



# Saints Alive

June 30, 2021



*The Church of All Saints Mission has a vision of being a vital, joyful source of the grace of God where individuals are respected, feel safe to worship, and are spiritually energized to live out God's purpose for their lives.*

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

## *Rectors Ramblings,* The Summer Months at All Saints, Mission

Dear Friends:

It was good to start our Friday noon lunches at Heritage Park last Friday. Seventeen of us gathered at Heritage Park, visited with one another, and ate lunch together. These Friday noon lunches will continue through the summer (subject to the weather).



What else can we expect at All Saints over the summer months? This summer we have unfortunately come up against our limitations as a small church.

There are two reasons for this:

- 1) I am taking holidays in July and we do not have a summer replacement priest. The Rev. Philip Barker, whom we relied on in the past, is now employed at Agassiz, and the two retired priests living in the Fraser Valley are booked for the summer. Other priests I contacted living in Vancouver did not want to leave their communities because of COVID19 concerns.
- 2) For the past 18 months I have been producing the Sunday ZOOM Bulletins and Juliette has been hosting our Sunday ZOOM Services. In July neither of us will be available, and as of yet no one has volunteered to step in to do the work.

Given that we do not have a replacement priest or anyone who would lead Morning Prayer, and do not have ZOOM operators, this means that there will be no Sunday ZOOM Services at All Saints for the month of July.

The Parish Council has discussed the situation and approves this approach to July. I will send some links to other Anglican churches in the area, or you might want to link in with another church and join their Services for the month of July. Both the Parish Council and I find the situation less than satisfactory, but it is the best option available to us as a small church.

In the month of August we will resume our Sunday ZOOM Services, beginning Sunday, August 1, 10am. During August the Parish Council and I will work at reopening our Sunday Services to in-person Services, but it will take some time to figure out how that will happen. However, in our effort to have in-person Services we will start an in-person Thursday Eucharist beginning Thursday, August 5, 10am.

Of course, all these plans for August depend on the continued downward trend of COVID19. We can only open up at the instruction of the Bishop. Let us pray that we all have a healthy summer and that people continue to get their COVID19 vaccinations.

If you have any questions or comments on these plans, please let me know.

Summer Blessings,  
Paul Bowie+

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Links to other Anglican churches in the area, or you might want to link in with another church and join their Services for the month of July.

- Christ Church Cathedral [thecathedral.ca](http://thecathedral.ca) Livestream Sundays 10:30am
- All Saints, Agassiz [allsaints-agassiz.ca](http://allsaints-agassiz.ca) Sunday Service 10am  
email [gfeatherstone@shaw.ca](mailto:gfeatherstone@shaw.ca) to register.
- Holy Trinity Cathedral, New Westminster [holyltrinitycathedral.ca](http://holyltrinitycathedral.ca) Livestream Sunday 10am
- St. Matthew, Abbotsford [abbotsfordanglican.ca](http://abbotsfordanglican.ca) Sunday 11am
- Saint Gregory of Nyssa, San Francisco [stgregorys.org](http://stgregorys.org) Livestream Sunday 10am  
email their office for login info.

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## *Warden's Thoughts*

Hello everyone,

I would wish you a happy summer but at the moment I don't think any of us are thinking about that. Just trying to keep cool and hydrated has taken up all our time and thinking these last few days.



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

On a positive note the news these last two days regarding Covid-19 numbers going down at a dramatic rate and our opening up to Phase 3 on July 1st is fantastic news. If we continue in this direction by August when Paul returns from holidays we could have even better news from the bishop regarding the services.

While Paul is away your wardens will continue to make sure that everything is running smoothly. Should you require us please do not hesitate to call one of us. We are here to help. I will also go into the church every Wednesday to count the collection envelopes you have put through the mail slot and then make the deposit, deal with other mail, check phone messages, and Polly and I both will deal with all the emails that come into the church. We will also be available to sign cheques that Mary, our Treasurer, prepares. Unfortunately, while people are on holidays the church bills do not take a rest. Ed goes into the church twice a day and Polly and I also try to go in and out periodically just so that it appears that people are around and there are no problems. This is a requirement of our insurance. A building sitting silent and empty requires a different and more expensive insurance. As it is, idle youth in the community have returned to our lovely white walls and are once again decorating them with graffiti. Someone else thought it would be smart to break a round hole in a window. The fact that it had wire screen on both sides of the window meant they certainly could not get in and if they had managed to then the alarm would have gone off but I guess they had nothing better to do that night.

It has been a long pandemic but we are beginning to see the light at the end of it. Through the last year and a half you have all been absolutely wonderful. You have kept up your donations so that our bills could be paid, you have cared for organizations in Mission who needed help by organizing a fundraiser, and you have cared for each other by phone and email. Your smiling faces on Sunday Zoom calling to each other gives us all a lift and your eagerness to go into the breakout rooms so that you can visit is almost as good as our coffee hour we had at All Saints after the service (I did say almost!). Polly and I have been so grateful for your enthusiasm and spirit and have tried to thank you by organizing deliveries of bouquets of flowers and a few goodies on special occasions. Being able to see you as we made the deliveries and tell you in person how much we appreciate and miss you has given us so much in return.

I hope that you can all take some well deserved time and relaxation with your families without all the strain and worry that we have all lived with these past months. There is also the fun of checking out other churches and seeing how they are doing their services while Paul is away. Weather permitting, there are also the lunches in the park every Friday so we can still keep connected.

I for one look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday, August 1st.

Love to all,  
Judy

## *Editor of Saints Alive*

Greetings my Friends,

It was 16 months ago that I requested that our congregation submit a paragraph or two about a moment during the COVID-19 pandemic that inspired you, or to share how you had been managing. It was a wonderful to read your experiences and a good way for all of us to keep in touch. For the first several months I published a Special Edition of the Saints Alive Newsletter frequently. I continued to send out newsletters but only every second week or until I had something newsworthy to submit. Life is getting busier now as we are getting out more as Covid restrictions are lifting and more people are getting vaccinated.



I will **not** be publishing a newsletter in July or August but of course if there is any important news I will email you.

The next edition will be sent out September 1<sup>st</sup> and every second month after as per pre-Covid. If you have any submissions for the **September-October** edition, please email them to me by the **August 25<sup>th</sup>** deadline. [donnakennedy02@gmail.com](mailto:donnakennedy02@gmail.com)

I am always eager to have feedback from you about what goes into Saints Alive, (because you are, of course, the Saints, Alive.) If you have a story you would like to share, an announcement to make, something you need, or need to sell, some different ideas to add to the newsletter, please let me know! I will make sure, with your help, that everything you need to know about Worship Services, Special Services, Outreach, Meetings, and Planned Fellowship Events will be included in the Newsletter. Some articles you may find entertaining, inspiring, and just maybe something will be news to you! I cannot say often enough how sincerely I would appreciate your participation and timely submissions. Your contributions are what makes this newsletter and I thank you and am grateful for every submission I receive.

Blessings,  
Donna Kennedy

\*\*\*Remember to check out our webpage. Everything you need to know is posted there including the newsletter. \*\*\* <http://allsaintsmission.ca/>



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

**The theme of the calendar this year is "Connection"**

For many of us the Church represents connection - to our relationship with God, to our communities (from local to global) and to a rich spiritual tradition. While 2020 & 2021 have assured many of

us that the Church exists beyond its buildings, our buildings are nonetheless a symbol of these connections.

The orders for these calendars should be by mid-August. If you are considering ordering one or more calendars, please let Colleen Keil (ACW) 604-826-8812 or Judy Beale 604-287-0224 (ACW) by sometime in early August.



*Regis Cornale (from Anglican Conversation)*

An extremely gracious and thoughtful response from Cowessess First Nation Chief Cadmus Delorme on The National when CBC host Ian Hanomansing asked what his message is to Canadians: "From a First Nation perspective, I love living in Canada. I went to university, I grew up on Cowessess, I have the best job I think I ever wanted, being chief. It's not an easy task. But there is an accidental racism and ignorance in this country when it comes to history. You know, Indigenous people - and I'm speaking from Cowessess perspective - we don't want to live in our current state. We want to be part of the economy. We want to be part of

the growth... the social lives.

Sometimes in this country, being Indigenous, it's as if you gotta prove yourself a little more. You're so used seeing maybe, someone asking for change and being Indigenous... you know, there's a story behind every one, of the history that we inherited. So my comment to everybody listening is, from Cowessess, we're not asking for pity. We're asking for understanding. We're asking that you stand beside us, that as we are gaining our control again - as Indigenous people - in our Treaty relationship, that we have better understanding. That our kids going to school understand the impact that residential school made, but also even pre... what great economy Indigenous people had prior to Treaty. This country would be so much more well-off, when Indigenous ideology and understanding is welcomed in, and not just brought in on certain days of the year.

(On the debate over whether to cancel Canada Day)

I would never tell somebody what to and what not to celebrate. You know, in 2021, we all inherited this. Nobody today created residential schools. Nobody today created the Indian Act. Nobody today created the Sixties Scoop. But we all inherited this. And if we want to say we're proud Canadians, then we will accept the beautiful country we have today, and we will accept what we all inherited. And what I would challenge is: Everybody on Canada Day in this country, if you say you're a proud Canadian, read the Truth and Reconciliation 'Calls to Action.' Over 100,000 residential school survivors told their story - including my parents - and they created the Truth and Reconciliation 'Calls to Action.' Bring that into your personal life, your social life, your business life. And read the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls 'Calls to Action.' There's 231 Calls to Action. If we can all own those a little bit in this country, in one generation we would overcome so many challenges today, that our next generation won't inherit this. We will make them more as Dreamers."

**The Haudenosaunee** (known as the Iroquois Confederacy in French or as Six Nations in English) begin every gathering by offering greetings and thanks to all the elements of life that sustain us. This ritual brings everyone into the space with a good mind, ready to listen and learn.

**Now our minds are one.**

Each day, when there is an important matter at hand, we must give thanks. We will give thanks for all he has created and prepared for us here on the earth and in the sky. This is called the matter before all else. So let it be in our minds.



We bring our minds together as one and give thanks to the people on the Earth, that they are still tending to their responsibilities so that peace can be possible on earth. So let it be in our minds.

We bring our minds together as one and give thanks to the earth, that in her kindness she still continues to provide us with her strength, for this is what we need to continue to live peacefully upon her body. So let it be in our minds.



We bring our minds together as one and give thanks to the water, that we still have waters to cool our bodies, quench our thirst, and wash away pollutants in the earth. So let it be in our minds.

We bring our minds together as one and give thanks to the many kinds of fish that live in the water, that they still clean the waters, and that we are able to use their meat to sustain us. So let it be in our minds

We bring our minds together as one and give thanks to the many kinds of plants growing on the planet: the grasses, roots, and shrubbery, that we depend on when we are in hunger, and that heal us when we are ill. So let it be in our minds.

We bring our minds together as one and give thanks to the many kinds of insects. He has created many different types of insects on the earth. They are connected to the beautification of the earth, so that things may come along peacefully. So let it be in our minds.



We bring our minds together as one and give thanks to the many kinds of sustainers, to the many kinds of fresh foods that grow in the gardens we plant. We also give thanks to the three sisters: corn, beans, and squash. So let it be in our minds.



We bring our minds together as one and give thanks to the many kinds of berries (hanging fruits) of the earth in which we eat, that we use to make juice, and that we use to sustain ourselves. We also give thanks to the strawberry, who was chosen by the creator to be the leader of the berries/fruit. So let it be in our minds.

We bring our minds together as one and give thanks to the many forests, and the leader of the trees, the maple. That we are still able to use it to make our homes, to keep us warm when it is cold, and that we are still able to use it to sustain ourselves. So let it be in our minds.

We bring our minds together as one and give thanks to the many kinds of birds on the earth, and the leader, the eagle. That we are still provided with their strength. So let it be in our minds.



We bring our minds together as one and give thanks to the many kinds of animals that wander the forests. That we still see them running about the forests, that they are still us with their skin, and their meat to sustain ourselves. So let it be in our minds.



We bring our minds together as one and give thanks to the four winds: north, south, east and west. That they are still working together so that we can breathe. So let it be in our minds.

We bring our minds together as one and give thanks to our grandmother the moon, that her face still illuminates the night, making sure that it will be peaceful here on earth. So let it be in our minds.



We bring our minds together as one and give thanks to our elder brother sun, that he is still providing us with his strength. So let it be in our minds.

We bring our minds together as one and give thanks to the stars that shine in the sky,

that they still show us the way we should go when we are lost. So let it be in our minds.

We bring our minds together as one and give thanks to the creator. We remember that he is the one that created and prepared everything we depend on to live. This is why we bring our minds together to thank him. So let it be in our minds.

Now I have put the words of thanksgiving through.

If I have forgotten anything, it falls to each of you here to continue to complete it. Now it is time for us to open up the matter, and start the matter at hand.



*Greetings All Saints Parishioners from the Truth and Reconciliation Committee*

On Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> Indigenous Sunday when we acknowledged the importance of our First Nations, Metis and Inuit brothers and sisters to the past, present and future of our church and our country. This year we had special prayers, drumming and a beautiful display in memory of the children who lie in unmarked graves on the sites of Indian Residential Schools across Canada.

We had a special collection for the two scholarships we have given for five years now to First Nations, Metis or Inuit students graduating from Ecole Mission Secondary School. Our students this year are Rena Knight and Vera Peters.

Rena is Lil'wat and has worked with the elders in her community to learn their teachings. She feels privileged to have learned so much and has willingly shared her knowledge with others. She is part of the school drum group and has worked with and supported a younger elementary school girl. As a child who has been in care due to substance abuse issues in her family, she has proven to be resilient, answering the call to help others. She hopes to be a minister or a counselor and to that end has been accepted at both Columbia Bible College and the University of the Fraser Valley.

Vera is Chawathil. She has been impacted by the residential school system on both sides of her family; sadly her mother is one of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. This led Vera to be one of the creators of the MMIW gathering in Mission which is now organized by Mission Friendship Centre. She is a drummer and a gifted singer and has mentored students at Hatzic Middle School. She wants to be a chef and expects to enter Riverside College, then transfer to UFV. At present she is working full time as a cook in Hope and completing her Grade 12 through Summit Learning Centre.

As Jody Shaw, MSS Indigenous Department Head says of our two winners, "They are both strong young women walking in a good way." We offer our congratulations to Rena and Vera and wish them all the best in their future studies.

Thanks to a generous donation last year, we are pleased to be able this year to give each recipient \$750 instead of the usual \$500. If you would like to donate, please put your donation in an envelope with Indigenous Scholarship written plainly on the outside plus your name and address or your offering envelope number. Put your envelope in the mail slot at the Church's 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. door. On behalf of the TRC Committee, thank you for your support of these young people who deserve every chance to succeed.

All My Relations,  
Susan Truman, Coordinator, TRC Committee



Vera receiving her diploma from MSS principal Jim Pearce



Rena receiving her diploma from MSS Principal Jim Pearce



Rena Knight

*Up-date:*

We raised \$630.00 for the Truth and Reconciliation Scholarships this year.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.



Molly Hawkins with Vera Peters



Our parish devoted the whole month of June to Truth and Reconciliation. Children's shoes and toys were arranged around the altar, so it could be seen on zoom. These include moccasins that belonged to Indigenous members of our congregation.

On June 3rd a group of parishioners of All Saints observed the Burning ceremony and a Vigil for remembrance and healing for Indigenous peoples and the community at large after the locating of unmarked graves in Kamloops. This was sponsored by the Mission Friendship Centre at Fraser River Heritage Park which was the site of the

Residential School.

A church member gave witness during Sunday worship:

"The ceremony began with a fire for the burning of traditional food, to which Elders, one at a time, followed by other people attending, could add food. The food burned was a spiritual way to symbolically feed the starving children forced to attend Residential Schools. Drumming and singing accompanied this ceremony. Two of the congregation were drummers.

Following this, several Elders who had attended Residential School spoke about what they had endured and how it affected them. One Elder who had attended a school in the coastal area of BC spoke about hate being the only thing she learned there. Carrying all this anger resulted in a self-destructive life in Vancouver. Fortunately, she was able to turn her life around and realize that, as she said, love, not hate, was the answer to living life. As a result, she strongly encouraged her children to pursue education. One son became a doctor. Another Elder requested that if people want to help with reconciliation, that housing is a huge area of need.

A very generous lunch was served, and as is the custom in Indigenous culture at least two of us parishioners, as Elders, were given lunch.

The Vigil was very moving and left us saddened but with more emotional understanding of what transpired in these schools. We need to not only to acknowledge the missing Children who lost their lives in neglectful and abusive ways, but also the many ways its legacy continues to harm our Indigenous neighbours. It is a first step toward healing, and I hope another step towards Reconciliation."

Worship on Sunday June 20 included text compiled by the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples. Drummers were present during the service and the church bell was rung at the conclusion of the service.



## Thursday Morning In-Person Eucharist Begins August 5th

Enter at the James Street door unless using the Lift.

Please read the following rules for church attendance that you **MUST** acknowledge and agree to follow in order to attend.

1. Phone or email church to register at 604-826-2814 or [allsaints\\_mission@shaw.ca](mailto:allsaints_mission@shaw.ca)
2. Social distance at all times outside and inside the church
3. Facemasks must be worn properly at all times within the church
4. No singing
5. No moving from pew once seated unless leaving the church
6. No physical contact during The Peace but do turn and acknowledge people
7. Communion will be wafers only brought to you in your seat

## *A Message from Colleen Keil*

To our church family at All Saints in Mission from the Keil & Arnold families. Thank you to everyone for all your prayers & good wishes for our little grandson, Owen Arnold. He may be small but he is a fighter. His immune system is very vulnerable & as a result he spent two weeks in B. C. Children's Hospital recovering from viral pneumonia. Now he is ready to go!

Thank you, everyone.! From Matthew Arnold & Great Grandma Keil.

Thank  
you 

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## *A Message from Marilynne Davis*

Earlier in June I asked for prayers for my great nephew Gage who was diagnosed with meningitis. So much progress on his condition and the family is grateful.

This past week his family was given some really bad news that they were not expecting. Gage has severe profound sensorineural hearing loss in both ears. There are options, they've been referred for cochlea implants or hearing aids. He is in ARH now and hopefully he will come home July 13th.

Thanks for all the prayers. I will learn sign language too.

Please continue praying for 5 week old Gage.



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## *A Message from Cyndie & Peter Anderson*



Hello everyone! Happy summer! It's been a year of blessings for the Anderson clan. Peter and I are thrilled to announce the birth of our first grandchild. Brynlee Lynn Anderson was born June 22 to parents Haley and Dylan Anderson. All are well and healthy. Our daughter Kendra graduated from

Carleton university with a masters in fine arts and curating. We also announce our retirement! Peter retired a year ago February and I am retired as of June 30. We both had long careers as educators with the Mission School District. We moved in January of 2021 to the Lac La Hache area in the caribou where we have our Family Lake house. Despite Covid it's been a good year for us. We worked the past few months up here in Sd27 and have met some new people. We



saw much wildlife on our adventures and look forward to the next. Fortunately we have stayed in contact with you via zoom. We will join you in person once we are all safe to do so on our coast visits. Stay cool! Safe and be well. We appreciate our church family and support provided.

God bless!  
Cyndie and Peter Anderson.



**Question: "Why is giving thanks to God important?"**

**Answer:** The Bible is filled with commands to give thanks to God ([Psalm 106:1](#); [107:1](#); [118:1](#); [1](#)

[Chronicles 16:34](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:18](#)). Most verses go on to list reasons why we should thank Him, such as "His love endures forever" ([Psalm 136:3](#)), "He is good" ([Psalm 118:29](#)), and "His mercy is everlasting" ([Psalm 100:5](#)). Thanksgiving and praise always go together. We cannot adequately praise and worship God without also being thankful.

Feeling and expressing appreciation is good for us. God wants us to learn to be thankful for all the gifts He has given us ([James 1:17](#)). It is in our best interest to be reminded that everything we have is a gift from Him. Without gratefulness, we become arrogant and self-centered. We begin to believe that we have achieved everything on our own. Thankfulness keeps our hearts in right relationship to the Giver of all good gifts.

Giving thanks also reminds us of how much we do have. Human beings are prone to covetousness. We tend to focus on what we *don't* have. By giving thanks continually we are reminded of how much we *do* have. When we focus on blessings rather than wants, we are happier. When we start thanking God for the things we usually take for granted, our perspective changes. We realize that we could not even exist without the merciful blessings of God.

[First Thessalonians 5:18](#) says, "In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." We are to be thankful not only for the things we like, but for the circumstances we don't like. When we purpose to thank God for everything that He allows to come into our lives, we keep bitterness at bay. We cannot be both thankful and bitter at the same time. We do not thank Him for evil, but that He is sustaining us through it ([James 1:12](#)). We don't thank Him for harm He did not cause, but we thank Him when He gives us the strength to endure it ([2 Corinthians 12:9](#)). We thank Him for His promise that "all things will work together for the good, to those who love God and are called according to His purpose" ([Romans 8:28](#)).

We can have thankful hearts toward God even when we do not feel thankful for the circumstance. We can grieve and still be thankful. We can hurt and still be thankful. We can be angry at sin and still be thankful toward God. That is what the Bible calls a "sacrifice of praise" ([Hebrews 13:15](#)). Giving thanks to God keeps our hearts in right relationship with Him and saves us from a host of harmful emotions and attitudes that will rob us of the peace God wants us to experience ([Philippians 4:6-7](#)).

## *A Message from Gilli McLaren*

Vivian Seegers – my friend.

I first met Vivian in 1999; we were both first year students at VST. It was the gathering of our class, and I met these young minds, bright and perceptive that would be a credit to any Organization or Corporation anywhere in the world. And here they were faithful and full of zeal, seeking an education that will prepare them for a role to serve the people of God in the Kingdom of God. I remember Vivian as a happy person with a glint in her eyes that the glasses she wore could hardly hide. Coming as I did from a different culture and a different country, I had but the vaguest idea about the suffering and cultural genocide, that the indigenous people of this land had suffered. And then I saw the fierce passion of Vivian for her people, and the tears of anguish that sometimes rolled down her cheeks, and I learnt that justice did not roll like river in this land, and that a people forgot, hopefully temporarily, that righteousness is an imperative of their faith. And I admired Vivian, as she continued towards her destiny, completing her education, and becoming a priest. But all these years that passion never dimmed; in fact, the flame got bigger and brighter. Her journey ended, as all our journeys will end some day; except that her ended too soon, leaving unrealized promises, at least so it seems to us. And like her many friends, I mourn her passing. May her soul rest in peace and light perpetual shine on her.

Gilli McLaren



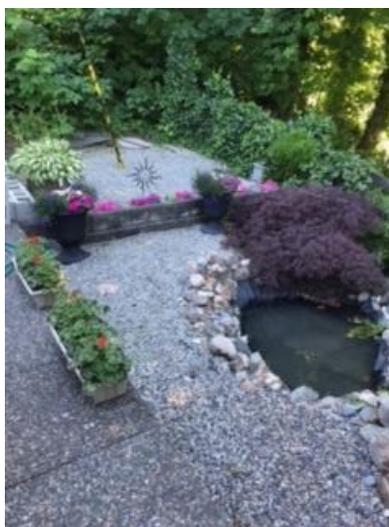
*A Message from Barbara & John Connor*



After a slow start our plants John planted outside our door at Cedarbrooke have started to perk up. Will send more pictures later. These plants were purchase at the All Saints' plant sale

John and Barbara

*A Message from Donna Kennedy*



Our Garden. We purchased most of these from All Saints Plant Sale.



## **'Excuse me, Are you Jesus?'**

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago . They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush, with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly-missed boarding.

ALL BUT ONE!!! He paused, took a deep breath , got in touch with his feelings, and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned.

He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor.

He was glad he did.

The 16-year-old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her; no one stopping and no one to care for her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket.

When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$40 for the damage we did. Are you okay?" She nodded through her tears.. He continued on with, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly."

As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "Mister...." He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, "Are you Jesus?"

He stopped in mid-stride, and he wondered. Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?" Do people mistake you for Jesus? That's our destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace.

If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting Scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day.

You are the apple of His eye even though we, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked up you and me on a hill called Calvary and paid in full for our damaged fruit.

"Being happy doesn't mean everything is perfect.

It means you've decided to see beyond the imperfections."

"If you're not sharing Christ, you're like someone with a million dollars in the bank and no check book."



## Mission Early Childhood Resource Sheet

Please share with your families

**Cindy Penner**

Children and Youth Coordinator Mission, BC

Like us on Facebook and stay connected:

<https://www.facebook.com/Mission-Child-and-Youth-Committee-1603416953253268/>



Apartment, suite or shared accommodation **in or around Mission** needed:

70 year old female with mobility issues (uses a walker).

Non-smoker, non-drinker, no pets (but likes them).

References available on request.

Contact Betty at 604-226-1906



### Bottles for Children

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

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

### Basic Human Needs (BHN)

#### Indian Children's Development Society

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

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

# Church Humour

Murphy was rowing at the lake, when suddenly the Loch Ness Monster attacked and grabbed him from his boat. He panicked and shouted, "God help me!"

And suddenly the monster and everything around him just stopped.

A voice from the heavens boomed, "You say you don't believe in me, but now you are asking for my help?"

Murphy looked up and said, "Well, ten seconds ago I didn't believe in the Loch Ness Monster either!!"

Smith climbs to the top of Mt. Sinai to get close enough to talk to God.

Looking up, he asks the Lord. . .  
"God, what does a million years mean to you?"

The Lord replies, "A minute."

Smith asks, "And what does a million dollars mean to you?"

The Lord replies, "A penny."

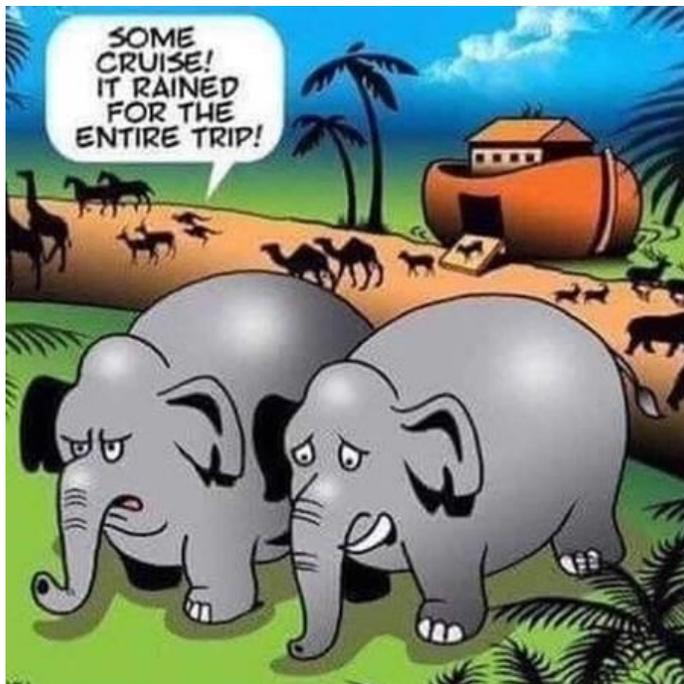
Smith asks, "Can I have a penny?"

The Lord replies, "In a minute".



The Washington Post's Mensa Invitational once again invited readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supplying a new definition.

**Beelzebug (n.):** Satan in the form of a mosquito, that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.



I was walking down the street and a man offered to give me a free guitar. However, I just couldn't believe it. After a long conversation with the man, I learnt that there were indeed strings attached. In the end, I didn't fret about it.

# *Little Saints of All Saints*

## **Only Believe With God, all things are possible!**

### **Scripture**

***Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believe."  
Mark 5:36 (NIV)***

If you were sick, what would your parents do? If you just had a tummy ache or a headache, they might give you some medicine that they could buy from the drug store and wait to see if it would make you feel better. But what if you didn't get better? What if you were so sick that your parents thought you might die? What would they do then? They would take you to the doctor right away! They would do everything possible to help you get well.

Today, our Bible story is about a man named Jairus. Jairus had a daughter who was very ill. In fact, he was certain that she was going to die and he would have done anything in his power to help her get well. Jairus was a ruler in the temple and he had heard about how Jesus had been healing many people, so when he saw Jesus, he ran to meet him right away. He fell at the feet of Jesus. "My daughter is sick and is about to die," he said. "Please come and place your hands on her; heal her so she can live."

What did Jesus do? Did he say, "Give the girl two aspirin and if she isn't better by morning, give me a call?" Of course not! Jesus immediately began walking with Jairus toward his house so that he could heal the girl.

As they walked through the streets of town, some men came up to Jairus and said to him, "Your daughter is dead, there is no need to bother Jesus now." Oh no! What bad news. Jairus had found Jesus and they were on the way to heal his daughter -- and now she was dead. Jairus was heart broken, but Jesus paid no attention to what the people said. He turned to Jairus and said, "Don't be afraid, only believe,"

When they arrived at the home of Jairus, there were many people there and they were all crying. Jesus said, "Why are you crying? The girl is not dead, she is asleep." Do you know what the people did? They laughed at Jesus! Can you imagine that? They laughed at Jesus!

Jesus told all of the people to leave and he took the mother and father into the room where the girl was. He took the girl by the hand and said, "Little girl, get up!" Immediately the girl stood up and began walking around the room. Her parents were amazed!

What can we learn from the story of Jairus? In his story we saw how Jairus loved his daughter and would do anything for her. That is even more true of the love of our Heavenly Father. God loves his children and will always do what is best for them.

Another thing we learn from this story is that with God, all things are possible. Jairus' daughter was dead -- the situation was hopeless! But Jesus said, "Don't be afraid, only believe!" When you face what seems to be a hopeless situation, remember the words of Jesus, "Only believe!"

Dear Father, we are thankful for the love that you have for your children. Help us, your children, to remember that all things are possible if we only believe and trust in you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

