



Saints Alive

January – February 2026

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. All are Welcome.

We gratefully acknowledge that we live, learn, work, play and worship on the shared ancestral, traditional and unceded territory of the Sq'ewlets, Leq'a:mel, Semàth, Mathquí, Katzie, and Qwó:tlél people.

Rector's Ramblings

Dear Friends:

Happy New Year! As I look back at a busy 2025 I want to thank everybody who put in their time, talent, and treasure to make it a great success. By participating in Parish events we build up our church community and strengthen our bonds of affection. The year ahead of us is going to be a challenging one. All Saints is going to have to make some significant and consequential decisions about its future – decisions which need to be wrapped around with prayer. As you know, I am eligible for Retirement at the end of 2026, but have options to keep working until I am 70 years old. What to do? Please keep me in your prayers. Also, the Christine Morrison Fund (CMF), which has supplemented the Rector's income over the past 13 years, is going to run out at the end of 2026. Without the CMF All Saints will only be able to afford a half-time Priest. Please keep the finances of All Saints in your prayers. And, if that weren't enough, the redevelopment plans have once again been halted by the Diocese. This time the Diocese requires that all development projects in the Diocese have a Housing Society established. It has become obvious to the Diocese that if any one of the 13 development projects in the Diocese goes "sideways", it could bankrupt the Diocese. Having a Housing Society for each project means the Housing Society goes bankrupt, not the Diocese. We have only learned of the new requirement a month ago, and are still working out how to do this. Please keep this process in your prayers. As you can see this is going to be a year of big decisions. Please stay engaged with the community, and please come to me with any ideas about how we might deal with all this.

Blessings.
Rev. Paul Bowie





SERMON ON THE AMOUNT

This is the financial statement from January to November 2025. A total of \$55,000 was transferred from the Christine Morrison Fund (invested in the Diocesan Consolidated Trust Fund) to help with our expenses. Since we have had to transfer money from the CMF each year to balance our books we are now running out and there is only enough left to get us through 2026. Thanks to your continued support and the fundraisers we finish November with a \$3,112.10 profit and should end December with a

slightly smaller profit.

Income

	Jan. to Nov.	Budget to date
Envelope & Open Offering	68,628.28	66,683.37
Building Use/Rents/Fundraisers	61,644.74	60,861.24
Miscellaneous	<u>55,451.44</u>	<u>55,825.00</u>
Total Income	185,724.46	183,369.61

Expenses

	Jan. to Nov.	Budget to date
Diocesan Assessment	22,468.60	22,468.40
Wages/Benefits/Administration	139,852.54	140,088.46
Buildings & Grounds	18,691.93	20,619.37
Musi/Miscellaneous	<u>1,599.29</u>	<u>5,077.63</u>
Total Expenses	182,612.36	185,253.86
Transfers		3,000.00
Excess/Deficit	3,112.10	-1,115.75

Thank you to everyone who has returned their pledge sheets for 2026. If you have not already, please fill out your pledge sheet and place it in the offering plate. This helps the treasurer with creating the budget.

Gracious and loving God,

As we stand at the beginning of a new year, we place our church and all its changes into your care. We know that the path ahead may feel uncertain at times, but we trust that you walk with us every step of the way.

We pray for wisdom and faithfulness as we make decisions together. Bless our finances, that we may be good stewards of all that you have entrusted to us, and give us generous hearts to support the work of your church.

Strengthen and encourage Rev'd Paul, and surround him with care, patience, and prayer. Help us also to support one another as a church family, growing in kindness, understanding, and love.

Root us firmly in your grace, guide us by your Spirit, and help us to move forward with hope, courage, and trust in you.

We ask all this in Jesus' name.

Amen.



Regular Services

Sunday: 9:30am – In Person and Zoom Family Service
BAS with Music

Thursday Morning Eucharist: 11:00am

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

The deadline for submissions for the next edition of 'Saints Alive' is **February 25, 2026**. Thank you for your contributions to the newsletter.

Editor of Saints Alive

Greetings,

As many of you know, I have spent much of the summer and fall visiting my husband, Terry, during his time in Abbotsford Hospital and later at the Christine Morrison Hospice in Mission. Because of this, I have not published a newsletter since the July/August edition.



I am now working on the February 2026 edition of *Saints Alive*. It will be shorter than usual, and there won't be many photos this time, as I was unable to attend or capture most of our fall events. My hope is to be back in full swing by early spring. All your submissions would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you all for your understanding, your patience, and your continued prayers and support. It means more than I can say.

Blessings,

Donna Kennedy



God, Creator and Giver of all that is good, we thank you for our many blessings. Mindful of your generosity, we acknowledge that all that we have is from you. Daily, we offer you thanks and praise for the beauty of the earth, our work, our family and our loved ones.

In the dawning of a new day, You are with us. In each dark hour, You are here. Blessed by Your grace, we show gratitude by sharing what we have. By serving our brothers and sisters, we serve You. As You protect and guide us on our journey, we, Your stewards, remain ever grateful for Your constant love.

Amen



Notice of Annual Vestry Meeting All Saints Anglican Church

The meeting will take place on Sunday, February 22, 2026 in the church hall at 11:30am. Light finger food lunch provided.

The Vestry Meeting is the Anglican word for a General Meeting, to which all members of a church are invited to have a voice and a vote.

The Vestry is composed of all the baptized members of the congregation, of the full age of 16 years, who for at least six months preceding the holding of a Vestry meeting have been identifiably involved with that congregation, through worship, fellowship, and financial support to that congregation.

WE WANT YOU AT OUR VESTRY MEETING! As members on our Parish Roll you have the right to vote on motions. Your voice, your ideas and insights are valuable! This opportunity to gather TOGETHER, to identify TOGETHER our direction for the coming year, for as many people as possible at All Saints to feel a sense of ownership, responsibility and participation in the life of our congregation is of VITAL and LIFE-GIVING importance. If anyone has a motion to put forward at the meeting it would be helpful to the appointed secretary to have it ahead of time.

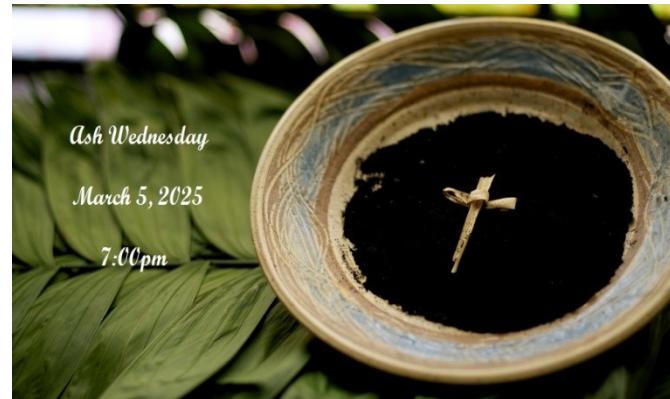
Parish Council 2026

The Nominating Committee will be seeking nominations for the Parish Council. We are asking that you prayerfully consider serving in this ministry. New members will be chosen at our annual meeting on Sunday, February 22, 2026 after the 9:30am service. We need your help in choosing them. *Accepting a call to a leadership position is an act of stewardship. Parish Council members share with their parishioners a wide array of knowledge, skills and experiences plus the devotion of their time, talent and treasure for the parish community.*

God creates the Church, and invites us to participate. A congregation's leaders are the stewards of that creation and hold it in trust. Our congregation is blessed with abundant resources needed to do the job God called us to accomplish. The clergy and Parish Council identify and allocate those resources, enabling the Church to carry out its mission. They also lead the congregation in celebrating and giving thanks for those resources.

Annual Reports

The chairs of all committees need to get their reports to Judy as quickly as possible so that the booklet can be prepared and distributed two weeks before the meeting to give everyone enough time to study the reports. ~~ In attempt to save money on paper and printing we are hoping to send the booklet by email this year. There will be some printed booklets for those who cannot access it online.



Ash Wednesday Service March 5, 2026 7:00pm

God is ready to heal our woundedness, to make us more whole than ever before. Ash Wednesday is our call to make room for the divine dance to work its sacred magic within us.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study on Zoom. 7:00pm

With zoom all participants can be seen and heard, but will be in the comfort of their own homes. The zoom connection is the same as for Sunday worship.



Advent 2025 Year A

Each Sunday in Advent we hung the banners of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love as we lit the Advent Candles.

A special thank you to Marlene and the choir for the Advent Lessons and music. This is always a lovely service.

Photos from January 2026: photo credits Juliette Bowie & Connie Wilks



St. Andrew's award for tree at Festival of Trees



Creche



Nativity Triptych

About the Artist

Huub J.I. Hunfeld was born in 1923 in Utrecht, The Netherlands. He is the brother of Wim's father.

He was the youngest of a large family. Since he was 5 years old he observed and tried his hand at medieval embroidery at his parent's home where his mother met weekly with other ladies skilled at this prestigious art form. Their embroidery featured intricate designs with silk, gold and silver threads depicting saints, foliage, geometric patterns on liturgical vestments and tapestries, reflecting manuscript art.

Later in life he studied to become a professional designer and artist and distinguished himself in the unique art of needle work. He worked long hours in his attic studio creating religious as well as secular works of art. He had many orders to fill from priestly vestments to tapestries in public buildings.

Some of his work is kept in Dutch museums and has been recognized as a cultural heritage.

The three-fold piece of the nativity shown in our church this season was made in 1961. It was gifted to us by the brother of Huub Hunfeld, Rev. Alexander Hunfeld from St Alphonse, Manitoba.

Wim and Mimi Hunfeld

--*Thank you to Wim and Mimi for loaning All Saints this beautiful reflection of the season!*



On November 23, 2025 Kaya and Nicholas presented their son Lukas for Holy Baptism.

Welcome to the family Lukas!



Madden Rose Wissman

Born December 4, 2025

Weight 8lbs. 13oz.

Parents Julia and Jacey Wissman & Big sister Marlo Jane

Grandparents Terry & Donna Kennedy

We are thrilled to be Grandparents to our third Grand daughter.



A Prayer for Our Children

Loving God, thank you for the gift of new life among us. We celebrate the births of our children and those who are baptized into the family of faith.

Bless these children as they grow—surround them with love, joy, and wonder. Bless their parents, families, and godparents, and help us, as a church community, to support and encourage them as they learn to follow Jesus.

May your Spirit guide them all their days, and may they always know they are deeply loved.
Amen.



ACW items we are collecting for what we call Grains of Salt. You will find a box in the Narthex if you would like to help us collect some of these items.

Aluminum pie & Tart Plates – recycled to raise funds to equip camps for children requiring dialysis. So far a camp in the Ruskin area has been built with dialysis equipment and they are hoping to now expand the services to include children with other disabilities.

Postage Stamps – must have $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of envelope or postcard left around the edges. They are prepared for sale by the friends of Arthur Turner Training School in Iqaluit, Nunavut to assist theological students and their families at the school.

Pop Can Tabs – returned cans get the same amount even without the tabs. The tabs are a harder, more expensive metal. They go to B.C./Alberta Guide Dogs to assist in training costs.

Woolen Goods – toques, mitts, layettes, dollies, etc. are always welcome in the bales, Children's Hospital, and needy families. Blankets for those in need and shelters. Shoulder, lap, and bed are welcome.

Travel Soap & Shampoo – given to transition homes or shelters for homeless. Unused only.

Bales to the North – good used men's, women's, and children's clothing. New baby clothing and supplies. Cloth diapers only. Towels, bedding, kitchen linens, and blankets. We do a major collection in September for these larger items for the final shipment north in October before the snow.

Other items that we receive that are passed on to other organizations:

Dresses for Success – women re-entering the workforce.

Working Gear – men re-entering the workforce

Mission to Seafarers – hot socks, toques, magazines, and paperback books

Big Brothers – items not suitable for our needs

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.

All Saints Community Giving Basket January-February

We will be collecting food for the Food Centre during January and February. After the holidays this is when they are low on supplies, please consider donating food or a cheque made out to Mission Community Services Society marked 'Food Centre'. Thank you.



Thank you for your support of our November-December Community Giving Basket.

Prayer for Outreach

Loving God,

We thank you for the many ways you call our church to serve.

Though we are few, you have given us willing hearts and caring hands.

Bless all our outreach programs—

the meals shared, the kindness offered, the listening ears,

and the quiet acts of love that may never be seen, but are always known to you.

Strengthen those who serve, especially in seasons of tiredness or change.

Renew our joy in giving, and remind us that no act of compassion is ever too small when it is offered in your name.

May our church continue to be a place of welcome and hope in our community, reflecting your love to all we meet.

We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus,
who taught us to love our neighbours as ourselves.
Amen.

Church Humour



"WHAT'S YOUR NAME YOUNG MAN?" "DENNIS, BUT TILL I TURNED FIVE, I THOUGHT MY NAME WAS 'STOP IT!'"



Someone is a little grumpy today

When God was creating the animals, a group of angels remarked that it looked like fun, so God let them form a committee and create one animal. The committee created the platypus - an animal with the bill of a duck, the fur of an otter, the tail of a beaver, and the feet of a frog.

"Enough!" said God, and ever since then there have been no committees in heaven.

It's always been a constant consolation to me to realize that although God created man and woman, there is no recorded testimony that he created committees. For this alone we worship Him."

~John V. Chervokas



Thanks to Mikel Rice (See John 13:2-5) 02-02-2001

YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISERS IN THE EARLY CHURCH

