



Saints Alive

March / April 2023



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

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

(This is a portion from Rev'd Paul's Annual Report)

This Fall I gathered information and talked to several people concerning the possibility of redeveloping All Saint's land and Church. The reality around us is that downtown Mission is being redeveloped (eg. the apartment building across the street). The houses above us on 3rd Ave. are all sold to developers and redevelopment will begin in the coming year or so. Most of the land on 2nd Ave. is slated for redevelopment into townhouses and apartments. I have talked with the City of Mission, the Mission Association for Senior Housing (MASH), St. Andrew's United Church, and the Parish Council. All these partners are very positive about the possible redevelopment of our land and Church. I have also talked to the Diocese, and they recommend All Saints get a Geo-Technical Report done since redevelopment has the potential to impact our property. I must emphasize that all this is only at the preliminary stage, - no decisions have been made. At this point I am exploring options and gathering information. Please pray about the future of All Saints and what that should look like.



Blessings,

Rev. Paul Bowie



Regular Services

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Sunday: 8:00am – Spoken Service

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

Thursday Morning Eucharist: 10:00am

Healing Prayer offered in the Chapel during
Communion or after the Worship Service.

Editor of Saints Alive

*(An excerpt from Ask, Thank, Tell. Improving Stewardship Ministry in Your
Congregation by: Charles R. Lane)*

‘Where Your Treasure Is’

The six biblical stewardship values – intentional, regular, generous, first, proportional, cheerful – answer the question, “What does a biblical giver look like? Or perhaps more accurately, “How does a biblical giver act?” Encouraging these values in givers is one of the tasks of stewardship leaders in any congregation.



Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Luke 12: 32-34

Many people have misread these words of Jesus and imagined that they say, “For where your heart is, there your treasure will be also.” People have said, “We have to change people’s hearts, and then their money will follow.” We need to recognize that this is not what Jesus says.

Jesus says that where your treasure is, where you put your money that is where your heart will be. Then we can say that as people grow in their giving to Christ’s church, they will grow in their relationship with Jesus. Giving more to Jesus’ work will result in growing closer to Jesus.

Another way to think about what Jesus says here is to talk about ‘acting your way into a new way of thinking,’ as opposed to ‘thinking your way into a new way of acting.’ If Jesus said, ‘where your heart is, there your treasure will be also,’ then he was talking about trying to think your way into a new way of acting. On the other hand, since what Jesus says here is ‘where your treasure is, there your heart will be also,’ then he is talking about the need to first change people’s actions. He is talking about trying to act your way into a new way of thinking.

It seems far easier, and far more lasting to act our way into a new way of thinking. It is far more effective if our actions lead our thoughts, than if our thoughts lead our actions. If we wait until we feel like tithing, we may never get to the action. If on the other hand, we trust in God's promise, and simply start tithing, we will find that our attitudes toward giving will quickly change. Our actions lead our thinking far more effectively than our thinking leads our actions.

What this all means is that what God's people do with their money has a profound impact on God's people's relationship with their Lord. To put it as directly as possible – you have God's promise that if you grow in your giving, you will grow in your relationship with Jesus.

Summary

The goal of our stewardship ministry is to help God's people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents, and finances God has entrusted to them.

The six stewardship values and Luke 12:32-34 have shown a direct correlation between biblical stewardship practices, especially generosity, and a growing relationship with Jesus. The goal of your stewardship ministry should be for people to live these stewardship values, to increase their giving, not so that the church might have more money, but so that God's children might grow in their relationship with their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Giving intentionally, regularly, generously, first, proportionally, and cheerfully will lead a giver's heart to Jesus.



NEXT TIME WHEN I PREACH ON TITHING,
DON'T SING 'JESUS PAID IT ALL' AS OUR
INVITATIONAL HYMN



All Saints Anglican Church Women

The ACW are having their first meeting of 2023, in the hall on March **27, 11:30**. Please bring your bagged lunch, for the fellowship prior to the meeting. All women are welcome. This will be our first meeting since our loss of Colleen Keil, our President, who led us through so much and kept excellent records..

Parish Council 2023

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| Rector's Warden: | Judy Beale |
| Peoples' Warden: | Polly Betterton |
| Treasurer: | Mary McIntyre |
| Synod Delegates (2): | Wendy Booth Janice Young |
| Alternate Synod Delegates: | Dick Blades Jan Openshaw Elisa Wolff |
| Delegate to Synod Aged 15 – 25: | Ryan Bowie |
| Members-at-Large: | Molly Hawkins Marilyn Keeler Donna Kennedy MaryLou McIntyre Jim Openshaw |

Thank you to all who served on Parish Council in 2022 and to Margaret Blades who has stepped down from council this year. Thank you also, to those who will be serving on Parish Council in 2023.

<  **Mission Community Services Society** ...
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A special thank you All Saints Anglican Church for your generous donation to our Food Centre.

We appreciate your continued support.

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Happy Birthday Michael



Michael Bowie at A&W with the Thursday coffee group enjoying his birthday cupcake. His birthday is on Sunday, March 5.



Volunteer Statistics Report for 2022

The number to people who reported their volunteer hours for 2022 was 21.

The total number of hours volunteered was 3,758.25.

On behalf of the congregation, thank you for your ministry and service.

Your dedication helps make our Church run more smoothly.

May God Bless you all and keep you safe.

Respectfully Submitted: Marie Tallon

The Gift of Time is Priceless

Valuable is the work you do

Outstanding in how you always come through

Loyal, sincere, and full of good cheer

Untiring in your efforts throughout the year

Notable are the contributions you make

Trustworthy in every project you take

Eager to reach you every goal

Effective in the way you fulfill your role

Ready with a smile like a shining star

Special and wonderful...that's what you are!



Easter Flowers & Palms

Traditionally we have palms for Palm Sunday, some of which are carried over to Easter Sunday when they are in arrangements with our Bradner daffodils. Polly has now ordered the palms. If you would like to donate to the cost of the flowers and palms, perhaps in Memory of someone or in Thanksgiving, place your donation in an envelope, with the designation "Easter Flowers" on the envelope. Place your Dedication on a separate piece of paper inside the envelope, so it can be added to the Bulletins for April 2nd and 9th.



Submission by Harold Vos

I wanted to share with you a photo of the Ash Wednesday service. We were blessed it wasn't raining for the large crowd that showed up. The church seats 700 plus another 100 next door. This is the spill over crowd standing outside.

Blessings,
Harold and Sue



Holy Week Schedule



Palm/Passion Sunday
April 2 - 9:30am

**Procession of the Palms followed
by a Dramatic Reading of the
Passion**

April 2 – Palm Sunday - 9:30am – Family Eucharist

April 6 – Maundy Thursday – 6:00pm Simple Supper

April 7 – Good Friday – 11:00am

April 8 – Holy Saturday – 8:00pm

April 9 – Easter Sunday - 9:30am – Family Eucharist



 He is
RISEN

April 9 – Easter Sunday

9:30am – Family Eucharist

“Alleluia He is Risen”

We welcome all people" Galatians

Bedding Plant Sale

Every Spring for many years we have taken orders from parishioners and neighbours for Bedding Plants. Our plants from the past have been a good quality and have provided endless hours of summer colour. All funds raised will go to support church programs.

Ed will be preparing the Order Forms in the next few Weeks. We will notify everyone in the weekly announcements and by email when the forms are ready.



Special Offerings

Following our Annual Vestry Meeting, we remind you of *Special Offerings*. These monetary gifts to our church help support our ministries. The Easter Offering Envelopes are on the table in the Narthex.



Hope Central

is in need of good used, clean bags, either plastic or other material, with handles, and large enough to be used for up to 4 take-away meals. Donations may be put in the carton under the Narthex table. Thank you for helping to care for people in our community!



Giving Basket - Bales to the North

ask MaryLou, Judy or any ACW member.

In March and April we will be collecting good used and new clothing and blankets for *Bales for the North*, a charity run by the Anglican Church Women, (ACW). If you need more information,



A note from Diocesan ACW Annual report June 2020:

In May 2019, we sent 24 bales, in October 2019, we sent 36 bales and in March 2020, 252 bales were prepared and ready for shipping when everything was stopped due to Covid 19. October's shipment was so big due to one extra bale full of Christmas presents for each parish. We sent bales to Christ Church Cathedral in Whitehorse; Church of the Northern Apostle in Whitehorse; St. Paul's in Dawson City; St. Luke's in Old Crow; St John the Baptist in Watson Lake; St. Martin's in Atlin; St. Mary with St. Mark in Mayo; St. Phipip's in Teslin; and Punky Lake Wilderness Society in William's Lake, B.C.

There are boys, girls, and unisex layettes prepared awaiting a new home at ACW Place for those in need in our diocese.

After the bales are finished we help: Covenant House, Mission to Seafarers, the Homeless in Vancouver, Dressed for Success (Ladies) and Working Gear (Men's), Progressive Housing, our USED baby clothes went to a free store in Burnaby and Healthiest Babies Possible, Delta. We also helped some refugee families and aboriginal families in the lower mainland.

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.



The 122nd Synod of the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster will be held on May 12th and 13th 2023

Be with Me in My Unfolding

It is spring, Lord,
and the land is coming up green again,
unfolding
outside my well-drawn boundaries
and urgent schedules.
And there is the mystery
and the smile of it.
The willows are dripping honey color into the rivers,
and the bother birds are busy in manger nests,
and I am learning again
That "for everything there is a season
and a time for every matter under heaven."
O Lord, you have sketched the lines of spring.
Be with me in my unfolding.

It is spring, Lord,
and my blood runs warm with the song of the sap,
longing
for a beauty I would become.
And there is the mystery
and the smile of it.
The buds are swelling on the bus,
the sun is beginning to coax the color
from where it's been curled against the cold,
the air is sweet to the nostrils;
even the city seems to be rubbing its eyes
from a long sleep;

and there is a promise in the season
I know no name for
except life.
O Lord, you have sketched the lines of spring.
Be with me in my longing.

It is spring, Lord,
and something stirs in me,
reaching, stretching,
groping for words,
peeking through my defenses,
beckoning in my laughter,
riding on past my fears,
pulsing in my music.

And there is the mystery
and the smile of it.
Be with me in my reaching
so I will touch or be touched,
this time,
by a grace, a warmth, a light,
to unfold my life to a new beginning,
a fresh budding,
a spring within as well as around me.
O Lord, you have sketched the lines of spring.
Be with me in my reaching.

By: Ted Loder

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: "AN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY"

In support of the Mission Christmas Bureau, we are planning the 8th Festival of Trees event, to be held in All Saints Church Hall from Tuesday, December 5th to Saturday, December 9th, 2023. The first Organizing Committee meeting took place on Monday, February 27th; and all the Committee Members were excited that the event will take place again this year.

Any questions or ideas regarding the event, please contact Joy or Margaret at jmmission@telus.net, or 604-826-4089



Church Humour

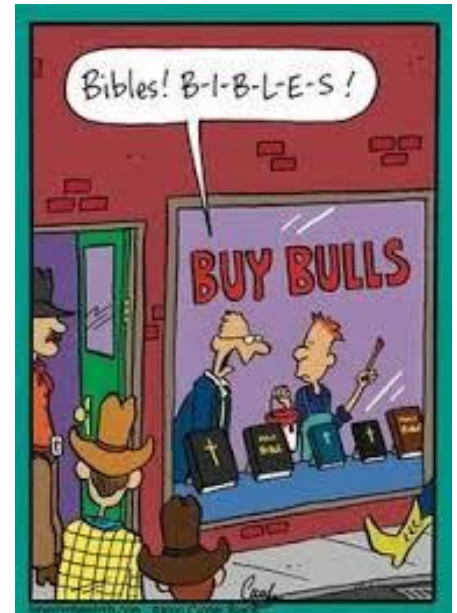
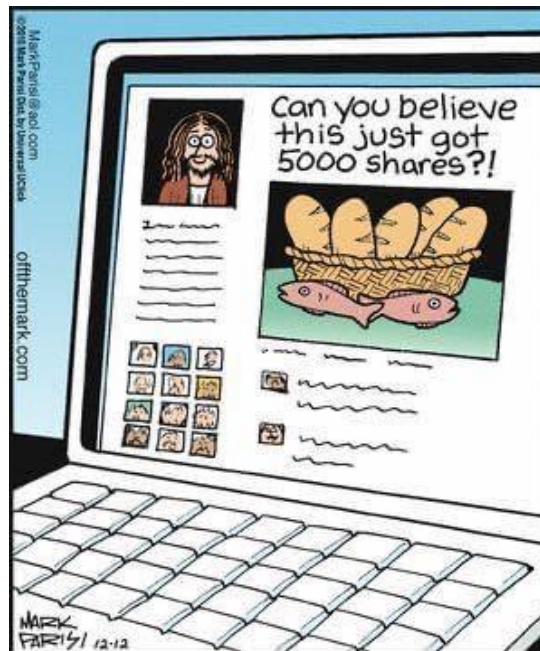


Before beginning the service, our pastor read aloud a note he'd been handed moments earlier. "It says here that I should announce that there will be no B.S. tomorrow morning," he said. He tucked the piece of paper into a pocket and added, "I'm hoping they mean 'Bible Study.'"

My sister-in-law was teaching Sunday school class. The topic for the day: Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Christ.

"What did Jesus do on this day?" she asked. There was no response, so she gave her students a hint: "It starts with the letter R."

One boy blurted, "Recycle!"



The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



Jesus told his disciples to "WATCH AND PRAY" .. and the time honored tradition of sleeping in church was born. **Mt. 26:36-46**

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(See John 19:17-37)
"I, JESUS, HEREBY BEQUEATH MY CARPENTRY STUFF TO ZED, MY GOOD TUNIC TO ROB, AND I'LL BE BACK TO PICK UP THE REST. TO EVERYONE IN THE UNIVERSE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE ... I LEAVE LIFE."

Little Saints of All Saints



"I Love A Parade"

Theme: Palm Sunday

Scripture: The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" John 12:12-13

I love a parade! There is something about a parade that really gets my heart to pumping. We often have parades to celebrate special events such as a circus coming to town or the opening of a fair. Sometimes we have a parade to honour an important person who has come to our town.

I have some flags and some noise makers. This morning I want us to imagine that we are watching a parade. Our city is honouring the very first astronaut from our city to ever walk on the moon. I will describe the parade and when the astronaut passes by, I want everyone to wave their flags and blow their noise makers. Let's practice blowing our noise makers to make sure they are working. Okay, everybody blow! Wow! That was great. Now, get ready, because the parade is about to begin.

Listen...I can hear the band. It is leading the parade and behind the band there are floats carrying a lot of important people...our congressman, our senator, and the mayor of our city. As they pass by, we smile and wave. Finally, here comes the astronaut -- our hero! The crowd cheers, waves their flags, and blows their noise makers! (Wave and blow on the noise makers.) Then as the parade moves on down the street, the sound of the band fades away in the distance. It is over. The celebration is over.

That is a little bit like something that took place in the city of Jerusalem about 2000 years

ago. A king was visiting their city. People lined the streets of the city hoping to get to see the King. The King came riding on a small donkey, and as he rode through the streets of the city, the people waved palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

I'm sure that you know who that King was -- it was Jesus. On Palm Sunday we remember the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the people cheering and waving palm branches. It was a day that marked the beginning of a week that would see Jesus cheered, then arrested, tried, beaten, and put to death on a cross. But as that week came to an end, another week began just as the previous week had begun -- with a celebration.

Dear Jesus, our voices join with the voices of the people in Jerusalem some two thousand years ago. Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen

