

Saints Alive

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A Note from Elizabeth's Desk

You can feel the energy in the air – at All Saints we are swinging into high gear in preparation for the Poinsettia Bazaar - and by the time you read this article, the dust will just be settling before we begin our Advent and Christmas season. We are so blessed at All Saints to have so many willing hands. The Bazaar is a time of fun – but mostly it is a time for the community to shine as a welcoming fellowship. Our Advent Teaching sessions will highlight three evening teachings with Archbishop Douglas Hambidge, who will be introducing the “Servant Songs” of Isaiah. Another opportunity for biblical teaching is following our regular Wednesday Eucharist beginning at 10:00 a.m. We are blessed indeed.

The other day I made a flying trip to Toronto for a Board Meeting of the Anglican Foundation that took place at the National Church Office on Friday, October 28th. As the meeting ended, the Primate (who had chaired the meeting) Archbishop Fred Hiltz made a dash for the door. We bumped into each other and quickly decided to share a taxi to the airport. As we settled into the taxi, the Archbishop turned to me and said, “You know Elizabeth, I don’t think that Jesus ever intended for us to move so fast in the world!” I had to agree.

But this Anglican Foundation work is wonderful since I am always hearing about the many projects and activities of Anglicans in Canada. We are a very creative and powerful Church who has opened doors to people’s imagination and hope for teaching and sharing the faith.

I returned to Vancouver with good news – and a little bear called “Hope Bear” and a book telling of the adventures of Hope Bear as he visits the many places where the Anglican Foundation has financially supported ministry, including Sorrento Center, VST, Christ Church in Hope, and Alert Bay on Vancouver Island.

There is good news to share and with a New Year just coming upon us – it’s time to dream of our future as we go speeding into our 131st year. Come along for the journey of a lifetime.

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Christmas and New Year Services At All Saints, Ladner

December 24th
4:30 p.m. – Pageant of Christmas
10:30 p.m. – Carols of Christmas
11:00 p.m. – Holy Communion

December 25th
10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

January 1st
8:30 a.m. – Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion with Baptism

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ROB CONKLIN—ARTIST & ANGLICAN



I can give you the facts about the artist of this painting – “All Saints Anglican Church in Ladner” – but it would be easier to tell you about my friend Rob Conklin. I’ve known Rob and his wife Joan since coming to Vancouver to work at St Mary’s Church in Kerrisdale. As a point of interest, I always introduce Joan as the person who hired me, as she was the Warden of St Mary’s at the time of my interview and employment. Over the years I had the joy of getting to know both Rob and Joan, at 40th birthday parties, in the hospital at times of sadness, and in times of celebration. One year, I had this crazy idea about painting the gymnasium walls with a great mural – like the ones featured in Chemainus. I asked Rob for his help and together we slapped paint on the huge walls – well, I slapped paint and Rob actually made it look like something recognizable. We actually painted 5 panels: “the arrival of the shepherds at Bethlehem”, “the temptation of Jesus in the desert”,

“the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem”, “the Last Supper”, “and Resurrection”. This was an amazing experience, and a time of great joy for both Rob and me, because I think that both of us were enjoying telling the story of Jesus through this simple medium – paint and a great big wall!

Since retirement, Rob has developed his skills as a watercolor painter and his favorite subjects are west coast views and ocean vistas. He would tell any of us that to paint is a joy and prayer – and anyone can do it. “Go for it” he would encourage, and it doesn’t matter if you like the result or not – it’s your art coming from inside your head and heart.

We at All Saints have been blessed with this generous gift – and Rob has managed to touch our hearts with this 130th Anniversary Painting. We may be “aging” but we are still faithful and young in spirit – getting ready for our 131st year of sharing God’s call to us to “Feed my Lambs!”

Elizabeth

Scripture Study Strengthens Searchers

Strange and interesting things are happening on Wednesday mornings at All Saints at the 10.00 a.m. Eucharist and the Bible Study that follows it. Lutherans, Christian Reformed, Roman Catholics and many Anglicans are digging into St. Matthew’s Gospel reading for the coming Sunday and entering into the discussion with great gusto!

After some coffee and goodies, about 10 people raise questions, make comments, share insights and generally learn more about what the Scriptures are saying to us. We look at the background of the reading, what the author was trying to get across, when the writing took place, and what was Jesus teaching.

There is laughter and there is good listening. At the end there is a great feeling of satisfaction that learning about our religion has taken place.

FROM THE PEN (OR KEYBOARD)
OF DUDLEY RITCHIE

Sunday Sermon Retrospective

Have you ever listened to a sermon and had difficulty understanding what the preacher’s main point was? Or have you ever had the urge to talk to someone about what you heard in the sermon when the sermon challenged you or made you think? Or have you forgotten the sermon when you walked out the Church door?

Well on Sunday October 23rd after the 10.00 a.m. Eucharist ten worshipers and Elizabeth gathered in the Library immediately after the service and shared their thoughts on the sermon they heard her preach about a half hour earlier.

The event was an experiment and the participants proved it worthwhile. Those who gathered together were there to share their insights and understanding of the difficult passage, expounded by Elizabeth, in Matthew’s gospel, about the Greatest Commandment. The participants helped each other interpret what they heard Elizabeth say. The half hour together went very quickly.

The next gathering will be the fourth Sunday of November, the 27th. Plan to attend; it will be a worthwhile experience. We expect the group to grow.

Golden Wedding and the Church Calendar

Over the years the Canadian Church Calendar has become an annual fixture in many Anglican homes. It is enjoyed for so many things: the large square date spaces to write on; the liturgical colours of the dates; the reminders of the Saints' Days; the texts for the months; even the Book of Common Prayer Sunday Calendar at the back! However, it is loved most of all for the monthly photo of a different church from across Canada and the information about that particular church. A number of times we hear it said, "Oh, I know that church!" When we turn our calendar in December this year (2011), many of us will say this again because the picture is of St. Helen's Church, Surrey B.C., looking beautiful after a snowfall.

The 2012 Calendar is now being sold at All Saints and this year's edition is a special joy to Pat and Mark

Quayle. This is because the church on the cover is the Parish Church of St Luke, Burlington, Ontario, the church where they were married in December 1962. How wonderful that it is published for the very year they will be celebrating their 50th Wedding anniversary!

Douglas and Denise Hambidge are also pleased to see the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew, Prince Rupert, as the November picture in the 2012 calendar. This was the cathedral where Douglas was installed as Bishop of Caledonia and they lived nearby for eleven years. The photograph was taken from the back of the cathedral, with Hays Mountain in the background, giving an interesting perspective from the usual front view.

The Calendars are available at All Saints for \$5.00 each, a price that has not changed in a decade!

SERVICES, TEACHING AND EVENTS HAPPENING IN ADVENT 2011

Sunday, November 6th 2011 - 10:00 am

The Health and Beauty group are pleased to be performing an offering of liturgical dance.

This dance will be part of celebrating the 130th anniversary of All Saints.

It is also dedicated to:

- Parish Health Ministry,
- Our telephone prayer chain;
- Our leaders of prayer during communion;
- All pastoral hospital chaplains;
- Our local healing from the heart "Healing Pathway" group.

We are continuing with everyone on our Parish prayer list, the journey to being well, feeling peace and being whole.

With Jesus Christ, our Lord, come join us in our Dance of Prayer.

Valerie Gard

Saturday, November 26th 2011 9:30 am – Noon

Advent Quiet Day with Guest Speaker the Rev David Taylor. David is the Associate Priest presently serving at St Mary's, Kerrisdale.

5:30 pm – 7:00pm Messy Church with theme: "Loving our Neighbour"

Sunday, November 27th 2011

First Sunday of Advent – come and make your own Advent wreath during the coffee hour. At 11:30 am following the service there will be a "sermon reflection" discussion held in the Library.

Wednesday, November 30th 2011 - 7:00 pm

"Light of Remembrance" service held at Cedar Park Mennonite Church. This is a service for those who have had a significant loss during the past year – and for those who find the Christmas festivities tinged with grief or sadness.

Thursdays - December 1st, 8th, 15th 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Simple soup Supper followed by a service of Evensong and Teaching in the church at 7:30pm. This Advent, Archbishop Douglas Hambidge will be leading 3 evening sessions on the Servant Songs of Isaiah. (Chapters 43, 49, and 50).

Sunday, December 4th 2011 - 11:30 am

(following the 10am Service) there will be a Pot-luck Lunch during which we will be asking people to consider an "intention" for the 2012 – our 131st year of worship and service in Ladner!

Tuesday, December 6th 2011 - 7:30 pm

Richmond Chorus Concert held at All Saints (call the office to arrange for the purchasing of your tickets).

Sunday, December 18th 2011

This evening will be our "official" 130th Anniversary Celebration at All Saints. We will be hosting our community with a "somewhat" Traditional "Lessons and Carols of Christmas" followed by a reception.



"I Have a Dream"



As Martin Luther King spoke of his dream to over 200,000 people in Washington in 1963, he was making, what scholars in 1999 called, the greatest American speech of the 20th Century. By 1964 the momentous Civil Rights Act was passed.

Dreams are powerful. They have motivated untold numbers of individuals and groups to achieve the seemingly impossible. Wasn't it the most ridiculous dream that a small group of people thinly spread over 9,000 kilometers could create a nation? John A MacDonald didn't think so. In our time Nelson Mandela dreamt that the stifling repression of the apartheid apparatus could be overcome. And what about that carpenter's son and his dream about the power of his message?

All of these people also had something else in common. They acted on their dreams and turned them into reality.

And I dream – of many things – of the future for my children and their children, of a world free from hatred, of a planet clean and healthy, of great music making and stunning gardens. I also dream of my church and what I want it to be – a beacon in a worried world, a place to which people are drawn and where they are inspired by love and acceptance, a place of vibrancy and excitement yet a place of calmness and serenity, a place which lives the gospel.

You see it in action every day. Many are fed at the Community Meal; different generations are enriched by Messy Church; the worried are guided and supported by the Parish Health Team; our spirits are fed by the worship, Bible study, dance, crafting, Centering Prayer, stunning grounds and now by the clarity of our new sound system. Our needs are met through prayer and visits, and by the common compassion which infuses our congregation.

But I dream of more. I want to see more people walk through the doors of the church. I want to see a fuller mix of ages. I want more hours filled with the wonderful ministries we do offer, and see those that we do not yet offer. I want to see us operate secure in the knowledge that we have the financial and human resources to continue building our ministry in this community. I want to see us with an Associate Priest to help us build and flourish.

Let us dream like the big dreamers, and act on our dreams. Perhaps then we can say, as Martin Luther King said the day before he was assassinated, "I Just want to do God's will. And he's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over, and I've seen the promised land....So I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything."

Peter Bayley

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Transcript of the presentation given by David Batchelor to the 8:30 and 10:00 congregations on November 6th

There is an old adage that money makes the world go round; another says that the love of money is the root of all evil. All things come from God including money; therefore through our monetary donations we are giving back to God. To quote from the Bible "...and of thine own have we given thee". This gift is one of your manifestations of your love of God. Now down to brass tacks... All Saints requires money to continue to exist. It is a similar issue for all other churches of all denominations and faiths. Money is needed to pay our rector and staff, to maintain the buildings and grounds and, just as important, to subscribe to various outreach programs beyond our boundaries.

Where does the money come from? It comes from you, the parishioners, and we rely on your financial support to make this all work. In these difficult economic times there are more and more demands on our monetary resources - that applies individually and to the church. Recently we have been blessed with a donation to cover the cost of the installation of a new sound system from which we all benefit. This has not cost All Saints one penny from its operating budget. We have

all marveled at the beauty of our church grounds in the last two years. Again, this has been made possible by specific donations from parishioners. A big thank you to those who made these magnanimous gifts.

Why do we give? All that we have comes from God and by giving of our wealth we are acknowledging God's presence in our lives and our thankfulness for God's Grace.

At this time we, at All Saints, are just managing to pay most of our bills thanks to the expert and careful management of our books by our parish administrator, Pat Dempsey. However, as I speak, we only have about \$1,100 in our current bank account. Also it is appropriate to let you know that we have not been able to pay the last two installments of \$671 each for our loan repayment to the Diocese - the loan was for the painting of the church about 18 months ago. The outstanding balance of that loan is about \$13,400.

During the next few weeks you will be hearing more on the subject of money. We have planned an Intention Pot

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Luck lunch for December 4th following the 10 o'clock service. You will be asked to complete a form of intent at that time. I need to clarify the use of the word INTENT. When you intend to do something you hope to be able to carry out that intention, in other words it becomes a goal to be sought. What we are asking you to do is to make an intention rather than a pledge. An intention is not a dollar figure that is cast in stone. If your financial circumstances change and it necessitates you decreasing your intended amount - that is a reality of life. Please do not feel uncomfortable about taking this action. If you are able to increase your intended amount, obviously it will be greatly appreciated.

To make clear why we ask for an intention form - it is used for budgeting purposes to allow the parish council to

make informed decisions on anticipated income and thus what is available for the expense side of the ledger. In all aspects of life costs are rising - no less so than in the church. Last year's budget does not fit the coming year's expenses therefore there is a need to increase this coming year's giving.

Unfortunately our present financial situation has been exacerbated by reduced income into the parish, largely from those who have not met their intended target. If things don't improve in the near future, we will be running a financial deficit which is not good news.

I urge you to think and pray deeply and sincerely about your present monetary commitment to All Saints and also about your future intentions.

David Batchelor
Chair, Parish Council

PERCENTAGE OF YEARLY INCOME

ANN.	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$70,000	\$80,000	\$90,000
1%	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$800	\$900
2%	\$400	\$600	\$800	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$1,400	\$1,600	\$1,800
3%	\$600	\$900	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$1,800	\$2,100	\$2,400	\$2,700
4%	\$800	\$1,200	\$1,600	\$2,000	\$2,400	\$2,800	\$3,200	\$3,600
5%	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$4,500
6%	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$2,400	\$3,000	\$3,600	\$4,200	\$4,800	\$5,400
7%	\$1,400	\$2,100	\$2,800	\$3,500	\$4,200	\$4,900	\$5,600	\$6,300
8%	\$1,600	\$2,400	\$3,200	\$4,000	\$4,800	\$5,600	\$6,400	\$7,200
9%	\$1,800	\$2,700	\$3,600	\$4,500	\$5,400	\$6,300	\$7,200	\$8,100
10%	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$9,000

The table to the left is included to help give you an understanding of what percentage of your annual income you are giving to God. Many factors will influence your decision of what to give.

When the disciples told Jesus that they did not have enough food to feed the people, Jesus told them to look again.

MORE THAN ENOUGH

With all the demands made on our resources we have never got enough. Jesus says, "Look again!"

One thing is certain, we have a generous God, and when we think of the way God blesses us the word "abundance" comes to mind. What do we mean when we say that we serve the God of abundance? In a world where the few have so much and the many have so little, can we really speak of a God of abundance?

The prophets and the Psalms are full of references to God's abundant nature. God abounds in steadfast love for the whole of Creation, (Ps.5:7). It is a love that has neither beginning nor ending. It is the foundation of the relationship between God and humankind. Through Jeremiah God said, "I have loved you with an everlasting love" (Jer. 31:3). God is abundant in power, (Ps.147:5); forgiveness, (Is.55:7); mercy, (Ps.51:1) and goodness, (Ps.145:7)

The Psalmist speaks of the lavish way that God provided for the people in their Exodus wanderings; that God

waters the earth and gives life to the planted seeds, (Ps.65:10); that God offers salvation, wisdom, knowledge and promises "life more abundant", (Is.33:6 & Jn 10:10).

So it goes on endlessly recounting the abundance of God's character, and the life we enjoy is abundant with God's blessings.

Naturally we make a response. We want to show our own abundant nature, learned from the One we serve. That is why we give. That is why we reach out to those in need; why we feed the hungry, and help victims of earthquakes and famines. That is why we want our church to show its abundant nature too.

We give to the church, not merely to keep it "ticking over" for another year, but so that it can continue in its ministry of sharing the abundance life that comes from God.

When we look at all we have, we know that we have more than enough - "above all that we ask or think, according to the powers working in us". From what we have learned of God, so we too give abundantly.

+Douglas Hambridge



HEAVEN ON EARTH

Of Trains & Boats & Planes (& Buses and Beds)!

18 trains, 6 ferries (boats), 4 planes, 9 buses, 10 different beds and 4 national capitals. How does this relate to Heaven on Earth? Read on to find out.

On September 9th 2011 Penny and I left Vancouver 2½ hours late on our flight to Manchester. That was the only delay we experienced in 6 weeks of travelling to England, Denmark, Sweden and Norway. In past articles I have talked about visits to places in England, well on this trip we added some more spectacular places in the "old country". These included visits to the cathedrals in Salisbury and Ripon.

Amongst Salisbury's claims to fame is having the tallest church steeple in all of Great Britain at 404 feet (123.14 m) to the top from the ground, also one of the original four copies in existence of the Magna Carta. The cathedral is unique that it was built within one century with no substantial later editions. The foundation stone was laid in 1220 and the building was substantially completed by 1258, a record of 38 years to build such a building of this magnificence.

Ripon has had a checkered past with the present building being the 4th on this site and was completed in the early 1600's after more than 200 years of "on again, off again" building. The crypt of the cathedral is the oldest known in Britain and is thought to have been built around the year 672. Nearby are the ruins of Fountains Abbey - a World Heritage Site - an incredible place to visit in the middle of the beautiful rolling English countryside. Fountains Abbey was founded in 1132 following a dispute and riot at St Mary's Abbey in York. Following the riot, thirteen monks were exiled and after unsuccessfully attempting to return to the early 6th century Rule of St Benedict, were taken into the protection of Thurstan, Archbishop of York. He provided them with a site in the valley of the River Skell. The enclosed valley had all the required materials for the creation of a monastery, providing shelter from the weather, stone and timber for building, and a running supply of water. The monks applied to join the Cistercian order in 1132. Though in ruins, much of this abbey is still standing.



What of the other part of our vacation - to Scandinavia? We had the good fortune to visit Copenhagen in Denmark, Stockholm in Sweden and then Oslo and Bergen in Norway. I had visited all these places in my previous life as a seafarer but they were only fleeting and very superficial visits. In fact, in 1959, Bergen was the first foreign port I ever visited.

In Copenhagen we managed to walk extensively through the unique streets of this old and architecturally

beautiful city and managed to avoid getting run over by the hordes of cyclists. Copenhagen is very flat so bikes are a primary form of transportation. It was fascinating to see men in business suits, women in skirts, and people across the whole spectrum of a busy city riding bikes. Bike racks full of bikes were the dominant feature of many squares, railway stations and small courtyards. On our 3rd day in Denmark we went by train to Roskilde, about 38 kms, and visited Roskilde cathedral, a primarily brick structure, completed in 1280. Again, an amazing edifice. As a curiosity we noticed that the elevated pulpit was about halfway down the north side of the nave. To add to that, the box pews from the pulpit to the front of the church had pews facing in both directions - I guess face the altar during the service and shift over to face the preacher during the sermon!! Later in the day we visited the amazing Viking ship museum containing some relics and reconstructions of those heady days.



From Copenhagen it was off to Sweden's capital, Stockholm - a 5 hour train ride through rural Sweden on a 200 kph train. Again we pounded the pavements of this beautiful city of many islands and took in the Royal Palace where we were able to view many of the rooms used by the Swedish royal family for official functions, and also saw the Swedish crown jewels. We wandered through Gamla Stan, the old town, with its narrow streets and buildings leaning in various directions! On our second full day we went to Djurgården, an island on which is the Vasa Museum, the Skansen and the Nordiska museum. In 1628 the new Swedish naval ship "Vasa" sailed for the first time. Within 10 minutes it had turned on its side and sunk to the bottom of Stockholm harbour. On April 24th 1961 the almost complete hull was raised from the bottom and this remarkable vessel is now housed in a huge museum. The carvings, colourings and sheer immensity of the ship are almost overwhelming. From there it was on to the Skansen, an open air museum. More than 150 wooden houses, farms and store houses from all over Sweden have been transported and reconstructed there. A fascinating look into Sweden's past.

From Stockholm it was on to, by train, our 3rd capital and 3rd country in 7 days, Oslo in Norway. It was more walking and taking in sights such as the new opera house, the sculpture park at Frogner Gustav Vigeland, the Kon-Tiki raft made of balsa wood that was sailed across the Pacific Ocean by Thor Heyerdahl, to the fascinating many roofed stave churches that are unique to Norway. Another train ride and



Penny at Kjosfossen waterfall
 this one took us up through the mountains to Myrdal and then on to another train for the 20 kms ride to Flåm. This has to be one of the most spectacular railways in the world. We stopped briefly at the roaring waters of Kjosfossen waterfall, right by the tracks, and on down through amazing scenery with many waterfalls to the town of Flåm at the head of Aurland fjord. Next day it was a 2½ hrs. ferry ride that took us along the Aurland and Nærøy fjords, the latter also a World Heritage site. So many waterfalls and spectacular scenery, our necks ached to take in the beauty of God's creation. We were en route to Bergen, the last of our Scandinavian cities.

Bergen is an old seaport surrounded by fjords and mountains and has an old-world feeling although the signs of

modernism are there in the form of large oil rig supply vessels and some modern looking buildings. There is a funicular railway that goes to the top of Mount Fløyen from where you are able to see all of Bergen and its surrounding suburbs. Our one "disappointment" was in the old town in a beautiful wooden building that had "heritage" all over it except for the discreet "golden arches" in the windows. Yes, it was a McDonald's!!



Bergen from Mount Fløyen

Heaven on Earth - for the big cities - maybe a stretch; but for the rest of it - the people, the scenery, the culture, the history - most definitely. I now have a hankering to go back for a longer stay to see more of these incredible places.

David Batchelor

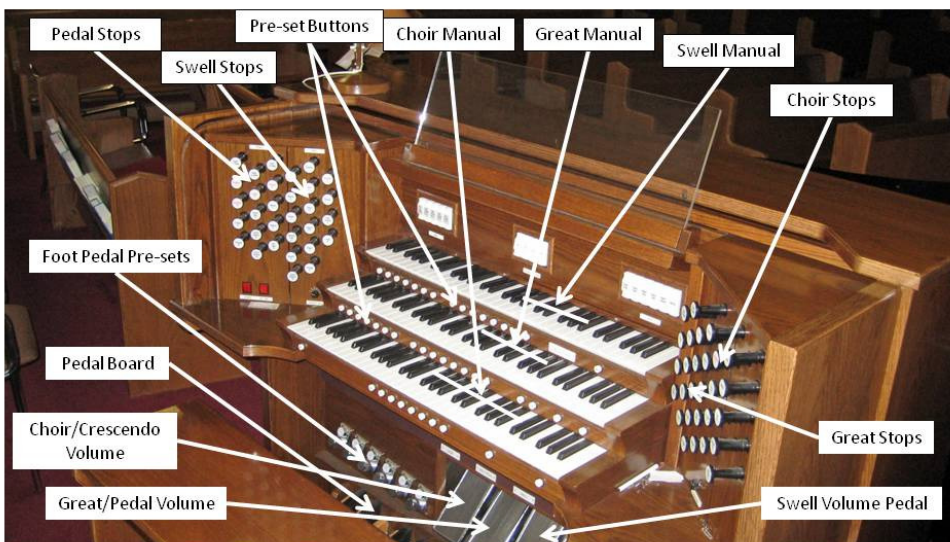
CHURCH ORGAN - AN OVERVIEW

There is nothing more thrilling than entering a Church to hear the bold, powerful and majestic sound of a classical pipe organ. There is no other instrument like it. Although our church organ does not have pipes and air blowing through them it still creates, and very much imitates, some of the finest real pipe organs in existence, and for over 20 years, since its purchase, the instrument has given excellent and faithful service.

Organs actually date back to Greek times sound being produced hydraulically by water, but modern pipe organs started their development in the 14th - 15th centuries. Electric organs only since the 1930's

The console (where the organist sits) is the working end of the instrument and ours is akin to most organs in existence today. It has three manuals or keyboards played by the hands and a pedal board played by the feet. There are 61 keys on each of the manuals and two and a half octaves on the pedals (20 notes). The lowest manual is the "Choir" a name derived from "Chair" since at one time this manual was separate from the rest of the instrument and the player had to swivel round to the play these keys often on an independent organ alongside the larger one. The middle manual is called the "Great". In pipe organs most of the prominent pipes would be up front and could be determined as God's foremost sound. The manual at the top is called the "Swell".

By activating and pulling out "stops" various sounds and dynamics can be attained, plus below these keyboards are three foot pedals one for each manual which increase the volume.



All Saints Organ

Each manual has its own row or bank of "Stops". Whichever is pulled is based on the musical creativity of the player, although a series of stops can be "set" depending on the preferred registration of the player. Stops are numbered, 32, 16, 8, 4, 2, and 1 with mixtures which is a combination of more than one. These numbers identify the length of pipe present in pipe organs. The higher the number, the deeper the sound.

I hope this is helpful and compliments our joyful sounds.

Rod Asher

PWRDF CHRISTMAS CARDS - 2011



Inside message:

This beautiful Christmas card contains the message, "...and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was." (Matt. 2:9b) and "Christmas Peace in five languages of Lambeth Conference of the worldwide Anglican Communion: English, French, Japanese, Spanish and Kiswahili.

Cost: Suggested donation of \$15.00 for a pack of 12 cards and 12 envelopes.

Illustration by Kelley Aitken

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PRIMATE'S WORLD RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT FUND

For a truly just, healthy and peaceful world

Response to East Africa Drought and Earthquake in Turkey

Our Anglican Church has been responding to emergencies, working with partners to build communities, supporting refugees, and working for global justice through the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund for over 50 years. This Anglican organization was one of the first non-governmental groups to receive matching CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) money to help in its work of relief and development.



This summer when the devastation of the **East Africa Drought** became evident, once again Anglicans responded with concern and by October 21 2011, **PWRDF had sent \$767,189** to aid those affected by the drought. Through ACT Alliance, food, shelter kits, clothing, plastic sheets, blankets and mosquito nets were supplied to the refugee camps from Somalia and Ethiopia.

PWRDF is a member of the Canadian Food Grains Bank and in partnership with them also managed to get aid through Kenya to provide food and cooking supplies to 8400 households affected by the drought.

On October 24th 2011, PWRDF responded the help the victims of the **Turkey earthquake** though their partner **Act Alliance** which is a combined church emergency organization of the World Council of Churches.

We can be proud of PWRDF enabling our Canadian Anglicans to respond so promptly and effectively to these human tragedies, and it is members of congregations such as ours that can continue this work by our donations to PWRDF. This Fall and Christmas time provides a number of opportunities for us to continue supporting this most important work.

They are;

- ★ Giving through the **blue envelopes** or through direct debit;
- ★ Buying **PWRDF Christmas cards**, available at All Saints;
- ★ Giving through the "**Gifts for Mission**", catalogue that was sent in the Anglican Journal.

You can go online visiting www.anglican.ca.giftguide and then click on PWRDF

Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me". Matthew 25: 40

During these serious and troubled times, people of all faiths should remember these four great religious truths:

1. Muslims do not recognize Jews as God's Chosen People.
2. Jews do not recognize Jesus as the Messiah.
3. Protestants do not recognize the Pope as the leader of the Christian world.
4. Baptists do not recognize each other at the liquor store!!!

ALL SAINTS GARDEN - a year in summary



“Why try to explain miracles to your kids, when you can just have them plant a garden?” Robert Brault

There is good news about the garden at All Saints this autumn, and there is bad news. Most people want the bad news first, and it is this – in many areas of the garden, I have no idea what is going to come up in the spring.

The good news is that the reason I don't know what is going to come up is I didn't plant it. Or if I planted it, the plants or the bulbs or the seeds were donated, and while they are familiar friends to the person who gave them, they are shy strangers to me.

It is a wonderful feeling, to work in this garden and take something that was given, and place it in the ground, and say a fervent prayer that it is in a good place and then.....wait. I try to put the taller things to the back, and the shorter things to the front; the ones that like the sun in the sunny spots, the ones that prefer cool shade in the corners, or under trees. But basically, it's all a mystery in God's hands, and when I think about the church garden in the long days when there's little to do but shiver, rake and clean up I think of it with hope and confidence and gratitude.



Over the past year there has been a lot to be grateful for. A year ago, when it was also cold, dark and rainy, we had a huge donation of something we badly needed; five yards of topsoil. Getting it into the garden required digging up bulbs that had already been planted, moving the borders of flower beds, and trundling wheelbarrows from one end of the church property to the other from dawn to dusk. The nutrients in the topsoil nourished the plants lying under the protective blanket of fresh dirt, and some of the bulbs had an extra layer of insulation during winter's frost and snow. Cool weather in April and May gave us a glorious, long-lasting show from all the bulbs planted in anticipation of our 130th year. In the spring we dug a great big hole, and were blessed to have a new garden, lawn and memorial tree planted where the thicket of fire-thorn once grew. In April the children from Messy Church spent a happy afternoon barefoot in the grass, planting potatoes and sunflowers. In the fall we harvested the crops they planted, and they put in hundreds of tulips and daffodils that will bloom in just a few months.

There was sadness this year in the garden too. Bruce Macdonald's death left a vacancy that cannot be filled; his

expertise provided the beautiful framework that holds All Saints in a verdant embrace of greenery, and he is missed every day. In addition, in warmer weather it became difficult to work around the back near the lych gate, and that area did not receive the attention it deserved because it was an uncomfortable place to be. The removal of the seats in the lych gate has made a small difference, and it is hoped that next year the situation will be better and that area will become a more welcoming place to plant and weed.

Thanks to the work of the parishioners of All Saints and the Messy Church families, the constant inspiration and enthusiasm of Elizabeth and her “black thumb”, and the people who pause to say “the garden looks lovely”, it is easy to get down on hands and knees. Over the growing season we have planted some plants that turned out to be a raving success, such as the tall, feathery cosmos and hardy, drought tolerant fuschias along Arthur Drive, and they will be back. We have planted some plants that will return strongly in the spring, such as the false Indigo, the desert candles, and the Echinacea out on the corner by Ladner Trunk Road. We have planted irises and Shasta daisies and London Pride that were donated, and we have donations of asters and hostas, now going dormant, that will go in during the next few weeks. We have removed some plants that made it clear that they were not happy, such as the cherry trees along Arthur Drive that had to come out this year. Other plants in the garden have been moved to new homes in the hope they will like it better there. We have also planted bulbs donated from other parishes called All Saints in other communities across Canada, and I hope to expand this initiative next year.

I want them all to flourish; I want them all, like little children, to grow up strong and beautiful and confident, and find their place where they belong alongside their fellows. More and more I love this garden, as more and more I feel that it is ours; it becomes more “ours” with every bulb and root that goes into the ground. There's nothing like that thought to warm you up when you're raking leaves in November!

Jane Emson

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No", replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."



CANCER

A dialogue on how to deal with conversation about this many armed disease, recently noted as the #1 killer in Canada.

Finding the Right Words

It can be difficult to know what to say to someone with cancer. Unless you've been there yourself, you can't possibly understand how it feels. Many people say inappropriate things, with warm hearts. We often do the best we can but our efforts still fall short. How do we find the right words to talk to someone with cancer?

No Longer a Silent Disease

Years ago, people spoke in whispers about cancer. Today, despite its prevalence, advances in treatment, and increasing survival rates, the disease still carries with it a stigma. People with cancer continue to face negative attitudes and stereotypes. The truth is, at some point, someone you know will likely get cancer. When it happens, you should be prepared to communicate appropriately about the disease.

Do's and Don'ts of Talking to Someone With Cancer

Many cancer survivors share similar stories of awkward encounters and upsetting comments made by well-meaning individuals. Their collective observations help us define "cancer etiquette", or rules of conduct for communicating with the cancer community. Since each person experiences cancer differently, one approach does not necessarily work for everyone. This information serves as a starting point for talking to someone with cancer. There is no single right way. Just keep trying.

12 Tips for Talking to Someone With Cancer

Don't ignore them. Some people disappear when someone they know gets cancer. The worst thing you can do is avoid the person because you don't know how to handle it. Cancer can be lonely and isolating as it is. Tell them "I'm here for you," or "I love you and we'll get through this together". It's even okay to say "I don't know what to say" or send a note that says "I'm thinking of you." Just stay connected.

Think before you speak. Your words and actions can be powerful. One comment can instantly undo someone's positive mood. Don't be overly grave and mournful. Avoid clichés, like "hero" and "battle". If the person gets worse, does it mean they didn't fight hard enough? Try to imagine if you were in their shoes. What you would want someone to say to you?

Follow their lead. Let the person with cancer set the tone about what they want to talk about. It doesn't always have to be about cancer. Chances are they want to feel as normal as possible. Tell them about something funny that happened. When they want to talk about cancer, let them. And save the pity eyes and voice.

Keep it about them, not you. Don't lose your focus on the person with cancer. Avoid talking about your headache, backache, etc. This isn't about you. And as bad as you feel, they feel worse. They aren't interested in hearing about how hard this has been on your life. Don't put them in the position of having to comfort you. Only ask questions if you truly want to hear the response.

Just listen. Sometimes just being there to listen—really listen—is the best thing you can do. Let the person with cancer talk without

interrupting them. You don't always have to have all the answers, just a sympathetic ear. They may not want to talk at all, and would rather sit quietly. It's okay to sit in silence.

Don't minimize their experience. Try not to say "Don't worry, you'll be fine." You don't know that. Instead say "I'm really sorry" or "I hope it will be okay." And don't refer to their cancer as "the good cancer". These statements downplay what they're going through. Leave the door to communication open so they can talk about their fears and concerns.

Don't be intrusive. Don't ask the person with cancer questions about their numbers or tumor markers. If they want to talk about their blood results, they will. Give them the freedom to offer this information or not. Also, don't ask personal questions that you wouldn't have asked before, especially when it comes to subjects like sex and religion.

Don't preach to them. Don't try to tell the person with cancer what to think, feel or how to act. You don't know what they're going through, so don't act like you do. Instead of saying "I know how you feel", try saying "I care about you and want to help". Don't suggest alternative forms of treatment, a healthier lifestyle, etc. And don't tell them to "stay positive"; it will only cause frustration and guilt.

Refrain from physical assessments. Refrain from comments about how the person with cancer looks, particularly if it's negative. They don't need their weight loss or hair loss pointed out to them. And if they just started treatment, don't ask them about potential side effects. If you say anything at all, tell them they look stronger or more beautiful, but mean what you say.

Avoid comparisons. Everyone does cancer their own way. Don't bring up the private medical problems of other people you know. And don't talk about your friend with cancer who is running marathons or never missed a day of work. Avoid talking about the odds or making assumptions about their prognosis. Just allow them to be themselves.

Show them you care. Show the person with cancer that they're still needed and loved. Give them a hug. Surprise them with a smoothie, books, magazines, or music. Offer to help, such as cooking, laundry, babysitting, or running errands. Be specific by asking "What day can I bring you dinner?" And, offer to help only if you intend to follow through with it and won't expect something in return.

Share encouraging stories. Offer encouragement through success stories of long-term cancer survivors. Avoid saying "They had the same thing as you." No two cancers are the same. And never ever tell stories with unhappy endings. If you know someone with the same type of cancer, offer to connect them.

NOTE: THIS INFORMATION IS NOT INTENDED NOR IMPLIED TO BE A SUBSTITUTE FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL ADVICE. ALWAYS SEEK THE ADVICE OF YOUR PHYSICIAN OR OTHER QUALIFIED HEALTHCARE PROVIDER REGARDING YOUR CANCER CARE.

Article submitted by Claudette Hayward

Healing Prayer Ministry:



An update of the Healing Prayer Ministry:

- The healing Prayer team of All Saints and Ladner United has been very busy in the past year. We are averaging 5- 8 sessions a month and the need (or awareness of the service) is growing. We are pleased to offer healing sessions to people who come for a variety of reasons.
- We continue to meet and provide healing sessions for those who are interested in receiving, one Tuesday afternoon and one Tuesday evening per month. If you feel you would like to experience a session but not too sure what it is all about you can contact Trish White at 604-946-6254 to ask questions or book a session.
- Healing prayer offers confidential healing and prayer sessions with healing touch techniques in the sacred space of the Sanctuary of Ladner United Church and All Saints. We can also provide healing sessions specifically for the back.
- Please check out Ladner United Church website; www.ladnerunited.org for current news and meditations that you can download.
- We will be holding a **Christmas Meditation Evening** on Wednesday December 14th at Ladner United from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. This is time for quiet meditation in the midst of a very busy season. We will be offering "soaking prayer" as part of the mediation evening. We welcome you to come and experience an evening of quiet and calm.....

Blessings, Trish White



The Old All Saints Church Bell Rings Anew

As you approach the most used door at All Saints you will see a massive bell supported on a large block of concrete. The inscription plate describes its purchase from San Francisco by Thomas E. Mc Neeley in 1893 for the then newly built All Saints Anglican Church in Ladner. The cost of the bell and its specially constructed belfry totalled \$135.00.

The bell fell into disuse as the years passed, partly because the free standing belfry became rickety, and more recently because some neighbours complained about noise disturbance and possible infractions of Delta's noise bylaws.

With the reconstruction of All Saints, the bell was mounted in its present position as a visual display of the church's history. However, we all know good things are eventually resurrected.

It was Walter Haywood and a few others who decided the bell should ring again. Armed with a sturdy blue rope he or Cyril Portman have struggled out in all weathers to ring the bell again, and announce the morning service at 9:55. So far the recent pealing of the bell has attracted only great reviews. Sometimes the bell doesn't get rung because both Walter and Cyril are absent. They are hoping to find volunteers to help keep the bell ringing each Sunday.

Cyril Portman

STEWARDSHIP IN A NUTSHELL

Stewardship refers to Jesus Christ's accountability to God for the Christians that have been entrusted to Him or how to use your resources for God.

When it comes to stewardship, always remember:
That it all belongs to God already.
That God gave first.
That life is more than possessions.
That attitudes matter more than amounts.
That it's all about mission and ministry
That it's biblical.

The generosity of God is expressed in God's very nature.
"God so loved that he gave..."

The generosity of God is expressed in entrusting me with all that I am and all that I have.

My response could be simply to receive; or I can engage in God's agenda as my response to God's generosity.

+ *Douglas Hambidge*

Advertisement

EXCITING VOLUNTEER JOB OPENING Editor/Compiler for "Saints Alive"

WANTED - Someone with a creative mind and the ability to use a computer to produce a quarterly newsletter for All Saints, Ladner.

After more than 10 years of producing the church newsletter, I am looking for someone to take over this volunteer work in the New Year.

Anyone that is interested please contact me, David Batchelor, direct at 604-943-4938, or through Pat Dempsey in the office.

The much anticipated "Saints Alive" Quiz
Submit answers to David Batchelor either by email, written on a piece of paper, back of the pew bulletin, an old envelope etc. and put in my mail slot.
The winner will receive the coveted "Saints Alive" T-shirt.
The editor's decision is final!!!
Answers & winner in Spring Edition

TRICKY QUIZ QUESTIONS

1. Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?
2. There is a clerk at the butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches tall and he wears size 13 sneakers. What does he weigh?
3. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?
4. How much dirt is there in a hole that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?
5. What word in the English Language is always spelled incorrectly?
6. Billy was born on December 28th, yet his birthday is always in the summer. How is this possible?
7. In California, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not?
8. What was the President's Name in 1975?
9. If you were running a race, and you passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in now?
10. If a farmer has 5 haystacks in one field and 4 haystacks in the other field, how many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in another field?



ALL SAINTS POINSETTIA BAZAAR

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped at the Bazaar. Many people gave of their time and talents above and beyond. Preparations for this event started months ago and the people who organized it are a special kind of "saint". Results of the Bazaar will be published in the weeks to come.



THANK YOU!

WORDS TO LIVE BY George Carlin

Remember; spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember; say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember; to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember; to say, 'I love you' to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember; to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again.

Give time to love; **Give** time to speak; and **Give** time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER:

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

Submitted by John Hedgecock