# Mission to the Community and the World

“The Church is the only institution which exists for those outside of it.”

*Archbishop William Temple*

Through the Parish House, we reach out to strengthen the lives of families, individuals, and communities. Through the Retreat Centre, located in the Parish House, we focus on providing programming that will lead to spiritual, physical and emotional well-being. We have created or invited workshops, activities, and retreats on a wide variety of topics, such as Grief and Loss, Advent, Lent, yoga, meditation and spiritual exercises. We have been developing a co-working space. Spiritual Direction and professional counselling services and are offered through the Parish House. We provide space to community groups such as AA and Narcotics Anonymous. Many of these programs and activities have been curtailed during COVID. Some have been able to resume following provincial and Diocese guidelines.

An Alpha course was offered early in 2021. Most of the participants were not parishioners of All Saints.

Two parishioners from All Saints were trained and are involved as mentors in the Right Hand Support Program which was developed by Cochrane Alliance Church to meet the need for healthy, safe connections. Volunteers are trained and supported to walk alongside people of all ages as they navigate the many hurdles of life.

The Bishop Ford Memorial Garden provides a sacred space for the interment of cremated remains for members of the parish and the wider community. It is an opportunity for the parish to reach out to the community and provide support at the time of death.

A star was built and mounted on the veranda of the Parish House to provide a beacon of hope during Advent until the end of Epiphany.

Weekly messages of hope have been developed and are shared via social media. A new logo for All Saints was developed for use with these messages.

Two parishioners have volunteered to be parish representatives for the Anglican Foundation and for PWRDF (Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund).

A-Z preschool provides low-cost, high quality preschool care that focuses on the needs of each student. A-Z is consistently recognized by the licensing bodies for its excellent care. Children with unique needs are given expert assistance. Subsidies are provided for those who are in times of difficulty.

25% of our expenditures to August 31, 2021 have been spent on Mission to the Community and the World. This includes 25% of clergy ministry expense, funds used from the Rector’s Discretionary Fund and from the Penny West Memorial Fund (for various initiatives such as Hope in the Dark and Tsu’tina). It also includes Morley Reconciliation Ministry and Parish House Programs.