



Saints Alive

MAY – JUNE 2018



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.

Rector's Ramblings

Dear Friends:

The Spring months at All Saints are proving to be a busy time. To mention just the highlights, in April we celebrated Easter, we held a Prayer Refresher workshop, a St. George Dinner, and a Garage Sale. In May we will be celebrating Pentecost and Trinity Sundays; we will be hosting two Indigenous Workshops (12th & 19th). In June we will celebrate National Indigenous Sunday (24th); we will also be presenting two Aboriginal Student Scholarships at the High School Convocation through the All Saints Truth and Reconciliation Committee. The month of July will see construction in the Church building as the ``Vertical Lift`` will be installed.

Now that the Truth and Reconciliation Committee has their bulletin board up in the Narthex I want to encourage everybody to become more aware of what they are doing. Please read the materials. This is a very important ministry that is being developed over time. There is a lot going on nowadays in relation to Indigenous Justice and Culture. Through the Truth and Reconciliation Committee All Saints is involved with the Indigenous Mission Schools Program, the Aboriginal Friendship Centre, and the Walk for Reconciliation. In addition, we have just been informed that Rene Inkster has been invited to participate in a National Circle Meeting in Prince George this summer as a Metis representative for the Diocese of New Westminster. Please sign up to attend the Indigenous Workshops in May. This is a great way to learn of Indigenous Culture and to meet our Indigenous neighbours. I am very excited about the vitality and energy that surrounds this ministry. The more we can do to encourage and enable Indigenous learning the better it will be for us all!

Blessings,

Paul Bowie+





Regular Services

Sunday: 8:00am – Spoken Service

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

Sunday School 2nd & 4th Sundays.

Thursday Morning Eucharist: 10:00am

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

Childrens' Area & Mother's Room

The deadline for submissions for the next edition of 'Saints Alive' is **JUNE 25, 2018.** Thank you for your contributions to the newsletter.

Editor of Saints Alive

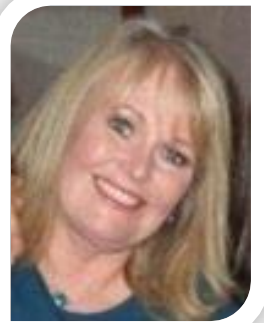
It was the Sunday before Advent this past November when I asked for healing prayer for my husband. He was working many hours in the evening, sleeping during the day and found no joy in living. We struggled financially and this job was a necessity. Together the healing prayer team and I prayed that he might find God's peace and joy.

The very next day, just before he was leaving for work he received a phone call from his boss informing him that he along with several hundred others were laid off as the printing press was shutting down. This is not what I prayed for!!!!

We are often unprepared for the answers we receive from God. God's answers frequently do not look at first like answers. They look like problems. They look like trouble. They look like loss, disappointment. They cause doubts and fears. They are not what we expect, and we often do not see how they correspond to our prayers. When we seek inspiration to help make decisions, the Lord gives gentle promptings. These require us to think, to exercise faith, to work, to struggle at times, and to act. Seldom does the whole answer to a decisively important matter or complex problem come all at once. More often, it comes a piece at a time.

And so it did. The fact that our youngest was moving to Nanaimo in February to begin her new job, that the townhouse we were living in was three stories with too many stairs for my arthritic knees, and it was too large for just the two of us, we decided to put it up for sale and downsize. We would be able to pay off our debts and Terry could retire with the exception of his music. God's perfect timing. God was with us every step of the way.

It is now April and we celebrated Easter in our double wide mobile home overlooking the river, where Terry plans to do some fishing, enjoying the greenbelt beside us, watching in anticipation to see what new growth our garden has to offer. We listen to the song of the birds, the crickets and frogs. We have found God's peace and joy and hope for our future. Never give up on unexpected answers to prayer!



I have saved the most important part about prayer until the end. It is gratitude. We give thanks daily to our Loving God, to whom we trust with our whole heart, mind and soul, and to you, our brothers and sisters, for holding us up in prayer, and for all the help and support we have received.

Blessings,
Donna Kennedy

*Thank
you*



Worship Participants

The May schedule was completed and sent out this 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 Greeter, Reader, or coffee person. We welcome your participation.

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!!!!



Volunteer Hours: Statistics for 2017

Marie Tallon has collated our volunteer statistics for the past year.

- Average number of people who volunteered their time: 28
- Number of hours volunteered: 5,391

Thank you all for your service and hard work. We wouldn't be All Saints without you! God Bless you all!

But just when did Jesus die?

The answer is of interest not only to scholars but to every Christian. The truth of the Bible hinges on it because there are seeming discrepancies between John and the Synoptic gospels.

All accounts agree that Christ's death took place during the hours when Passover lambs were slain. From the Law of Moses we know the lamb was to be slain on the 14th day of the Jewish month of Nisan. We know it was on a Friday because the gospels say the next day was a Sabbath. It would seem a simple matter to check when Nisan 14 fell on a Sabbath within the time frame of Christ's preaching. His ministry commenced sometime after John's, which began in the fifteenth year of Emperor Tiberius' reign.

Wrestling with ancient dates is never easy, however. For one thing, scholars disagree about the fifteenth year of Tiberius. Is it to be dated from the beginning of his co-regency with his adopted father Augustus, or the beginning of his independent rule? For another, Jewish months began at the new moon. In the first century, new moon was determined by naked eye observation. A cloudy evening or a low moon could place the new moon a day later than the actual new moon as calculated by modern astronomers.

Furthermore, to keep their lunar calendar synchronized with the seasons, the Jews added an intercalary month (essentially a “leap month”) every few years. We have no record of which years received an intercalary month. Finally, because of the many subtle movements of the earth and moon, calculating when a new moon would be visible from Jerusalem twenty centuries ago is a prodigious task even for modern astronomers using computers.

What we do know is that Jesus died when Caiaphas was high priest (dates uncertain), Pontius Pilate was governor (AD 26 until sometime before Passover AD 37), and Tiberius was emperor (AD 14-37). Working with astrophysicist Graeme Waddington, physicist Colin J. Humphreys was able to narrow down the possible dates of Christ’s death to just two: 7 April 30 and 3 April 33.

Using careful examination of the available records and astronomical evidence, Humphreys argued that April 3, AD 33 not only fits best with all the evidence, but also experienced an eclipse of the moon—an event known in ancient literature as “the moon turning to blood.” Showing that the ancient calendar of Moses differed from the official Jerusalem calendar of the first century, he was able to eliminate the discrepancies between John’s Gospel and the Synoptics. John reports the official Passover as it would have been observed at the Temple, whereas the other three writers use an older calendar.

It seems, then, that **on this day, 3 April 33** under the Julian calendar, Jesus died.

(This is an excerpt from an article in Christian History magazine dated April 03, 2018.) I thought it may be of interest to some of us. Submitted by Gilli McLaren)



Terry and Ed repairing the retaining wall between the Church and Rectory before Easter weekend. Does it appear to you that they found an empty tomb?

Photo credit: Margaret Peake

A message from Harold and Sue Vos/Burhap

We hope all is well with you and the family, we're doing great down here. Nice and warm year round, just shorts and flip flops and no parkas.

Our update from the Jungle of Borneo. Sue is a Sunday school teacher with 12 students in her class, it is one of seven classes and students number anywhere from ninety to one hundred twenty. The number depends on if it's raining, sunny they'll come and rain they'll stay home, understandable since most walk or ride motor cycle and we do get serious rain.

Three weeks ago the Sunday school had a two day camp event on Saturday and Sunday after church with teaching and games. Sue was in charge of food so she and her team of six ladies and two students prepped and cooked for 130 students and teachers. The church does not have a nice kitchen as All Saints so food was prepared at our home and delivered to the community hall where the event was held. All went well and delivered on time .

A few photos of the cooking. The big pots used to be reserved for cooking the white man, land of the head hunters. ☺

We also introduced pancake breakfast to a few of her students held at our home, they loved it, so it may become a regular thing. But after church since service starts at 7:30 a.m. Photo around our kitchen table for pancakes and a photo of the Easter day service with a smaller crowd than last year but still 1000 to 1100 people.

Hope you all keep that newsletter coming, we do enjoy it.

God be with you,
Harold and Sue



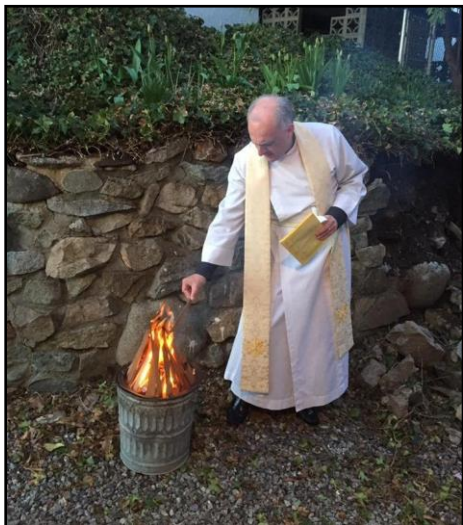
Maundy Thursday

We shared a simple supper of a variety of soups, bread and fruit.

During Communion we passed the cup and bread and served each other.

It was a beautiful and meaningful Service.

A New Commandment I Give Unto You, that You Love One Another as I have Loved You!



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 and Cider.

Alleluia He Is Risen





Our second family fun event in support of the All Saints “Elevator Project” was a St. George's Day Celebration which took place on Saturday, April 21st, and was very well attended. Everyone had a great deal of fun and laughter, and enjoyed a meal of fish and chips, coleslaw, and for those who were unable to eat fish, chicken was available. Dessert was English trifle, jam tarts, chocolate éclairs, and cinnamon swirls. Tea and coffee, and cold drinks were also served.

Fifty-six folks enjoyed the food, entertainment (2 skits), a sing-a-long, a St. George and the Dragon quiz, and door prizes. “Thank-You” to everyone who attended. Monies donated to the Elevator Project at the event, totalled over \$2100.00.

Also a special “Thank-You” to Dick and Margaret Blades, Rose Bennett, Judy Beale, Jan Young, Val Saunders (piano player), Margaret Peake, and Joy Cox, who helped make the event happen, and to all the folks for their great performances in the skits, probably giving everyone the best laughs that any of us have had for a long time and another special “Thank-You” to Ed Betterton for setting-up for the event, and to all those who helped clean up after the event.

While this event was our last to be held to support the Elevator Project, there is planned to be a celebration get-together on Saturday, June 23rd, which will be a Variety Show with hors d'oeuvres, sweets, and beverages served during the evening. Everyone is invited to come out for another fun evening more details to follow closer to the date.



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Mummers Play 1852
(Adapted)



Narrator, Cinderella ("All right"), Prince Charming ("I'm Handsome"), Ugly Step-sisters ("We're going to the Ball"), Fairy God-Mother, (Sorry')



St. George battles the Dragon



Truth and Reconciliation Update

We are now in the second year of having a designated Truth and Reconciliation Committee. We have been part of Outreach - Social Justice, but at the request of Parish Council, have now become a separate committee. For a report on our first year, please see the 2017 Annual Report.

Activities planned for this year so far:

- In June, \$500 scholarships will be presented to two 2018 graduating Mission Secondary School Indigenous students who have been involved in truth and reconciliation activities. Last year's winners, Zach Pelletier and Jocelyn Hughes have completed their first terms at SFU and UFV respectively and are doing well. Our desire was to continue these scholarships each year so we asked the Christine Morrison Fund trustees if they would commit funds annually to it. They kindly agreed to give \$500 each year. Our plan is to raise another \$500 by using Sunday offerings for Aboriginal Day of Prayer in June and Metis Day in November towards the scholarships. Each year the award will be presented "in the name of All Saints' desire for reconciliation with Indigenous peoples in our community."
- A T and R bulletin board has gone up in the Narthex. Please check it out. We are also in the process of organizing resources for people to borrow to read.
- Inclusivity in Sacred Spaces. This project to make our spaces welcoming to Indigenous people by hanging Indigenous images was completed last June, but we've since realized that it needs explaining. The creators and donors of the art also need to be identified. We will be working on this over the next months.
- Truth and Reconciliation Workshops. We have four workshops planned for Saturdays, May 12, 19 and 26 and June 2 from 1:00 to 4:00 in the Hall. Our parishioners plus people from Mission Friendship Centre and All Saints, Agassiz have been invited to attend. Two workshops have been confirmed: May 12 Elder Eddie Gardner on "Salmon" and May 19 Elder Mary Durocher on "The Four Medicines: Sweet Grass, Tobacco, Cedar and Sage." Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

The two other workshops are "Drum and Eagle Feather" – Elder Herman Dan and "Metis Finger Weaving and Buffalo". Dates to be confirmed. Watch for posters and sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

A big thanks to Metis Elder Rene Inkster whose many contacts in the Indigenous Community have made these workshops possible.

- Other News – Members of the T and R Committee attended the annual Aboriginal Students Recognition Dinner at Mission Secondary School on April 25th. The invite came in recognition of All Saints scholarship and was a wonderful event full of song and ceremony. Over 80 Metis and First Nations students are graduating this year.

We continue to learn as we go and thank you for your support. Committee members are The Reverend Paul, Metis elder Rene Inkster, Metis Cree elder Sam Green, Coordinator Susan Truman, Jan Openshaw, Margaret Blades, Jim Wilson, Molly Hawkins and Ryan Bowie. If you have any questions, please ask one of the committee members. All my relations, Susan Truman, Coordinator

Congratulations to our Metis Elder Rene Inkster who has been invited to be a Metis voice on behalf of our Diocese at the 9th Anglican Indigenous Sacred Circle of the Anglican Council of

Indigenous Peoples. The Circle takes place August 6 to 11 at the University of Northern British Columbia in Prince George. Rene will be accompanying Gerry Adams, Interim Indigenous Justice Coordinator for the Diocese. **Sacred Circles** are national gatherings of Indigenous Anglicans who come together for prayer, worship, discernment, and decision-making. Hundreds of participants gather for these special meetings every two to three years. The theme for this Sacred Circle is “Making and Strengthening Disciples: Reborn in Water and Spirit,” Matthew 28:19-20. Well done Rene. We're proud of you.

Truth and Reconciliation Workshops Coming Soon

Set aside the following Saturday afternoons to learn about cultural artifacts important to Indigenous Peoples. The workshops are free and open to our parishioners. We will also be welcoming people from Mission Friendship Centre and All Saints, Agassiz.

Sat May 12 1:00 - 4:00 Salmon and Their Significance with Elder Eddie Gardner

Sat May 19 1:00 - 4:00 The Four Medicines – Tobacco, Sage, Sweet Grass & Cedar with Elder Mary Durocher

Sat May 26 and June 2 1:00 – 4:00 – presenters have been confirmed but the dates are still to be determined. Elder Herman Dan will speak about the drum and eagle feather and Elder Rene Inkster will teach Metis finger weaving and about the importance of the buffalo. Watch for further information in the bulletin.

We are privileged to have these knowledgeable elders coming to share with us. It will be a rich learning experience for all. We hope you can join us.

Posters and sign-up sheets will be in the narthex. Please sign up so we can plan for refreshments.

Thank you to the Outreach Committee for providing funds for honoraria and refreshments.

SUNDAY MAY 13



Motherhood is more than a stage—
it's a lifelong calling from God.
With it He gives us hearts that love
deeply, hands that serve tirelessly, and
vision to see His blossoming image in the
precious ones
entrusted to our care.

SUNDAY JUNE 17

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



May 13th - Ascension will be celebrated at 10am Eucharist in chapel

May 20th - Pentecost Sunday - WEAR RED

May 27th - Trinity Sunday

June 24th - National Indigenous Service

Please check our website for ALL meetings and upcoming events



"As stewards of God, we are invited to join God's action, God's mission in the world. We are Christ's body, God's sacrament, so that God can be present in human life and history, caring for the world. The more we are given, the

more will be expected of us. We are to manage life in the interest of accomplishing God's will." *John Westerhoff*

Parish Council 2018

Rector's Warden:	Judy Beale
Peoples' Warden:	Polly Betterton
Treasurer:	Mary McIntyre
Synod Delegates (2):	Mary McIntyre Margaret Blades
Alternate Synod Delegates:	Gilli McLaren Dick Blades
Synod Youth Delegate:	Ryan Bowie
Members-at-Large:	Trevor Hamilton Donna Kennedy Jan Openshaw
Secretary:	Donna Kennedy

Thank you to all who served on Parish Council in 2017, and to Jim and Marci who have stepped down from council this year. Thank you also, to those who will be serving on Parish Council in 2018. Many thanks to the Nominating Committee, Donna Kennedy and Jan Openshaw for ensuring these positions were filled.



"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." Acts 2:1-4

How do we trust that everything is in the hands of a God we can't even see? In a world more divided than ever, this passage is a beacon of hope for those despairing. In the preceding passages, the disciples, betrayed by Judas, are searching for a new leader now that Jesus has died and ascended into heaven. They seem to be wondering the same thing we are: What now? To continue their work, the disciples seek to travel and spread the good news and story of Jesus, however, they are separated by language. How can they transfer their message if they don't speak the same language as people they are talking to? Just then, the Holy Spirit comes down, in "what seemed to be tongues of fire" and settles to a rest on their shoulders. Suddenly, they are all speaking different languages, yet they can still understand one another! As they go out to spread the good news in these new languages, many accuse the disciples of drunkenness, as it is impossible for these Galileans to speak so many different tongues. Again, doubt is confronted. The people in the Bible had doubts and so do we – we are all human. Today, how are we supposed to face doubts about our future when things seem so bleak? You see, when we are at our lowest, when we doubt the most, and when every door seems closed, the Holy Spirit comes down and beckons us toward God. By providing presence and hope, God changes everything. ~~ *The following devotion was written by Erin Darnell*~~

Ongoing Outreach



Harvest Bags

Pre-Order and pay \$5.00 each bag by 2nd Friday of each month and pick up on 3rd Monday of each month at **Mission Community Services Food Centre**, between 11am and 12pm.
32646 Logan Avenue



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



TRIM Care Home Ministry at The Residence

We offer the residents and opportunity to receive the sacrament, worship and fellowship once a month. Please speak with Deacon Glen for more information



Did you know we have a tin for your dead batteries to be recycled?

Ed will take them to the recycling depot.

Help keep our Environment Clean!



Pies are coming!

Holy Rollers are at it again. Pie making is on Wed. May 23 and 30th from 10am – 1pm. Volunteers are welcome. Please speak to Colleen Keil. We will be making Rhubarb, Strawberry Rhubarb, Apple and Apple Blackberry as usual. Large pies \$12 and small \$6. There will be a notice in the bulletin when pies go on sale. If you would like to donate rhubarb for freezing for fall pies, please speak to Susan or Colleen.



Pancake Breakfast 8:30 - 9:20am

1st Sunday of the Month

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

Bacon & Sausage .50 each or 2/.75

Scrambled Eggs 2/\$1.75

New Item: French toast 2 slices \$5.00

😊 Ticket draw for a free breakfast the following month 😊

Church Humour

A ten-year old, under the tutelage of her grandmother, was becoming quite knowledgeable about the Bible. Then, one day, she floored her grandmother by asking, "Which Virgin was the mother of Jesus? The virgin Mary or the King James Virgin?"



A drunk man who smelled like beer sat down on a subway seat next to a priest. The man's tie was stained, his face was plastered with red lipstick, and a half empty bottle of gin was sticking out of his torn coat pocket. He opened his newspaper and began reading.

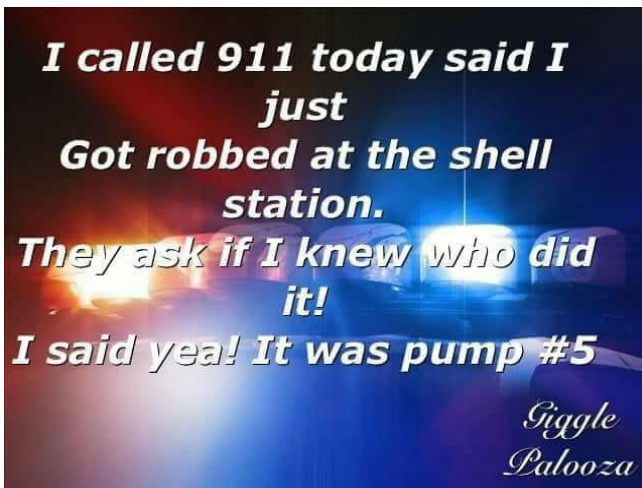
After a few minutes the man turned to the priest and asked, "Say, Father, what causes arthritis?"

"My Son, it's caused by loose living, being with cheap, wicked women, too much alcohol, and a contempt for your fellow man."

Well, I'll be damned," the drunk muttered, returning to his paper.

The priest, thinking about what he had said, nudged the man and apologized. "I'm very sorry. I didn't mean to come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?"

"I don't have it, Father. I was just reading here that the Pope does."



The Best Way To Pray

A priest, a minister and a guru sat discussing the best positions for prayer, while a telephone repairman worked nearby

"Kneeling is definitely the best way to pray," the priest said.

"No," said the minister. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven."

"You're both wrong," the guru said. "The most effective prayer position is lying down on the floor."

The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Hey, fellas," he interrupted. "The best prayin' I ever did was when I was hangin' upside down from a telephone pole."

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.

