



Saints Alive!

September/October 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:ltlél people.

Rectors Ramblings

UPDATE FROM THE REV. PAUL BOWIE

Dear Parishioners:

It has been a long and slow recovery from all the “misadventures” I have experienced since May.

Let me begin by thanking everyone for their prayers and concern over the last four months. It has been a source of strength to know that there is a community “looking out” for me and supporting my recovery. Your cards and well-wishes have inspired me in this long process.

On the medical front, my cracked ribs have healed with no complications. My heel, on the other hand, is not “healing” (no pun intended). It remains swollen, but does not hurt. I have a blood clot in my heel which prevents the blood from draining. A piece of this blood clot broke free and went through my heart, giving me a “heart attack” in June. I spent five days in Abbotsford hospital, undergoing a multitude of tests before they discharged me. I am now recovering at home, taking Apixaban (blood thinners) and Rosuvastatin (anti-cholesterol) medication. The hope is these medications will reduce, and eventually get rid of, the blood clot in my heel. A recent ultrasound on my leg indicated that the blood clot has reduced in size but is still a significant presence.

I am at the stage in my recovery where my doctor tells me I need rest and sleep to recover my strength. Strength and stamina are the issues now. At the moment I only have the strength to do a short period of exercise (approx. 2 hours) before my energy levels deplete and I need a nap. I am told that, over time, my



strength will return (How long, O Lord!). I keep my brain active as I put together a Study on the Book of Revelation, which I hope to teach on ZOOM Wed. evenings in the Fall.

The plan for my return is to preside at the Service at the Walk-a-thon in Sept.. Please keep me in your prayers, as I pray for All Saints. It has been an unexpected and long haul, but I am very pleased at how the community has pulled together and managed the disruption (especially our Wardens Judy and Polly). Again, thank you all for everything you do, it is encouraging to be part of a committed community such as All Saints.

Blessings,

Rev. Paul Bowie



Regular Services

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

Thursday Morning Eucharist: TBD

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

Submissions for the November/December Newsletter are due by October 25th

Thank you so much for your contributions!

Editor of Saints Alive

As I watched the devastating wildfires across British Columbia, my heart aches for the people who have lost their homes, their belongings, and in some cases, so much more. Behind every destroyed home is a family, a lifetime of memories, photographs, treasured possessions, and a place that once felt safe. I as many others, have friends and family that had been evacuated from their homes.

There is something I have heard in group messages (online) during times like these that has made me stop and think. Sometimes, when someone's home has survived while others nearby have been destroyed, we hear, "God spared your house. Your prayers have been answered."

But I struggle with the idea that God *spared* one person's home while allowing another person's home to burn.



If we say that God chose to protect one house, does that mean God chose not to protect the house next door? Did God love that family any less? Were their prayers not as worthy? I don't believe that is who God is. I don't believe God chooses some people to be spared from tragedy while others are left to suffer.

We live in a world where devastating things happen—sometimes because of nature, sometimes because of human choices, and sometimes for reasons we simply cannot understand. Faith does not mean that we will be protected from every hardship.

Perhaps instead, faith means trusting that God is with us in the midst of it. God is with the family watching their home disappear in flames. God is with the firefighter who works through exhaustion and danger. God is with the person who has been forced to evacuate, wondering what will be left when they return. God is with those who are frightened, grieving, displaced, and trying to begin again.

And God is also with those whose homes have been spared and I understand their gratitude.

But God's promise is not that we will never experience those things.

The promise is: “I will be with you.”

That is where I find my faith.

Because perhaps that is how God's love becomes visible in the world—not always by stopping the fire, but by bringing people together. Neighbours open their doors. Strangers offer food and shelter. Volunteers arrive with supplies. Firefighters put their own lives at risk to protect communities. People donate what they can and reach out to those who are hurting.

That, to me, is where we can see God and is where we find hope.

Blessings,

Donna Kennedy



Orders for the 2027 **ANGLICAN CALENDARS** are now being taken. If you wish one or more calendars, please place your order with Judy Beale in person or by email at jmbeale@shaw.ca. Price is still \$10.00 and we should be receiving them in October.

Thank you.

Brent Boutilier Memorial Box

The naming of the Brent Boutilier Memorial Box honours Brent Boutilier (September 21, 1962 - November 2, 2020), who was a respected member of the Mission and British Columbia Lacrosse communities. A dedicated volunteer, coach, and leader, he spent many years helping shape youth lacrosse in Mission and inspiring generations of players.

The naming of the Brent Boutilier Memorial Box recognizes the important role coaches and volunteers play in building stronger, more resilient communities.

The City of Mission is proud to recognize the Brent Boutilier Memorial Box as a community gathering place that brings people together.

To mark the new name, Council unveiled an interpretive sign at the site on July 16 that encourages residents to reflect on the lasting impact of volunteerism and coaching in Mission. ~ *from the City of Mission*



Submission from Marlene Wierzioch

Thank you all deeply for your heartfelt thoughts and prayers for Gary and me over the past four years of his illness. Gary often expressed his gratitude, saying, "I can't thank you all enough for your prayers."

Your support has meant the world to us.

Gary passed away July 23, 2026 at the Christine Morrison Hospice surrounded by his family.

With love, Marlene

*Thank
you* 

Congratulations Brian

Brian McIntyre – ODNW Recipient

Brian was baptized at Knox Presbyterian Church, Sapperton. He married Mary at St. George's Church in Maple Ridge. They have two children and seven granddaughters.

His job took the family to a number of towns in B.C. He was a Scout Leader in Fort St. John, People's Warden at St. John's, Burns Lake, and Member at Large at St. Andrews Cathedral, Prince Rupert.

In 1986 they arrived in Mission and joined All Saints. Between 1989 and 2014 Brian served on Parish Council in four different positions as Member at Large, Alternate Delegate to Synod, Associate Warden, and Rector's Warden. In a 25 year span he served for 15½ years on Parish Council as well as on two Canonical Committees.

As well as serving on Parish Council Brian joined the Building Committee, made sure that the Sunday School did fun activities like going to McDonalds and bought the Easter eggs every year. When a member of the Youth Group was graduating high school he rented a car, dressed as a chauffeur, and drove her to grad giving her and her parents a wonderful memory they remember today. He has quietly helped members of the church needing financial assistance, bought books of bus tickets for All Saints to hand out to street people and low-income families needing to get to appointments, and organizes and drives a group of retired men from the church for a swimming trip and dinner at Harrison Hot Springs occasionally.

He is a Lay Assistant, bell ringer every Sunday, lights the candles every Sunday, helps to organize activities for church members, helps Ed keep the church clean and tidy inside and out, and is BBQ Chef for our annual Walkathon. After retirement he volunteers at Hope Central every morning feeding the hungry and once a month with our church team serving dinner.

If a volunteer is needed Brian is there!

This year's nominees will be admitted to the Order at the Investiture Service on Saturday, November 7, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Andrew's-Wesley Church in Vancouver (1022 Nelson St #100, Vancouver, BC).



Commencement Ceremony, June 24, 2026

Three of our church family were part of the graduating Class of Ecole Mission Secondary.

Noah Hughes, son of Jason & Yuki Hughes, grandson of Cathy Hughes

Colin Soon, son of Naomi Betterton, grandson of Ed & Polly Betterton

Sophia Stublely, daughter of Brenna & Andrew Maag-Stublely, granddaughter of Susan & Fred Truman

Congratulations

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH ANNUAL WALK-RUN-BIKE-ATHON

Join us once again for a wonderful, fun day

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Place: Heritage Park Place Clubhouse

33751 - Seventh Avenue

Time: 10:00 a.m. - Church Service

11:00 a.m. - Walk-Run-Bike-athon

12:30 p.m. - Picnic Lunch



This is our 13th Annual event and continues to be a great fundraiser as well as a fun day for all of us. Once again, we will use the clubhouse at Heritage Park Place just above Heritage Park off 7th Avenue. The morning starts with a church service in the clubhouse at 10 a.m., followed by the Walk-Run-Bike-athon through the park (maps available with clubhouse highlighted), and then return to the clubhouse for a BBQ. All the food will be provided and paid for by the organizer. No costs for the event will be deducted from your pledge. Our chefs will be manning the barbecue to cook the Hamburgers and Hot Dogs plus Jim's Chili.

Pledge sheets will be available by the first Sunday in July if you would like one. Please fill in all the information of your donors for the Envelope Secretary or if you do not wish to have a pledge sheet but would like to just make a donation, please put the money in an envelope marked Walkathon with your name, address, and Envelope number on it. All monies (and pledge sheets) are to be handed in to Judy Beale either before or at the event. If you are unsure where the clubhouse is please speak to Judy.

Unfortunately there will be no Zoom



National Truth and Reconciliation Sunday/Orange Shirt Day

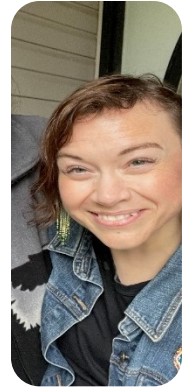
9:30 am September 27, 2026

We will be remembering the countless Indigenous children who never came home from Canada's Indian Residential Schools and will also honour the survivors who did, their families and communities.

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day occur together. Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters". The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations. As a way to acknowledge our nation's need for reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, we encourage you to wear orange.

Our speaker this year is Jennifer Sherrif, an Indigenous person with Cherokee heritage.

Jennifer works with the Mission and Maple Ridge School District and the Squamish band. Jennifer has attended meetings at our church before.



2026 Official Every Child Matters Design

We are overjoyed and ecstatic to announce and congratulate the winner of our 2026 Every Child Matters T-shirt design contest: **Emily Galeazzi!!!**

Emily, a Grade 2 student from Coldstream, BC, immediately captured our selection committee's attention with a design that radiates pure happiness and innocence, the way every childhood should be.

Between the 1870s and 1996, more than 150,000 First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children were taken from their families and placed in Indian Residential Schools. For many, happiness became a distant memory or a dream. Emily's beautiful design offers a powerful symbol of hope. Hope that Survivors find peace & happiness and hope that Canada's reconciliation efforts will ensure a future where EVERY CHILD MATTERS.



Thank you, Emily, for your meaningful contribution to the reconciliation movement!

"Happiness" – because every child should be happy and every child matter



Wednesday Evening Zoom Bible Study 7:00pm

The date will be determined soon. Please read the Sunday Announcements for an update.

Thanksgiving/Harvest

Sunday October 11th 9:30 am.

We ask that you give a Special Cash Donation to All Saints as an expression of your Gratitude & Thanksgiving.

There will be special Thanksgiving Envelopes for you to make your donation at Thanksgiving/Harvest Sunday October 11, 2026



All Food donations will go to Nourish Mission.

What is Nourish Mission?

A structured, choice-based food support program promoting dignity, affordability, and community engagement.

Program Goals

- Provide choice-based access with dignity
- Empower clients as contributing members
- Strengthen donor engagement through structured budgets

Schedule

Twice a month on Tuesdays at Copper Hall

Ways to Support

MCSS Nourish Mission relies on donations from the community at large to serve Mission Residents in need.
We accept non-expired, non-perishable food items and hygiene products.

Wish list: Flour, Rice, Sugar, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Canned Tuna, Cereal, Tea & Coffee, Peanut Butter, Canned Fruit, Veg & Beans

Please see announcements for an updated list in October

We welcome donations of autumnal foliage and flowers to decorate the church for Harvest.

Please tell Polly if you can bring something. We will do the arrangements on Saturday morning Oct. 10th.

Craft Fair – November 21, 2026



We are looking forward to this year's Craft Fair. All of our vendors are members of All Saints; some will bring family members to share their table. The majority of our vendors do not participate in multiple craft events so their creations will only be available at our All Saints Craft Fair. If you do not come to our event you will miss seeing the variety and creativeness of our items.

Our parish vendors include: Kaya, Elisa, Eileen, Connie, Margaret & Joy, Leanne, Polly and MaryLou.

There will also be the Bake Table (donations welcome) and the Seasonal Treasures & decorations (donations welcome)

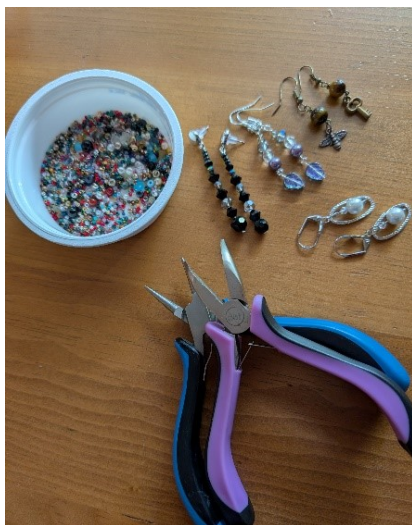
Some highlights will be Gluten-free baking; make your own beaded ear-rings; fresh greenery arrangements.

Also, in the hall there will be a Concession, where you can sit & visit, before you resume your shopping.

And, of course the St. Andrews Cookie Corner, plus an artist.

We appreciate your donations of home-baking, gently-used "treasures".

Please spread the news of our Craft Fair to friends and family



Make your own beaded earrings
With Connie

Are you downsizing? Do you have too many Christmas decorations?

Perhaps you are considering to give away some items.

There will be a table for "Seasonal Treasures" at our Craft Fair.

You clear out your boxes, we make some money = Win, win.

ALL DONATIONS WELCOME.

Photos from previous Craft Fairs



"In support of the Mission Christmas Bureau"



11th Festival of Trees



Where: All Saints Anglican Church Hall
33077 Second Avenue, Mission
(Corner Second Avenue & James Street)

Tuesday to Saturday : December 8 – 12, 2026

Tuesday to Friday 3:00 to 8:00 pm

Saturday - 2:00 to 8:00 pm

Activities for the Whole Family Entertainment

REFRESHMENTS Door Prizes Photo's with Santa

... .. and much more

Register a Decorated Tree? Forms/Fees available at the beginning of September





Thank you for your support of our
July/August giving basket

School Supplies for Ecole Mission
Central Elementary School!!!

Sunday Giving Basket for
September/October

We will be collecting Non-
Perishable Foods for MCSS
Nourish Mission



Bottles for Children



We have an ongoing Outreach where all the money from recycled bottles is sent to a registered Charity that helps children.

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)

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.



We are over halfway through 2026 (ah!) and are starting to plan for our Christmas breakfast. We are looking for:

Volunteers to serve the food on Christmas morning.

Sponsors to help fund the meal.

Donations of: food and items we can give out as Christmas gifts (gift certificates, warm clothing, sleeping bags, toiletries, and little treats.)

Please contact missionhopecentral@gmail.com if you are interested

Church Humour

Bertha and Betty, had been best friends all of their lives.

When it was clear that Bertha was dying, Betty visited her every day.

One day Betty said, "Bertha, we both loved playing softball all our lives, and we played all through high school.

Please do me one favor:

When you get to heaven, somehow you must let me know if there's women's softball there."

Bertha looked up at Betty from her deathbed and said,

"Betty, you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favor for you."

Shortly after that, Bertha passed on.

A few nights later, Betty was awakened from a sound sleep by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to her,

"Betty, Betty." "Who is it?" asked Betty, sitting up suddenly.

"Who is it?" "Betty — it's me, Bertha."

"You're not Bertha. Bertha just died."

"I'm telling you, it's me, Bertha," Insisted the voice.

"Bertha! Where are you?" "In heaven," replied Bertha.

"I have some really good news and a little bad news."

"Tell me the good news first," said Betty.

"The good news," Bertha said, "Is that there's women's softball in heaven.

Better yet, all of our old buddies who died before me are here, too.

Even better than that, we're all young again.

Better still, it's always springtime and it never rains or snows.

And best of all, we can play softball all we want, and we never get tired."

"That's fantastic," said Betty. "It's beyond my wildest dreams!

So what's the bad news?"

Bertha replies, "You're pitching Tuesday."

