



Saints Alive!



November/December 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.

Waken In Me a Sense of Joy by: Ted Loder

O extravagant God,
In this ripening, red-tinged autumn,
waken in me a sense of joy
in just being alive,
Joy for nothing in general
except everything in particular;
Joy in sun and rain
mating with earth to birth a harvest;
Joy in soft light
through shyly disrobing tree;
Joy in the acolyte moon
setting halos around processing clouds;
Joy in the beating of a thousand wings
mysteriously knowing which way is warm;
Joy in wagging tails and kids' smiles
and in this spunky old city;
Joy in the taste of bread and wine,
the smell of dawn,
a touch, a song, a presence;
Joy in having what I cannot live without –
other people to hold and cry and laugh with;
Joy in love, in you and that all at first and last is grace.





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 January/February Newsletter are due by December 27th

Thank you so much for your contributions!

Editor of Saints Alive

As we enter the season of Advent, I find myself thinking about waiting and how much of our lives is spent waiting for one thing or another.

We wait for appointments, for news from family and friends, for answers to our prayers, and sometimes for things in our lives to change. Some waiting is exciting, like looking forward to a visit with family or a special occasion. Other times, waiting can be difficult. We worry, we become impatient, and sometimes we wonder why things take so long or why we don't seem to get the answers we are looking for.

Isn't that a little like Advent?

Every year, we begin the four weeks of Advent as we prepare for Christmas and the celebration of Jesus' birth. We light our candles, sing our hymns, and hear the familiar stories. But Advent is also a time to slow down and think about what it means to wait with hope.

The people of God waited a very long time for the promised Messiah. Imagine waiting for generations, holding on to the hope that God would fulfil that promise. And then, in the most unexpected and humble way, Jesus came into the world.

I wonder how often we, too, are waiting for something and find ourselves asking, "Where is God in all of this?" We pray for healing, for peace, for strength, or for help with something that is troubling us. Sometimes things work out as we hoped, and sometimes they don't. I don't believe faith means that everything will turn out the way we want it to. Rather, I believe God is with us through it all, even when we don't understand why things happen as they do.



I have been reminded many times of how much a little kindness can mean when someone is going through a difficult time. A phone call, a visit, a prayer, or simply knowing that someone cares can make such a difference. I see this in our own church family at All Saints. We may be a small congregation, but we care about one another, and we reach out to those who need a little extra support. Sometimes, I think, we are the answer to someone's prayers without even realizing it.

Of course, waiting for Christmas can also become a very busy time! There are gifts to buy, baking to do, meals to prepare, and family gatherings to plan. Before we know it, Christmas is here, and we wonder where Advent went. I know how easy it is to get caught up in all the preparations and forget to take a little time for ourselves and for God.

Perhaps this year we can try to make a little more room for quiet moments. As we light each Advent candle, we might ask ourselves what we are hoping for, what we are thankful for, and who might need a little love or encouragement from us.

We can't always change the circumstances that make us wait, but we can choose how we spend that time. We can be patient, we can pray, and we can look for the good that is still present in our lives, even when things are not easy.

For me, Advent is a reminder that hope is important, that love can be found in the simplest of things, and that we are never meant to walk through life alone.

So, as we begin this Advent season, let us try not to rush through it. Let us take time to care for one another, to appreciate the blessings we have, and to remember the true meaning of Christmas.

May we find hope in the waiting, peace in the uncertain moments, and joy in knowing that God's love is always with us.

Wishing you all a blessed Advent,

Donna Kennedy

Harvest /Thanksgiving



Brian took all of the food to MCSS Nourish Mission.

He said they were impressed with over 25 bags.

National Truth & Reconciliation /Orange Shirt Day



We began with smudging in the Chapel. Our speaker this year is Jennifer Sharraf, an Indigenous person with Cherokee heritage.

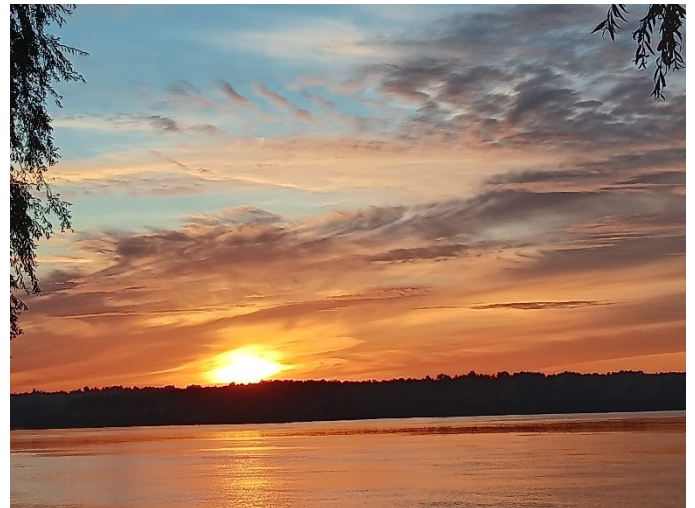
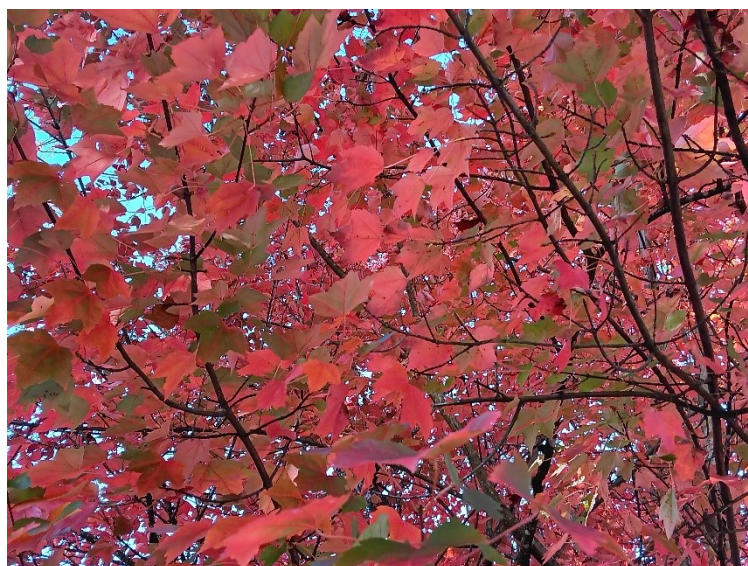
Jennifer works with the Mission and Maple Ridge School District and the Squamish band.

Drummers accompanied the choir.

We prayed the Indigenous Lords prayer and spoke the Indigenous Gospel.

After the service we enjoyed a treat of Bannock and enjoyed the fellowship.

Submission by: Juliette Bowie – some beautiful fall photos



Walk-Run-Bike athlon

We raised a fantastic \$4,180 considering the economy. So, thank you.

I want to thank Molly, who books the clubhouse, unlocks for us, and is my very able assistant.

Jan and Jim who do the Costco run so that you get those wonderful hamburger patties and Jim who makes his famous Chili for you.

Brian, Jim, and Rob who helped Molly and I with the set-up of the hall on Saturday.

Brian and Jim are our two chefs who man the BBQs and make sure when you return from your walk that the hamburgers and hot dogs are ready.

Emil dices up the onions and mans the frying pan while Mary R. and Susan N. cut up the vegetables and Donna takes the wrapping off the hot dogs for Jim (he really appreciates that).

Polly makes sure the "Altar" is set up beautifully and this year took on the job of ordering and picking up the key board for Marlene.

Connie puts together the bulletin as a booklet with everything in it so that I don't have to pack books.

Marlene and the choir who add their talent to make our service so rich.

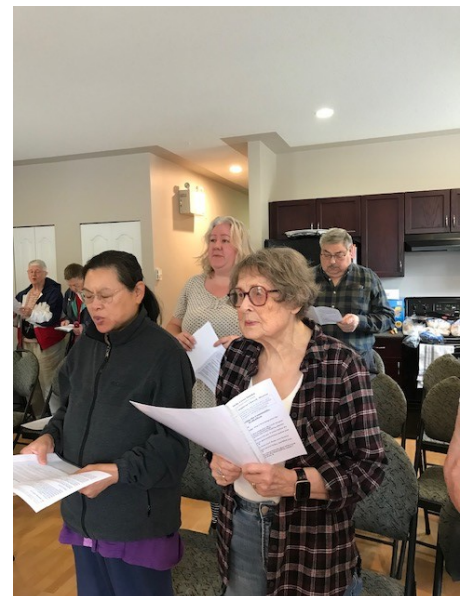
Paul who insisted on doing the service and although he was exhausted afterward, I think he really enjoyed doing it and perhaps this will help him in his recovery.

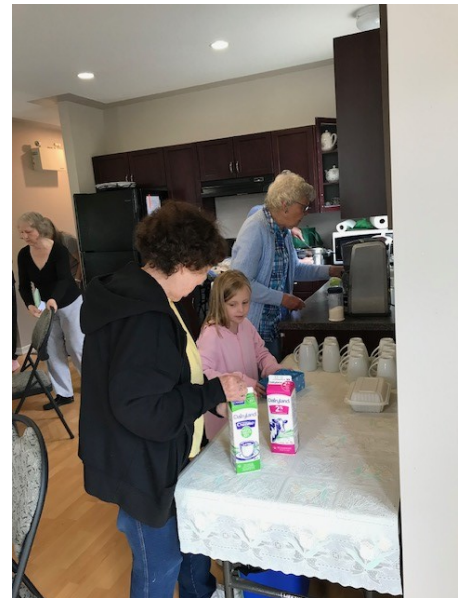
Mary Lou who organizes the tables and chairs in the hall ready for lunch. That is one job I don't have to worry about when she is there.

For everyone who helped with the clean-up so that Molly and I were not still there all afternoon we really, really appreciate that.

The Walkathon wouldn't be possible without all your help.

And for everyone who donated, raised funds from family and friends, and just made it a very successful and fun day. Thank you so much.





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.

Joint Service with
St. Andrew's & Gladwin

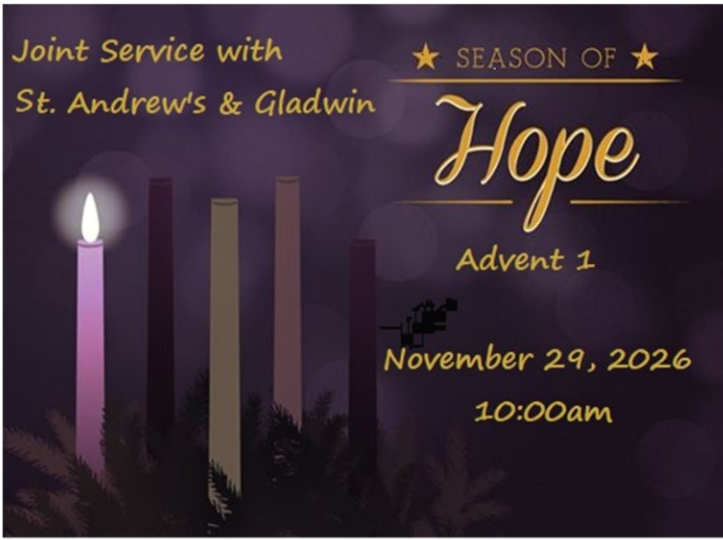
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Hope

Advent 1

November 29, 2026

10:00am



LESSONS & SONGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF

ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 2026 9:30 AM



CHRISTMAS

Lessons
and
Carols

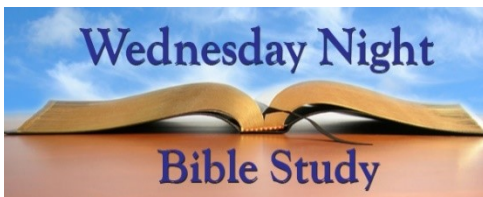
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*Thank you to Marlene and the Choir for enhancing our
Worship Services. Your dedication is truly appreciated.*

Wednesday Night

Bible Study



Bible Study continues. Wednesday on Zoom @ 7:00pm. We will be studying the book of Revelations with Rev'd Paul.



Special Services 2026

November 29th - 10:00am Advent 1 - Joint Service
with St. Andrews & Gladwin Churches
Potluck to follow

December 6th - 9:30am Advent 2 - Readings & Songs

December 13th - 9:30am Advent 3 Eucharist Service

December 20th - 9:30am Advent 4 Eucharist Service

December 24th - TBD Christmas Eve Eucharist

December 27th - 9:30am Christmas Lessons & Carols

January 3, 2027 - 9:30am Feast of Epiphany

*May God Bless our Worship and our Service this Christmas and in
the coming Year*

Many thanks to ALL of our MUCH appreciated VOLUNTEERS who assist with our Worship Service every week! - INCLUDING those who willingly 'pinch-hit' on Sunday mornings, to fill volunteer spots last moment when they are unexpectedly needed!!



The office will be closed from:

December 24, 2026 – January 6, 2027.



11th Festival of Trees

~~~ In support of the Mission Christmas Bureau ~~~

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All Saints Anglican Church Hall

Admission by cash donation – Vote for your favourite trees



Event Dates: December 8–11, 2026 ~ Tuesday-Friday ~ 3:00pm to 8:00pm  
December 12, 2026 ~ Saturday ~ 2:00pm to 8:00pm  
(Entertainment, Hatzic Middle School Choir  
and more, in the evening)

Set-up/Church Hall Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:00-12:00noon/2:00-4:00pm/6:00- 8:00pm

Santa's Grotto December 10-12, 2026 ~ Thursday-Friday ~ 3:00pm to 5:00pm  
~ Saturday ~ 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Family/Children's Program ~December 8 -11, 2026 ~ Tuesday-Friday ~ 3:00pm to 5:00p  
December 12, 2026 ~ Saturday ~ 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Take Down & Distribution of Trees: Monday, December 14, 2026 ~ 9:30am – 2:00pm

Come and enjoy an afternoon or evening of some of your favourite entertainers, while enjoying refreshments and a hot drink, and on the weekdays a “special home-made soup and a bun” from 5:00 to 7:00pm. Saturday afternoon, join us for “Winter Tea”; to make a reservation, call or text Michelle at 604-415-5423

At 3:00pm every afternoon there will be a variety of Family/Children's activities available, including cookie decorating, Puppet Show, and Santa's Grotto will be open for photos with Santa from 3:00 to 5:00pm on Thursday and Friday, and from 2:00 to 4:00pm on Saturday. Bring the whole family, and pets, to have photos taken.

Every day, check out our special Door Prizes, a free entry ticket will be given upon making an Admission Donation, and join us on Saturday evening for a 'Pizza Party', the Hatzic Middle School Choir, a Sing-along with some of your favourites, the total amount of the funds raised for the Christmas Bureau, announcement of the Door Prize winners, and as well the Awards for the decorated trees.

If you are interested in being involved, volunteering, or entering a decorated Christmas Tree in the Festival, please be in touch with Joy or Margaret (604-826-4089).

*~ Official Opening : Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00pm ~*



*The Real Work of Christmas*

*When the song of the angels is stilled,*

*When the star in the sky is gone, when the kings*

*And princes are home, when the shepherds are back with the flocks,  
then the work of Christmas begins:*

*To find the lost, to heal those broken in spirit, to feed the hungry,*

*To release the oppressed, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace*

*among all peoples, to make a little music with the heart.*

*And to radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way,*

*In all that we do and in all that we say.*

*Then the work of Christmas begins.*

*~ Howard Thurman*





Sunday Giving Basket for November/December. We will be giving to the Christmas Bureau.



Thank you for your support of our September/October Giving Basket-Bales to the North.

### **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)



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.)

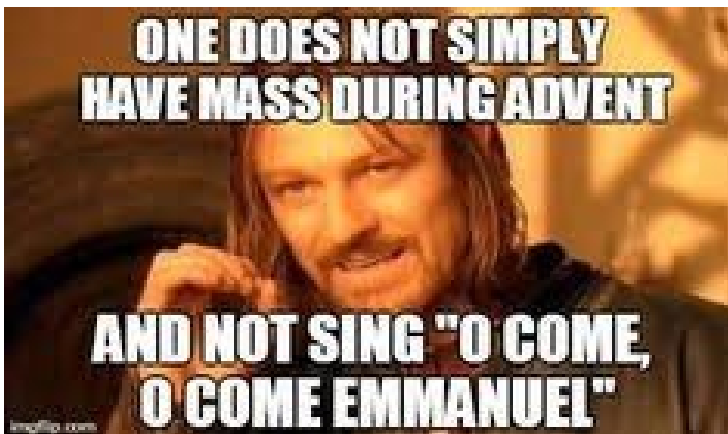
Please contact [missionhopecentral@gmail.com](mailto:missionhopecentral@gmail.com) if you are interested

# Church Humour

An elderly couple was driving down the highway when they passed a roadside Christmas tree lot. The wife looked over at her husband and said, "Look at those prices! Thirty dollars for a pine tree? Back in our day, you could just walk into the woods with an axe and get one for free." The husband sighed and said, "Yes, dear, but back in our day, we also had the knees to get back out of the woods!"

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by Mark Parisi



Lord, As I go through my day...  
Please keep your arm around  
my shoulder, And your  
hand over my mouth!



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