughout the summer months. This means they will not be available to carry out the coffee and goodies service and we will have to carry out these services in their absence.



The Dates involved are:

- **July 17-3rd** Sunday
- **July 31-5th** Sunday
- **August 7-1st** Sunday
- **August 14-2nd** Sunday

Dick is available to look after the beverage preparation and service and if people are able to bring snacks throughout this time they can be stored in the Freezer. Also the normal clean up duties will be carried out as usual.

Thank You.
Dick.



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 there will be NO Zoom service. The Rev'd David Price will be officiating IN-PERSON services July 3 - July 24th 9:30am NO SERVICE July 31st. 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.

Church Humour



When you realize John the Baptist and Bob the Builder have the same middle name



If the Ten Commandments were Written by Popular Websites...

- 1.) What You Need to Know Now About the Lord Totally Being God
- 2.) At the Beginning He Had Me Confused, but by Minute Two I Knew that I Shouldn't Have Other Gods
- 3.) Are You Making This Common Mistake with Graven Images?
- 4.) How I Work: Read This Life Hack from God, Your Only Creator
- 5.) She Admitted to Doing What Every Sunday?
- 6.) Seven Morning Habits of People Holier than You: No Killing Before Lunch
- 7.) 37 Things in Your Bedroom That You Need to Get Rid of Right Now, Like Adulteresses
- 8.) What the Government Doesn't Want You to Know About Stealing Your Neighbour's Servants
- 9.) This Little Girl Bore False Witness, and the Results Will Shock You
- 10.) Doctors Hate Her, but You Shouldn't Covet Her

When Your Pastor Stops by for a Visit

A new pastor was visiting the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a business card that had printed "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it for just such an occasion, and stuck it in the door. When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned.

Added to it was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10." Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

**Brain cells, hair cells,
and skin cells all die
constantly, but stinkin
FAT CELLS must have
accepted Jesus as their
Savior
because they seem
to have
ETERNAL LIFE! 😂**

Little Saints of All Saints

Theme

Love your neighbour.

Scripture

Luke 10:25-37



I wonder if you've heard of Mr. Rogers? You might've seen him on TV in his show, "Mr. Rogers' Neighbourhood." He always started the TV show singing this song:

It's a beautiful day in this neighbourhood

A beautiful day for a neighbour...

Maybe you've heard it. Who are some of your neighbours? Mr. Rogers called all the children and adults who watched him his neighbours. Really, Mr. Rogers saw all people as his neighbours.

The Bible tells us that one time a lawyer came to Jesus and asked how he could have eternal life. Jesus answered him with a question: "What does the Bible say?" Jesus asked.

The man answered, repeating exactly what the Bible says: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and love your neighbour as yourself."

Jesus told the man, "You're right. Do this and you'll live." But then the man asked, "Who is my neighbour?"

Jesus answered the man by telling a story about a Jewish man who was traveling from Jerusalem and was attacked by robbers and left to die. A Jewish leader saw him, but walked right on by. Another Jewish man walked right on by, too. But a Samaritan man—someone who might've seemed like an enemy—had compassion when he saw the hurt man. He stopped, helped take care of the man's wounds, and took him to a hotel. He even paid those who helped the man get better.

After the story, Jesus asked, "Which of these three men was a neighbour to the man who was attacked by the robbers?"

What do you think?

The lawyer knew the neighbour was the Samaritan, even though Jewish people and Samaritans were kind of enemies. Jesus told the lawyer, "Now go and love your neighbour."

Jesus wants us to know that all people in this world, kids and people we've never met, and ones we do know, are all our neighbours who we're called to love.

God, Jesus taught us to love our neighbour. Help us to be a good neighbour to everyone we meet.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

