**All Saints Anglican Church**

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**‘The ground we walk does not belong to us; for thousands of years it has been - and remains - the territory of the Stó:lō. We are grateful for their sharing.**

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**OUR DOOR IS OPEN AND ALL ARE WELCOME**

**August 3, 2025, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Priest in Charge: The Reverend Philip Barker

Hosts: Graham Featherstone/Jennifer Pinlac

Intercessor: Valerie and David Hamilton

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Please contact either warden if you have an issue that needs to be brought to the attention of the Vicar - or contact the Vicar direct (see above for details).

**Wardens Pitch**

* Bible Study with Karol is every Saturday morning 8:30-9:00 on Zoom.
* Prayer Requests can be given on a piece of paper to either of the Wardens or the Vicar or entered in the Prayer Request Book on the lectern. Alternatively, you can contact Anthea Lewis at antheamlewis@shaw.ca for Pray First Prayer Circle, which is a confidential online prayer circle.
* Music Requests may be given to the Wardens or the Vicar.
* AA meets in the hall every Tuesday and Friday at noon.
* Every Thursday in the hall 10:00-12:00 we have a social time with coffee, games if you like or just talk. Following there is a short Prayer Meeting in the church to which all are invited. This is only for 15 minutes and is followed by – Morning Prayer (said) each Thursday at 12:30.
* 5th Sunday of each month will be a potluck lunch after the service.

**Ministerial Meandering**

*When it’s you*

Sheila and I have just finished watching a programme on Netflix called ‘Critical - Between Life and Death’. It is a documentary following the course of several victims of trauma in the UK, who are dealt with by the recently formed London Trauma Network, which comprises four major London teaching hospitals that are designated as Level One Trauma Centers.

The cases we followed were all victims of blunt trauma - road crashes, assaults with a piece of piping, and so on. For Sheila this was an eye-opener, as she has not been exposed to major trauma very often as an ophthalmic surgeon.

One of the things that came over very clearly was the value of the National Health Service - even though it seems to be going down the toilet at present. It gave access to anyone and everyone to the best available treatment in the country, at absolutely no personal cost. No member of staff was looking in the victims’ wallets for a Blue Cross card, or asking if they had private insurance as they were wheeled into the OR. The post-operative care and follow-up was just as good.

The patients were also interviewed when possible, and several things struck me. First, that they were surprised that they had been injured - and their families also were constantly asking, “Why?” Second, those injured realized just how lucky they had been to survive their injuries, and this gave some of them cause to think harder about their ultimate destiny, and their faith - or lack of it. One man of Somali origin paused the anaesthetist as he went to place the mask over his face, and asked for a moment to pray silently. Then he gave the signal for the mask to descend.

The system worked, and the viewer went away with faith that the NHS is a Good Thing.

I won’t even start on the comparison with the medical system here as, despite BC nominally having 2 Major Trauma Centers (VGH and Royal Columbian), the level of care is generally below that which we were able to give in rural Africa, and the chance of being taken to one or other of these centers is largely a lottery. One of the greatest dangers of being taken to another hospital is that the staff may well not recognize the severity of injury that they are dealing with, and so we see many ‘…died later in hospital’ reports in the newspapers.

My experience of major trauma is very different, having spent decades in the military, served in 9 war zones, and spent 12 years in South Africa.

Two things make it very different; the first is that the majority of injuries I saw and dealt with were penetrating - caused by bombs, bullets, mines, knives, machetes, etc. We had our fair share of the blunt injuries too, but over 60% were penetrating.

In addition to the injuries of interpersonal violence and arguments with the hazards of driving, Africa provided us with a cornucopia of interesting meetings with our wildlife. Bites of various descriptions - snake, shark, hippo, crocodile, spider, bat - and even human. And the regular frequent dog bites - but the large feral dog population made the risk and incidence of rabies significant. Bats also carry rabies.

The second difference was that my trauma patients took their injuries with an equanimity unseen in the so-called ‘first world’. They almost *expected* that they would be injured at some point in their lives; there was no anguished crying of “How could this happen to *me*?” The families had the same frame of mind. There was an acceptance that hurts are part of living in this world, and wailing that it is unfair gets you nowhere, and certainly hinders recovery. Even young children who suffered horrible burns or traumatic amputations would seemingly consent to what the world or their ‘fate’ had doled out to them without complaint. There would be tears, of course, but then they would face up to their condition - whatever it was they had to come to terms with - and smile again.

We have a lot to learn from that attitude.

Philip+

**Chuckle**

Did you hear that Larry got a new job working for Old MacDonald?? He’s the new CIEIO.

**Birthdays this Month**

Pamela Evans 8th, Leroy Burden and Virginia Jennings 14th, Jon Taylor 20th, Monica Gibson-Pugsley 28th.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We Pray for the Clergy and Congregation of:**

St. Alban the Martyr, Burnaby. The Archdeaconry of Burrard.

**Anglican Church of Canada Cycle of Prayer: We Pray for:**

The clergy and people of the Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh. The dean, council and congregations of the Southern Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories. The Canadian Moravian Historical Society

**Collect**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew you people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Readings**

Hosea 11: 1-11 Judy Gibbs

“When Israel was a child, I loved him,
    and out of Egypt I called my son.
But the more they were called,
    the more they went away from me.
They sacrificed to the Baals
    and they burned incense to images.
It was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
    taking them by the arms;
but they did not realize
    it was I who healed them.
I led them with cords of human kindness,
    with ties of love.
To them I was like one who lifts
    a little child to the cheek,
    and I bent down to feed them.

“Will they not return to Egypt
    and will not Assyria rule over them
    because they refuse to repent?
A sword will flash in their cities;
    it will devour their false prophets
    and put an end to their plans.
My people are determined to turn from me.
    Even though they call me God Most High,
    I will by no means exalt them.

“How can I give you up, Ephraim?
    How can I hand you over, Israel?
How can I treat you like Admah?
    How can I make you like Zeboyim?
My heart is changed within me;
    all my compassion is aroused.
I will not carry out my fierce anger,
    nor will I devastate Ephraim again.
For I am God, and not a man—
    the Holy One among you.
    I will not come against their cities.
They will follow the Lord;
    he will roar like a lion.
When he roars,
    his children will come trembling from the west.
They will come from Egypt,
    trembling like sparrows,
    from Assyria, fluttering like doves.
I will settle them in their homes,”
    declares the Lord.

Psalm 107: 1-9, 43

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
    his love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—
    those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,
those he gathered from the lands,
    from east and west, from north and south.

Some wandered in desert wastelands,
    finding no way to a city where they could settle.
They were hungry and thirsty,
    and their lives ebbed away.
Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,
    and he delivered them from their distress.
He led them by a straight way
    to a city where they could settle.
Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love
    and his wonderful deeds for mankind,
for he satisfies the thirsty
    and fills the hungry with good things.

Let the one who is wise heed these things
    and ponder the loving deeds of the Lord.

Colossians 3: 1-11 Jennifer Pinlac

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

Luke 12: 13-21 Vicar Philip Barker

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”