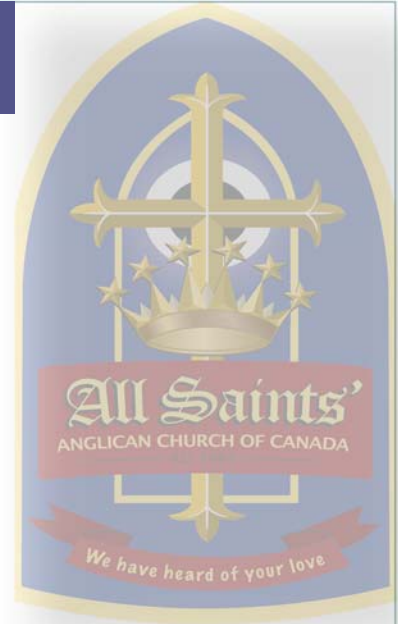


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Join us on the ROAD

All Saints' Whitby has joined together with four other parishes in the Region (St. Paul's on the Hill, Pickering; St. George's, Pickering Village; St. Thomas, Brooklin; and St. George's Memorial, Oshawa) to form a refugee sponsorship group to welcome and resettle a family from the Middle East in Durham Region. Together we are ROAD, that is, **R**efugee **O**utreach by **A**nglicans of **D**urham.

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Our parish has made a generous financial commitment of \$10,000 in support of this project, but our job is not finished yet. Together with our partner parishes, we will soon be called upon to provide material and emotional support for the period of one year from the time the family arrives in Canada.

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EDITOR'S VIEW: Peace of Christ

On a Monday in July, at the national General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, the amended motion to change the Marriage Canon to allow same-sex marriages was defeated by a margin of one vote in the order of clergy. While the motion had achieved the necessary two-thirds majority in the orders of Bishops and laity, the vote amongst clergy was short by one (the equivalent of 0.43% of the 66.66% needed).

A day later, it turned out the motion had passed. Upon review of the vote record, Synod discovered that a single clergy vote had not been counted as such. Given the corrected count,

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Saints' Bazaar

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INCUMBENT'S MESSAGE: Following Jesus

I wonder what kinds of answers we would get if we stopped people on Dundas St. and asked them, "What is a Christian?" I wonder what kinds of answers we would get if we stopped people at coffee hour and asked the same question. My guess is that we would hear things like these: a Christian is someone who lives a moral life; a Christian is a person who follows God's rules; a Christian is a person who believes certain things about God and the man called Jesus. Those are all extensions of the most accurate answer to the

question, and yet they are not the answer.

What is a Christian? A Christian is a disciple of Jesus Christ. What that means is that Christians are people who actively seek to learn from the teachings of Jesus, shape their lives according to those teachings, and strive to follow him with their lives.

If we follow Jesus' movements through the Gospels, we see that he primarily taught and acted in two places: the places of worship of his day and the community around him. If we are not similarly engaged, it is difficult to be taken seriously as his disciples. In other words, people who think it is enough to do

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Thanksgiving Prayer

O Lord,
How full is this world
of your unending
creativity.
How astounding is
creation in all its
variety.
How breathtaking is
new life, growth and
transformation.
How wonderful is your
provision for us, your
children!
This day, we celebrate
your great goodness
with thankful hearts
and joyful lives.
Amen.

*(www.lords-prayer-
words.com)*

POWER of PRAYER: "Our Father"

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name.' Luke 11:1-2

The "Our Father," is known throughout the world; it is universal in language and application; and it is the prayer in which we find comfort and solace in good times and bad. Jesus offered this prayer to his disciples as an example of how to pray and it became so much more. It is the model for all prayer.

Theologian John Dominic Crossan, in his book *The Greatest Prayer*, has called the Lord's Prayer "a revolutionary manifesto and a hymn of radical hope...for all humanity in language addressed to all the earth." To paraphrase Crossan, the prayer is written on the hearts of Jews, found on the lips of Christians and proclaimed to the conscience of the world.

For most of us, this is where it all started and continues to this day as the foundation and centre of our relationship and conversation with our God, Lord and Father of all.

~the Rev. Ted Bartlett



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Some of our membership who came out to enjoy the Whiby Brass Band outdoor concert by the lake in July of this year.

Meeting the Episcopal Candidates

In June, Brian Finigan and I, two of your Lay delegates to Synod, accompanied by the delightful Fr. Jack Roney, travelled to St. Paul, Lindsay to hear the twelve candidates for election to the three Suffragan Bishop posts in September. The candidates presented themselves and their hopes and plans for the future of the Diocese, should they be elected.

Without question, our Diocese enjoys an abundance of blessings in this respect, but the slate of candidate presents us with a unique dilemma. The candidates are all very well qualified, both in terms of education and experience and they present their ideas succinctly and interestingly, but we can elect only three.

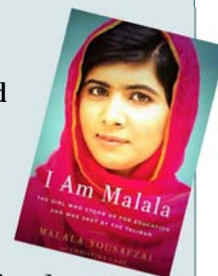
Regardless of who is elected, we will, in my opinion, be well served as a Diocese. If you are interested in meeting the candidates yourself, I commend to your attention the Diocese's Electoral Synod page on the Diocesan website.

~ Stewart Ball

The Biblio-File

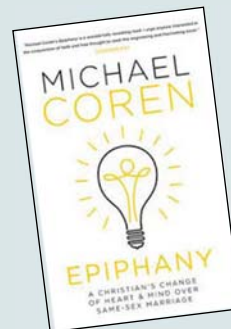
I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban

In 2009, Malala Yousafzai became an advocate on social media for the freedom to pursue education in her home country of Pakistan. In 2011, gunmen boarded Malala's school bus and shot her point blank through the head. Malala survived the shooting. She has become a symbol of hope and a spokesperson for the right to education and freedom from fear.



Epiphany: A Christian's Change of Heart & Mind over Same-Sex Marriage

Once he was described as "the posterboy of Catholic conservatism." Now, writer and broadcaster Michael Coren honestly and sensitively shares what led to his changed position on the full inclusion of the LGBTQ community in the life of the Church.



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good in the world but do not worship in community with others only understand half the equation. Conversely, people who attend worship every Sunday but do not serve God in the world around them and in their various relationships also understand only half the equation. To follow Christ is to carry Christ with us, to strive to live like Christ, and to allow Christ to live in and through us. Simply put, if he did it, we should do it. If he would not do it, we should not do it. The question "What would Jesus do?" is at the heart of discipleship.

One of the most welcome changes in the Anglican Communion these days is a



renewed understanding of the mission of the Church to the community. For a long time, most Anglican Churches operated from an "if you build it, they will come" perspective. That is a lopsided view of the mission of the church. Certainly, our mission includes ministering to our members, but it must also look outward to the world. Think of the meaning behind the words of dismissal we use on Sundays: "Go in peace,

to love and serve the Lord." It is an imperative statement to all, not an option for some. In other words, we are the Church, the body of Jesus Christ active in the world, and each of us is meant to carry out his mission and ministry in the world around us – in our families, friendships and neighbourhoods.

God planted this parish in this community 150 years ago with that very purpose in mind. That is why it is so important for us to ask what God wants us to be doing in the community. We are doing some fine things, but I expect God is calling us to grow our mission – actually, make that to grow *God's* mission.

This coming September, you are all invited to two exciting and important workshops as we consider how to move ahead in that mission. On September 20 at 7:00 PM, we will gather to ask two questions: "Who are we?" and "Where are we?" We will be joined by a panel of local experts who know the social needs of and development plans for our town. Then, on September 28, we will gather to reflect on our past and present, and to look forward by considering how we can match the ministry resources we have (and could have!) with the needs

of the community around us. This will produce a set of goals as we move forward as Disciples of Jesus together, called to love and serve the Lord by loving and serving the community around us. It will continue to shape our long-term plans for our buildings (the MARS project) as well as the ministry of our Outreach Committee. This is not just an important set of meetings, it is an essential one. Please mark your calendars!

~ Stephen+

ARCHIVAL UPDATE: ASW's Earliest Records

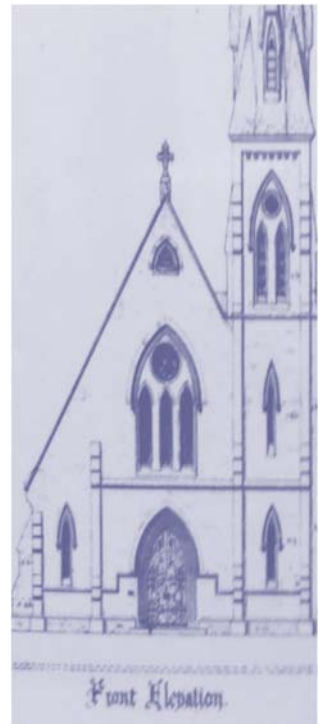
I have been re-filing (in Archives' terms, "rehousing") the earliest records of All Saints' in order to make the records more accessible to researchers, to build a clear list of all the documents for preservation and security, and to have a quick and easy way of finding what records are available for use in the Archives.

The very first file is of a copy of an 1860 newspaper article regarding the ground breaking and laying of the foundations of All Saints'. I am hoping the original will be found

as I sort through the rest of the documents in the Archives, so that it can be kept in the correct file, protected from excess handling, light, moisture, etc.

The second file is of original papers regarding the Lot descriptions (ownership, dates and changes of ownership) of the lands that All Saints' is now located on. This includes also a map of these lots. How exciting! Early records such as these are interesting to researchers who are investigating

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STEWARDSHIP: Called to Share

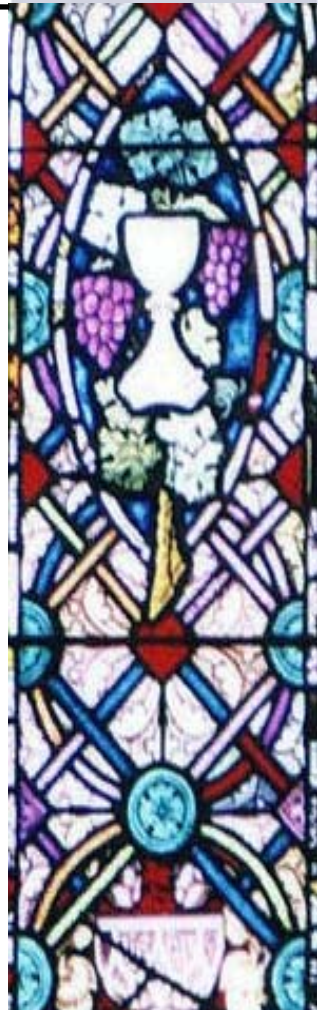
As we enter into a new year of our annual **"Growing Healthy Stewards Program,"** we should each continue to ask ourselves: How may I contribute to the everyday life and continued growth of our parish home? The answer should be *"by sharing with others the gifts God has bestowed upon me."*

At this time, your Parish is asking you to consider becoming a team member of the Stewardship Education Committee (SEC). Tasks and responsibilities include

- planning, carrying out, and evaluating components of the annual "Growing Healthy Stewards Program";
- leading and supporting the SEC team as it implements its Stewardship initiatives (e.g., volunteer recognition; the parish neighbourhood relay; the 'Time & Talent' inventory listing; and raising planned annual giving awareness);
- attending regular committee meetings periodically during the year and giving additional time during the stewardship education cycle period (September through October).

We are looking for someone who enjoys being part of a team-structured atmosphere and appreciates the value of the "Growing Healthy Stewards Program" to the well-being and growth of All Saints, currently and going forward.

~Gary Gannon



WHO'S in the PEWS

Arleane Ralph

I've been at all Saints since 2004. Erin was just about a year old at the time and Benjamin was a (relatively) little guy.

Once upon a time I bumped into Dumbledore in an Oxford University library.

I find a lot of joy in my work for the Diocese, and in camping, reading, and having a morning pot ... er, I mean, cup ... of coffee.

It's not fashionable but I wear long underwear most days between November and March.

If my life was a book, the

title would be *It Doesn't Seem Likely, But I Guess I Did That.*

I came to All Saints because Tim and I felt our family needed to grow in a church with larger facilities than where we were as a couple.

One thing I love about All Saints is how we say 'good morning' back to the wardens when they start the announcements at the end of services.



Sheila Robson

I've been at All Saints since 2013 (I think)!

Once upon a time I went on a three-day trip into the Sahara on a (smelly and bad tempered!) camel.

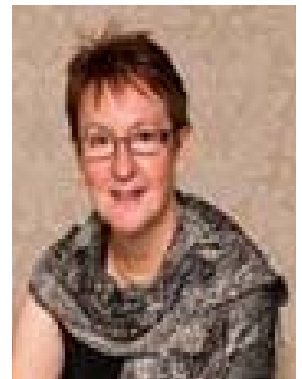
I find a lot of joy in solitude and nature.

It's not fashionable but I still like to listen to Disco.

If my life was a book, the title would be *The Neat Freak.*

I came to All Saints because I wanted to return to church but didn't know where. One day, out walking, I saw Eleanor S. going up the church steps. We had a lovely chat and she said "You could join us one Sunday morning." I figured if everyone was that friendly then maybe this was the place. I had a long talk with Jeannie and then on Easter Sunday I decided to give All Saints' a try.

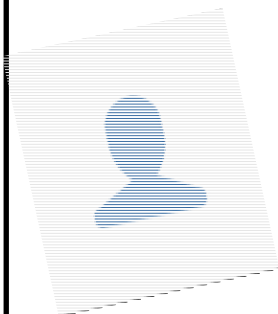
One thing I love about All Saints is that it truly is "For All Ages, For All Times, For Everyone." It's a very friendly, inclusive, special place.



Your Name Here

Take the WHO'S in the PEWS challenge yourself. Voluntarily answer the questionnaire and send it with a selfie to editorsaintsalive@gmail.com

(Because it's only a matter of time before I ask you anyway. Thanks!)



I've been at all Saints since ...

Once upon a time I ...

I find a lot of joy in ...

It's not fashionable but ...

If my life was a book, the title would be ...

I came to All Saints because ...

One thing I love about All Saints is ...

Peace of Christ *continued from p. 1*

Primate Fred Hiltz declared that the amended motion would move forward for final reading at the next General Synod.

The reversal happened within a 24-hour period and it was painful and difficult for everyone, regardless of their position. Many (myself included) were disappointed or hurt by the results on Monday night. Many were disappointed or hurt by the results on Tuesday afternoon.

One voter had remarked prior to the vote that he felt like he was a bus driver trying to avoid a collision and no matter what which way he turned, one side of the bus, full of his friends and colleagues, was going to get creamed.

In the end both sides of the bus took a hard hit.

I marvel that as an Anglican body we can hold such radically divergent positions on the integrity and sanctity of same-sex marriages, differences of opinion that were profoundly highlighted by the vote at Synod. I pray that as individuals we

will be graciously open to the possibility of change within ourselves and within the Church and we will be pastorally sensitive to those who are at different points on this journey.

Above all, I take hope and comfort from the fact that the final item on the GS agenda was Holy Eucharist. When we are placed in communion with each other, we are compelled to exchange the peace, regardless of our differences. And it is not a peace that is reached by legislative consensus or by a two-third majority count. It is not a peace of our own doing, but rather it is the Peace of Christ, the peace that Our Advocate left with us: *“My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled; do not be afraid”* (John 14: 27). It is the peace that passes understand, the peace that overcomes earthly tribulation, the peace that is bigger than our own differences, the peace that unites us even as we experience discord and must work through important issues together.

~Arleane Ralph

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While we do not yet have the details of “our” family, it is possible that they will arrive before the end of the year and so we need to begin to think about what additional resources we can provide. There will be a lot to do, but all will be shared with our partners.

Please visit the Bulletin Board in the breezeway where the progress of the project is being updated, and specific needs and tasks will be outlined as they become known. You will note that there are active fundraising activities underway in the other parishes, and if you are interested, you are certainly invited to participate.

Watch the Board for further details and be ready to “hit the ground running.”

~ Lee Carter & Gail Holland,

All Saint's Reps to ROAD

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family property ownership or how it has been changed, sold, and resold over the years. It also gives clues into the family names that appear in Whitby's history through the church registry, historical plaques, street & building names, businesses, etc.

The third early file has an original of the 'Statement of Receipts and Expenditures' of All Saints' Church from April 1 1885 to 1886. An interesting read for anyone interested in how funds were used in the church's early days.

~ Sarah Bleach

NOTICES & OTHER REMINDERS

Anniversary Cookbook

St. Margaret's Guild is preparing a commemorative 150th Anniversary edition cookbook. This cookbook will have close to 250 recipes, full colour pictures of the church, and fun facts about the history of All Saints throughout the cookbook. This will be a cookbook you will want to buy for friends and family. The price is to be confirmed but should be

reasonable. It is planned to be available for sale at the Fall Bazaar. If you would like to pre-order your cookbook, contact Karen Carter at karen.carter@rogers.com.

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Gifts Discernment Join us as Canon Stephen Vail helps us learn to identify the various ways God has gifted us and consider how to use those gifts to

serve the Church and the world. There will be gifts discernment exercises as well as group discussion. Refreshments will be served and there is no cost involved. Mark Sept 24th for this.

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Release Your Inner

Quasimodo: To find out about bell-ringing for All Saints, contact David Ellison at ellisondm@yahoo.com.



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