



Saints Alive

January – February 2019



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:

During the severe windstorm on Thursday the roof over the Chapel blew off. The subsequent rain poured through the Chapel ceiling soaking the floor. This water then went down into the kitchen causing one of the light standards to fall from the ceiling and causing the cooks from LINC to scurry for cover. No injuries were sustained, but needless to say there is quite a bit of damage. LINC had to cancel its Dinner.



This episode has caused me to once again appreciate the community we have at All Saints and in Mission. Ed, Polly, and Judy jumped into action; Rick Skerry has arranged for a roofer; Mark from across the alley came and helped nail down the roof; LINC found space to store their food at Hope Central and Riverside College; Gilli came and took pictures for the insurance. On Friday the Insurance adjusters were with us and repairs are already being started. A flurry of activity has taken place, and we are told that Hope Central Christmas Dinner will be able to go ahead as planned.

It is with gratitude that I thank all those who have come to our aid. In the Spirit of Christmas giving a lot of people have come together to make the world a better place. May we all give of ourselves so that others may live. God has blessed us this Christmas! (Photos on page 4)

Christmas blessings to all!

Rev. 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 'Saints Alive is February 25, 2019. Thank you for all your contributions.

Editor of Saints Alive

For many years when we attended Christ the King Church in Burnaby (now St. Timothy's), the parish booked a couple of weekends each year to attend Camp Artaban. We also took our older children, then young, to a few summer camps. Around the campfire we sang and told stories. There's a delightful and inspiring tale told by Henry Van Dyke, called the "Story of the Other Wise Man." (At the Festival of Trees on December 15th, there was a dramatic reading of the story.)



In this story, Artaban, a fourth wise man also sets out to pay homage and bring treasures to the new King born in Bethlehem. However on his journey he is delayed time and time again by people in need. He gives of his treasure in meeting the needs of those he comes in contact with on his journey. Thirty three years later he arrives in Jerusalem having spent his life searching for the Messiah, following the light he had first seen.

~~~ *The earth trembled: it seemed too late. A heavy tile, shaken from a roof fell and struck the now old man on the temple. A quiet voice was heard, and the old man's lips began to move, as if in answer. "Not so, my Lord, for when did I see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did I see you a stranger and took you in or naked and clothed you? When did I see you sick or in prison and come to you? Thirty three years have I looked for you; but I have never seen your face, nor ministered to you, my King. He stopped speaking and again the sweet voice came to him... "I tell you, inasmuch as you have done it to one of the least you did it for me." A calm radiance of wonder and joy lighted the pale face of Artaban, like the first ray of dawn on a snowy mountain peak. One long, last breath of relief exhaled gently from his*

*lips. His journey was ended. His treasures were accepted. His dream of paying homage to the Lord was fulfilled. The Other Wise Man had found the King of Kings. ~~~*

Like the Other Wise Man we too must follow the star wherever it leads us in loving and caring for others. Then, like him, when our journey is done, we too will know that our gifts of time, talent and treasure have been accepted by our King. All of us are meant to be more than witnesses to the Lord's epiphany on earth; we're meant to be the Lord's epiphany on earth.

Blessings to all in the New Year!

Donna Kennedy



### Notice of Annual Vestry Meeting All Saints Anglican Church

The meeting will take place on Sunday, February 17, 2019  
in the church hall after the 9:30am Worship Service.

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

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

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

We will be seeking nominations for the Parish Council in **January**. Please let Polly or Judy know if you are willing to be a part of the **Nominating Committee**. We ask that you prayerfully consider serving in this ministry. New members will be chosen at our Annual Vestry Meeting on Sunday, February 17, 2019 after the 9:30am Service in the Church Hall.

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



### **Parish Council Retreat**

**Saturday March 2, 2019 – 10:00am**

**Heritage Park Club House**

**33751 Seventh Avenue**

## Wind Storm December 2018

Photo Credits: Gilli McLaren



It could have been much worse.

- \* The large box with all of the Altar cloths was only splashed with water and everything inside was untouched, bone dry.
- \* The paper bags for St. Andrews' Pageant on Sunday were not in the chapel as they had initially suggested, but were dry in the Mother's room.
- \* Rick Skerry and associates were able to be at the church within 15 minutes of being called by Judy, and able to temporarily reattach the membrane, also averting further damage.
- \* If LINC had not been in the kitchen, no one would have known about the lifted roof & subsequent flood of water until much more damage had occurred. (Sadly they had to cancel their meal)
- \* Having contacted our Insurance on Thursday afternoon, by Friday morning an independent Assessor plus a Reconstruction company visited All Saints to view the aftermath. Before 5pm Friday, an electrician had disconnected all the water damaged ceiling lights, tested the circuits & installed temporary lights and 3 men from CanStar Reconstruction had installed dehumidifiers in both the chapel and kitchen. ~~Submitted by Polly Betterton~~



## Ring of the Bell - November 11, 2018

At the going down of the sun on Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018, the bell at All Saints Church rang 100 times to honour the sacrifices of Canadians who served in the 1914-18 War, the costs to society and the promise of peace. A number of people lined the street to listen and were invited to ring the bell.



## Recipients of the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster.

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, during Archbishop Melissa's visit we were able to capture this photo of All Saints recipients of the ODNW along with the Reverend Paul Bowie, Deacon Glen Nicholson and Archbishop Melissa.

Jim Wilson, Mary McIntyre, Polly Betterton, Derek Bolton, Margery Skerry, Patricia Fleming and Colleen Keil.





## Remembering World War 1

### “Songs & Scenes of WW1”

Many of us are heirs to the valour and sacrifice of our ancestors who fought in World War I. On Remembrance Day we wear the poppy not only in gratitude and to honour them, but in some cases also with a sense of entitlement for our very existence is a reality because they survived.

Rose Bennett is a valuable member of the All Saints' community in Mission, BC. She is a talented artist, and writer, and produced a magnificent piece of musical theatre to commemorate the 100 years since the Armistice. The four act play that was staged November 10 and 11, 2018, highlighted the invaluable contribution and self-sacrifice of the women who supported the war effort, skilfully weaving into the narrative the fact that 8.4 million women gained the right to vote during this time. In order to provide authenticity, she obtained WWI uniforms for the two evenings the play was performed. It was surprisingly costly to rent the uniforms, but Joy Cox from the All Saints' community is ever our resourceful fundraiser and was able to source sufficient funds from the Veteran's Society to cover expenses.

A portion of the evening included a deeply personal story narrated by Gilli McLaren about his father - the horror and senseless brutality of war.

It was a great evening, and all those who witnessed the production, not only greatly enjoyed it, but also found it a deeply moving and meaningful experience.

At All Saints', Mission we are a small community on the outer limb of the diocesan galaxy; closely bonded, well nurtured by our priest, the Reverend Paul Bowie, we try and reflect God in Jesus Christ as we meet and worship together every Sunday.

~Gilli McLaren~ (as written in The Topic)



## *Archbishop Melissa's Visit ~ November 11, 2018*



On November 11, 2018, a glorious sunny day, Archbishop Melissa presided over the worship service. We began the Service by a brief Remembrance Day observation with Philip Barker placing a wreath at the altar. After a moments silence and the singing of 'O Canada', we continued our worship and Reverend Paul presented candidates Susan Nicholson and Sandy Cockcroft to Melissa for confirmation and Muriel Leggitt to reaffirm her baptismal vows. Immediately after the service Archbishop Melissa blessed our new elevator/ lift and solar panels. And then to the church hall for an all parish photo and an updated photo of All Saints recipients of the ODNW. By now we were hungry and shared in a potluck lunch. We also celebrated

Derek Bolton's 91st Birthday with cake and song. After lunch Melissa took questions from the parishioners and then met with the members of the Parish Council.

Thank you Melissa.







## *All Saints Christmas Tea & Bazaar*



Many thanks to everyone who  
donated so generously of their  
time and energy and of most

importance their various talents to enable us to once again enjoy a very successful Christmas Tea & Bazaar on November 17<sup>th</sup>. The fellowship was obviously being enjoyed by our workers and our many visitors as they met and visited over a cup of tea and dainties.

We also recognize and thank Karl's Meat Market who donated the suet for our mincemeat and those who so generously donated apples; also Cob's Bread who gave us a discount on the purchase of bread for our sandwiches. The final total raised was \$1,344.35. *(more photos on our webpage)*







## Advent 2018

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



Our 7pm *Christmas Eve* service had a high attendance of primarily members, family & friends of All Saints, including 18 young teens and children.

The children added figurines to the crèche after the story was told.

Beautiful foliage at the Altar.



## World Day of Prayer - Slovenia

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Mission. Friday, March 1, 2019

At the core of the theme for WDP 2019, an invitation – Come. And to enable the response – Everything is ready. Come to praise, thank, and proclaim the kingdom of love.



## Bales to the North

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

## Flower Dedication Schedule for 2019

Deacon Glen is assembling the schedule for 2019. Ideally, each Sunday has flowers at the altar donated by a parishioner, with a dedication in the bulletin for that Sunday. The chart for the year is on the Narthex bulletin board. Please speak with Glen to find a Sunday suitable for you.





## *Christmas Craft and Vendor Fair*

On November 24 in the Church Hall we held our Christmas Craft & Vendor Fair. A variety of home-made crafts, sewing, knitting, photography etc. and some local vendors.



## *6<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Trees a Big Success*

The sum of \$4,200.00 in cash, toys, and pounds of food items, were collected at the event.

The Sixth Annual Mission Festival of Trees and Dramatic Reading of Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man" took place December 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> and was a huge success.

The Festival is held to support the Mission Christmas Bureau and the five-day event managed to raise \$4,200.00 in cash donations and many pounds of non-perishable food items, as well as Christmas gifts.

Thirty-two decorated Christmas trees from various, groups, families, churches, businesses, and organizations were given to the Christmas Bureau for distribution to families/seniors in the Mission community.

There were 34 volunteers involved, plus entertainers performed throughout the event, and other volunteers performed in the Dramatic Reading.

A special feature this year was the Gingerbread House, made by Jane Romp, who also generously donated the proceeds from the Draw of the House to the Christmas Bureau.

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

### **People's Choice Award**

Rotary Club of Mission - Sunrise

### **Best Uniquely Decorated Tree**

Silk Degrees

### **Best Crafty Decorated Tree**

Brenna, Sophia, & Natalie

### **Best Family Decorated Tree**

Cedar Valley Manor

&

Alexander, Clarke, & Nan

### **Best Business Decorated Tree**

The Royal Bank of Canada

### **Best Organization/Group Decorated Tree**

Lifetime Learning Centre Society

### **Honourable Mention also goes to the following:**

Remedy Oils & Herbs

Girl Guides of Canada, Mission District

The Fleming Family

Hope Central

Jen Seymour

Ice Development

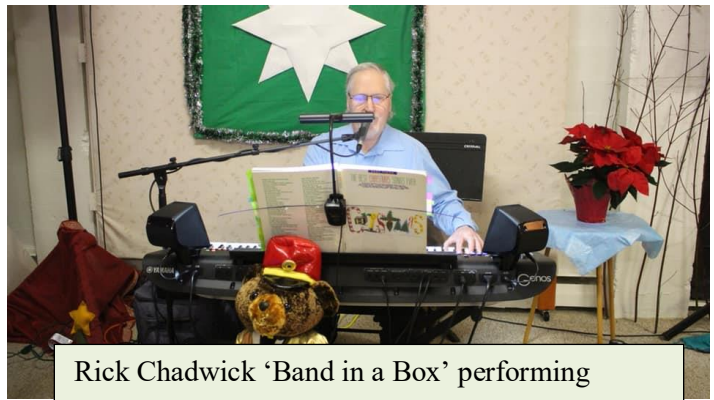
What's On! Mission

**"MANY THANKS" to all whom in any way contributed to the success of this year's event.**

Photos on next page:







Rick Chadwick 'Band in a Box' performing



A huge shout out to Joy and Margaret



Enjoying a puppet show and story time performed by Elspeth Bowers.



"WOW!! I am blown away!" said Mika Brosseau of Mission Christmas Bureau - Wish Campaign.  
 "Thank you Joy and Margaret and the rest of the hard working committee from the Festival of Trees and to all the companies and individuals whom participated to make this event so grand and memorable."

Photo Credits: Margaret Peake, Gilli McLaren, Mission Record.





Our Daughter Nancy, John and I would like to thank all those who prayed for Nancy's husband Robert Slett, when he fell.

In spite of all the efforts of the staff at VGH, Rob died on December 17. Many thanks for all the prayers and support we received.

Nancy, John and Barbara Connor

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Thank you to Marlene and the Choir for all the hard work you do to make our Worship Services special.

We appreciate your dedication and we loved the performances in the services of Advent Lessons and Carols.

A Note From Harold and Sue (from Maylasia)

I thought I would share with you our first Children's Day sharing and dinner. In celebrating children around the globe and that not all are as fortunate as us as you can see in two of the borrowed photos. It was put on by the St. James Sunday School teachers, with the support of the Churches, Arc Deacon, Priest, Deacon and Sub Deacons as well as the youth group. All the youth in the community were invited as well as parents.

It was a fun occasion and will be carried on in future years.

Do take care and have a Blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

God bless you,
Harold and Sue



Ongoing Outreach

HARVEST BAG PROGRAM

AVAILABLE TO ALL MISSION RESIDENTS !

**FRESH, HIGH QUALITY
fruits and vegetables
At a GREAT price!
(Locally grown when possible)**

**Cost \$5.00 per bag
(Approximate value of \$10.00)**

Pre-order by the second Friday of the month at:

- All Saints Anglican Church - 33077 2nd Ave.(2nd and James)
- Mission Community Services Society - 33179 2nd Ave.

Pick up on the third Monday of the month at.....

Mission Food Centre
32646 Logan Ave

Between the hours of 11:00 am -12:00 pm

YOU MUST PRESENT YOUR RECEIPT OR PICTURE ID



Sunday Basket

Donations for January- February Sunday

Basket to be announced.



TRIM

The Care Home Ministry at The Residence

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



International Giving

Our international giving goal is achieved through your donations of refundable bottles and cans. Bottles and cans may be put in the wooden chest underneath the stairs outside the hall. Proceeds go a School that helps support and educate street children in Varanasi India. The work is called Basic Human Needs.



**Pancake
Breakfast**



Pancake Breakfast 8:15 – 9:10am

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 French toast 2 slices \$5.

Church Humour

Timmy didn't want to put his money in the offering Plate Sunday morning, so his mother decided to use some hurried creative reasoning with him.

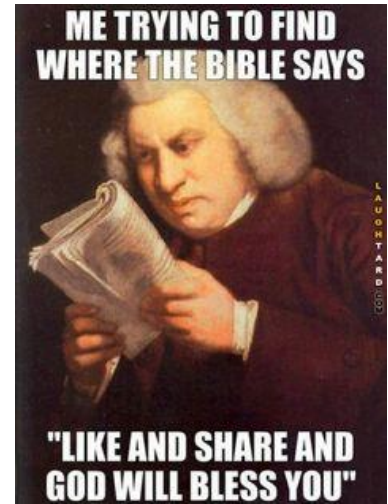
"you don't want that money, honey," she whispered in his ear.

"Quick! Drop it in the plate. It's tainted!" Horrified, the little boy obeyed.

After a few seconds he whispered, "But, mommy, why was the money tainted? Was it dirty?"

"Oh no dear," she replied. "It's not really dirty.

It just 'taint yours, and it 'taint mine," she replied. "It's God's"



Things to
Ponder



1. Don't sweat the petty things, and don't pet the sweaty things.
2. One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor.....
3. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
4. If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?
5. I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
6. What if there were no hypothetical questions?
7. If a deaf person swears, does his mother wash his hands with soap?
8. Is there another word for synonym?
10. Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all?"
11. What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?
12. If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
13. Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?
14. If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
15. Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?
16. How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?
17. What was the best thing before sliced bread?
18. How is it possible to have a civil war?
19. Can an atheist get insurance against acts of God?
20. 7 8 9 (you have to check the numbering sequence to understand this one.)~



Wise Men Worship Jesus
Matthew 2

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