**All Saints Anglican Church**

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**Bulletin September 22, 2025 –September 28, 2025**



**‘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**

**September 28, 2025, 16th Sunday after Pentecost**

Priest in Charge: The Reverend Philip Barker

Hosts: Graham Featherstone/Jennifer Pinlac

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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**

* Book Club resumed on Zoom on September 3rd. Our new book is an exciting contemporary autobiography entitled "God's Double Agent: The True Story of a Chinese Christian's Fight for Freedom" by Bob Fu with Nancy French. It is available on Kindle or in paperback for $24.00 on Amazon. Please email Sheila at sjbarker0369@gmail.com if you would like to join the group discussions or have her order a book for you.
* 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.
* At 1000 on Thursdays there is an Interactive Bible Study on the day’s Lectionary readings. All are welcome – discover the treasures in this amazing book!
* 5th Sunday of each month will be a potluck lunch after the service.
* Don’t forget our Craft Fair on October 25th

**Ministerial Meandering**

*I’m right!*

It has been said - with some justification - that there is nothing more dangerous than certainty. Indeed, it has been suggested that there is no greater sin. I’m not sure I would go that far, but I am certain (!) that certainty can be very dangerous.

I am going to mention people in the news south of our border just once more this week, and then try to avoid them as much as possible - unless, by some small and unlikely chance, something positive were to come forth from there.

Charlie Kirk was an opinionated young man. Of that there can be little doubt. He liked to call himself a ‘debater’, but he rarely actually listened to what was being said to him - because he already had the answer, and it was usually the diametric opposite of what was being suggested to him. I have seen many of his televised ‘debates’, in both the Oxford and Cambridge Unions, and elsewhere in the USA, where he would attempt to brow-beat his opponent into submission with a ‘This is so, isn’t it - yes or no?’ If his debater tried to nuance the question, he would simply get louder and louder with his insistence of “Yes or no?”

On some topics his points were valid, but the manner in which he made them was consistently aggressive - *he*, Charlie Kirk - was right, and the rest of the world was wrong. I was sad for him, because his good points could have been made so much better with a gentler approach.

I was thinking how exhausting it must be to wake up every morning and think that you’ve got to spend the day telling people how wrong they are, and how you’re right. I wondered if he ever had any room for doubt or deeper consideration for his topics. At thirty, it is difficult to be sufficiently mature to know all things. Most of us, as we mature, begin to realize that the older we get and the more we learn, the more we realize that we *don’t* know.

Even Jesus had his moments of doubt in Gethsemane. He was also about thirty - but he never brow-beat anyone.

Philip+

**Truth and Reconciliation**

I am writing to invite you to join me for a series of informal (but structured) small group conversations about reconciliation.  I am actively working on my own learning about this huge topic and I am inviting you to come along with me on this journey.

I recently signed up to learn how to host other settlers and non-Indigenous people in conversations that support us to build new practices to help us understand how to be in better relationship with Indigenous peoples. The program is called [Table Talks](https://kinshift.ca/table-talks/), and has been developed by an Indigenous led organization based in syilx territory called IndigenEYEZ.

The Table Talks approach is informative, challenging and fun. I will host a series of 8 1hr conversations after coffee time on Sundays. If you’re interested in learning more about this opportunity to feel engaged, inspired and mobilized, please join me for a Table Talks information session on Sunday, September 28th, from 12-1.00 pm in the church.

If you’re interested in finding out more, please RSVP to Sheila sjbarker0379@gmail.com

**Chuckle**

What do you call someone who is happy on Monday??? Unemployed.

**Birthdays this Month**

Rick Probert – 4th, Wendy Young and David Hamilton – 10th, Sonya Hill – 17th, Allen Cresswell – 19th.

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

St. Stephen the Martyr, Burnaby. Vancouver School of Theology, faculty, staff and students.

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

Bishop, clergy and people of the Territory of the People. The Labrador Mission Province. Every child matters!! Remembering the Indigenous children who did not return home from residential school, for survivors and their families, for truth, healing and reconciliation.

**Collect**

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Readings**

Jeremiah 32 1-3a, 6-15 Keith Fossey

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. The army of the king of Babylon was then besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was confined in the courtyard of the guard in the royal palace of Judah.

Now Zedekiah king of Judah had imprisoned him there, saying, “Why do you prophesy as you do? You say, ‘This is what the Lord says: I am about to give this city into the hands of the king of Babylon, and he will capture it.

Jeremiah said, “The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of Shallum your uncle is going to come to you and say, ‘Buy my field at Anathoth, because as nearest relative it is your right and duty to buy it.’

“Then, just as the Lord had said, my cousin Hanamel came to me in the courtyard of the guard and said, ‘Buy my field at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin. Since it is your right to redeem it and possess it, buy it for yourself.’

“I knew that this was the word of the Lord; so I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out for him seventeen shekels of silver. I signed and sealed the deed, had it witnessed, and weighed out the silver on the scales.I took the deed of purchase—the sealed copy containing the terms and conditions, as well as the unsealed copy—and I gave this deed to Baruch son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel and of the witnesses who had signed the deed and of all the Jews sitting in the courtyard of the guard.

“In their presence I gave Baruch these instructions: ‘This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Take these documents, both the sealed and unsealed copies of the deed of purchase, and put them in a clay jar so they will last a long time. For this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Houses, fields and vineyards will again be bought in this land.’

Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
    will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress,
    my God, in whom I trust.”

Surely he will save you
    from the fowler’s snare
    and from the deadly pestilence.
He will cover you with his feathers,
    and under his wings you will find refuge;
    his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
You will not fear the terror of night,
    nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
    nor the plague that destroys at midday.

“Because he loves me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him;
    I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
He will call on me, and I will answer him;
    I will be with him in trouble,
    I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him
    and show him my salvation.”

1 Timothy 6: 6-19 Judy Gibbs

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Luke 16: 19-31 Vicar Philip

 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family,for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

“‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”