



All Saints' Kingsway

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A WORD FROM THE ASSOCIATE PRIEST

St. Clement of Rome wrote

these words in a letter to the church at Corinth, “What, then shall we do brothers [and sisters]? Shall we slacken from doing good and abandon charity? May the Lord never allow this to happen to us, but let us be diligent to accomplish every good work with earnestness and zeal. For the Creator and Lord of the universe Himself takes joy in His works.”

As we begin to prepare for fall and restarting our regular services, faith formation programs, children’s & youth activities, Seniors Lunches, and so much more, I hope the words above will inspire you to continue the good and faithful work that many of you have been doing for years. I also hope they will inspire others who haven’t yet found a place to ‘plug-in’ at All Saints to do so!

I think it’s important to maintain a right perspective when we look at the many opportunities that exist for serving others in the church. St. Clement rightfully points out that our inspiration for serving comes first and foremost from God our Creator who Himself took joy in the work [emphasis on work!] of creation. Jesus taught that the greatest among us is the one who serves (Mark 10:43) and He said that even He didn’t come to be served, but to serve (Mark 10:45).

Serving others, as Jesus did and taught His followers to do, has been at the centre of the life of the church since its beginning. Whether you serve as a choir member, a Sidesperson, Lay Pastoral Visitor, as part of those who crochet prayer shawls, at the Out of the Cold

program, or you keep the gardens looking beautiful, you are serving and blessing others. Thank you!

While volunteering can be time-consuming and laborious, I find, and have heard from others too, that there is great joy found in doing so. Whether it be serving at the hospitality table in a role that others observe or setting the altar as part of the Chancel Guild where often there aren’t others around to see, there is joy. What a blessing! I believe the joy comes as we choose to give out of the abundance of what God has given us - our time, talents, and treasure. Another blessing is that we get to know one another better and as relationships are formed and friendships develop, there is a sense of connectedness and joy in our hearts. As a result, the whole community is strengthened and built up.

My sisters and brothers in Christ, there are many gifted and skilled parishioners in our All Saints community. We are richly blessed in this way! Yet there are likely others who haven’t yet found a way to contribute to our shared life together and our mission in the world. Perhaps you’re new and not sure yet where to ‘jump in’ or perhaps you’ve been

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Remember

Remember to bring in the pull tabs from your beverage cans. They really do help to buy wheelchairs.

around a while and have taken a break and again desire to serve in a new way. This fall is a great time to 'dive in, head first'! I want to encourage you to consider how and where you might serve our Lord and His church by volunteering at All Saints.

No one should feel guilty or ashamed if you're not filling a specific volunteer role or, for whatever reason, you can't volunteer as you'd like. We are all one body in Christ Jesus and, as St. Paul says in 1 Corinthians, we don't all have the same function. While some will be readers, intercessors, and chalice administrators on Sunday mornings, others will be praying for the sick in the quietness of their own homes, encouraging those who are going through hard times with a phone call or email, or perhaps mailing a "thinking of you" card to someone who is lonely. In all these ways we serve and bless others.

However we do it, let us all be motivated by a sense of giving back to God out of the abundance God has given us and do as St. Clement said and "be diligent to accomplish every good work with earnestness and zeal." Whether what you do is seen by others or out of the sight of most, serve as unto the Lord and let us not "slacken from doing good and abandon charity". Rather, let us serve with joy.

On Sunday, September 10, we will be having our Welcome BBQ following the 10AM service and there will be the opportunity to ask others about the areas in which they serve and how you can get involved. You'll be able to easily identify them by their colourful name tags that say 'ASK Me About'. Take that opportunity or some other time this fall to inquire with one of our clergy about how to serve at All Saints. There is a place for all to serve as God has gifted you.

We give thanks to God for all who give of themselves so joyfully in serving in a variety of ways in our beloved community and we look forward to helping others discover how and where they can do so too. Together, motivated by the love of Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we can continue to faithfully carry out the good work God has given us to do in the Kingsway community.

Yours in Christ,

Brian +

From the Editor

Food! Where would we be without it? The answer is obvious but food serves other purposes other than keeping us alive. Many references are made to eating in the Gospels as Jesus performed his ministry, ranging from a wedding banquet to feeding 5000 to the Last Supper. Food has always been associated with fellowship and gathering together. As you read this newsletter, you will see several instances where the ASK community has come together over food. In fact, it looks as if we have eaten our way through the summer, with many more such occasions to come in the fall. I believe that building a spirit of community is vitally important to maintaining our faith and I am thankful that these occasions have been and are still being organized by generous volunteers. Thank you all for performing this type of ministry which makes our congregation even stronger.

September brings a return to a full program at ASK, including the return of the 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM services on Sunday and the 10:30 AM and Compline services on Thursday (see Jennifer Cameron's article.) Be sure to read the articles on sponsoring another refugee family and the next installment of the SPIT which will lead to the next three-year plan.

I would like to thank all the contributors to the newsletter. Many parishioners tell me how much they appreciate being informed by this publication and I appreciate that but why not contribute something of interest yourself? Anything to do with the parish and its members is publishable material. Please send any submissions to me at lebonprof@rogers.com.

Jim

ASK Collected 40 backpacks and school supplies for distribution by Stonegate Ecumenical Ministries.



Farewell to the Mayers family.



For several years, Peter Mayers was one of the collaborative organists at ASK, usually alternating Sundays with Wade Bray. When Wade decided to leave, Peter generously volunteered his time to play every Sunday for many months. We all loved Peter's playing which was absolutely inspiring. Now, Peter's employment for the Barbados Tourism Office is

taking him and his family to New York City. We will all miss Peter, Cadien, Kourtney, and Emma; we wish them Godspeed on their journey to Manhattan. Words of appreciation were spoken and a blessing given at the 10:00 AM service on August 27.

JR

Ice Cream Sundaes

were served after the 10:00 am service on August 27.



ASK Summer Barbecues



This summer, the church introduced a new way of developing fellowship that took advantage of the weather. On July 16 and August 13, a barbecue was held on the lawns of the church. July featured cedar-plank salmon and chicken and August served grilled lamb and chicken. Parishioners brought

salads and desserts to share. This is a great way for parishioners to gather during the summer and I hope that it will be repeated next year!

JR



Lemonade on the Lawn, a Summer Tradition



Refugee Family Report

OUR NEXT FAMILY SEEKING RESETTLEMENT IN CANADA AWAITS US!

We have started our preparations for our next sponsored family. Our first step, as in our two successful past sponsorships, is to raise the necessary funds to support our family for the first year here in Canada. We have \$4,000 already. However, we need to raise a total of \$40,000. We need to be able to pay for our family's rental, food and other necessities while they are getting settled during their first year.

Please consider making a donation. To do so, please make your cheque out to All Saints' Kingsway with "Refugee" written on the memo line and drop it off at the office or add it to the collection basket on Sunday.

There will be more news about how you can participate and what other forms of contribution you can make in the near future.

This is a wonderful initiative that our ASK community is taking on. We look forward to helping our new family settle in Canada and give thanks for your contribution!

David Curtis

COMPLINE

– Prayers at the End of the Day.

The service of Compline is an ancient service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. The Compline service dates back to the fourth century. It is a powerful and beautiful liturgy that has been prayed for century after century and forms part of the whole Daily Office of prayer which includes Morning Prayer, Midday Prayer, Evening Prayer and Compline.

The Service of Compline at All Saints' Kingsway is held every Thursday evening beginning at 8:00 pm and lasts about 30 minutes. The service is on Zoom only and the link to the service can be found on the weekly 'This Week at ASK' e-blast.

Everyone is most welcome to join our Compline Service which resumes on Thursday September 7th at 8:00 pm.

Deacon Jennifer Cameron

June Barbecue

To mark the beginning of most people's summer holidays, ASK held a parish barbecue. Featured were hot dogs and hamburgers supplemented by delicious salads and desserts that parishioners provided. Members of the 219th Scout troop and

the leaders did the grilling, distribution, and clean-up as well as bringing out chairs as needed. Thanks to the Scouts for a much-appreciated gesture of giving back to the church.

JR



Social Justice

The Season of Creation begins September 1: The global Season of Creation begins with the World Day of Prayer for Creation on Friday, September 1, and runs through to the Feast of St. Frances of Assisi on October 4. This is a time for Christians around the world to give particular attention to praying and caring for God's creation. The theme for Season of Creation 2023 is "Let Justice and Peace Flow," drawing on the words of the prophet Amos to call us to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

What better way to start the season than with the positive story of sixteen young plaintiffs aged 5 to 22 who stood up for their right to a healthy environment? Their story was posted by the Shalom Centre and serves as an example of how the power of a few can make a big change. A similar youth-led trial is set to be heard in Hawaii.

Judge applies the "secular Torah" of a state Constitution to require policy change to heal Earth-Human relations. The youth of the plaintiffs and the "elderness" of the Montana Constitution remind us of the last words of the last of the classic Hebrew Prophets, Malachi 3: "I [YHWH, Breath of live] will send you Elijah the Prophet to turn the hearts of elders to the youth and the hearts of the youth of the elders, so that I do not come to destroy all Earth."

'Gamechanger': judge rules in favor of young activists in US climate trial

Sixteen young plaintiffs had alleged the Montana state government had violated their right to a healthy environment

Dharna Noor
UK Guardian

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The judge who heard the US's first constitutional climate trial earlier this year has ruled in favor of a group of young plaintiffs who had accused state officials in Montana of violating their right to a healthy environment.

"I'm so speechless right now," Eva, a plaintiff who was 14 when the suit was filed, said in a statement. "I'm really just excited and elated and thrilled."

The challengers' lawyers described the first-of-its-kind ruling as a "gamechanger" and a "sweeping win", which campaigners hope will give a boost to similar

cases tackling the climate crisis.

On Monday, Judge Kathy Seeley said that by prohibiting government agencies from considering climate impacts when deciding whether or not to permit energy projects, Montana is contributing to the climate crisis and stopping the state from addressing that crisis. The 103-page order came several weeks after the closely watched trial came to a close on 20 June.

Julia Olson, who founded Our Children's Trust, the non-profit law firm that brought the suit alongside Western Environmental Law Center and McGarvey Law, said the case marks the first time in US history that the merits of a case led a court to rule that a government violated young people's constitutional rights by promoting fossil fuels.

"In a sweeping win for our clients, the Honorable Judge Kathy Seeley declared Montana's fossil fuel-promoting laws unconstitutional and enjoined their implementation," she said. "As fires rage in the west, fueled by fossil fuel pollution, today's ruling in Montana is a gamechanger that marks a turning point in this generation's efforts to save the planet from the devastating effects of human-caused climate chaos."

The challengers had alleged that they "have been and will continue to be harmed by the dangerous impacts of fossil fuels and the climate crisis". Similar suits have been filed by young people across the US, but *Held v Montana* was the first case to reach a trial. Among the policies, the challengers targeted was a provision in the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) barring the state from considering how its energy economy impacts climate change.

Read the full article at <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2023/aug/14/montana-climate-trial-young-activists-judge-order>.

Save the date, SEPTEMBER 25 at NOON.....
Nathan Phillips Square

Plan to attend a rally to save our Health Care System from privatization

Watch for upcoming details from your
ASK Social Justice Team

Sheri Cameron

Strategic Planning Update

We are now heading into the home stretch of the Strategic Plan 2021-2023, with plans to complete the work by the end of December. We will review all we have accomplished (or failed to accomplish) at that time and it will be fully reported at the Vestry Meeting of 2024. You can look back to Vestry reports of 2022 and 2023 to see the progress that was made each year.

The most exciting thing is that we are now poised to begin our activities for the preparation of our next Strategic plan 2024-2026! This will involve the work of the SPIT team, the four teams of the current plan, and the Executive, and will require input and feedback from the congregation as advisors and stakeholders of the Plan. This is a plan for the All Saints community as a clear path forward to live our Mission and Vision and go where God is leading us. As Patrick said in his preamble to our current Strategic Plan, the goals of our plan are not just for the mere perpetuation of a building or a community into the future, but for the very purpose of our mission as followers of Jesus Christ: to perpetuate the love of God in this community so that each and every one that comes in proximity to us through our ministry and mission, "may be filled with all the fullness of God".

Developing this new Strategic Plan is an opportunity for us to look at where we are now, discern where God is calling us to be in 3 years, and plan what we need to do get there. The first step is to generate ideas for the next 3 years of Growing in Christ at ASK. This will be

done by the SPIT team to brainstorm ideas to solidify the work we have done, continue what is working, and to discern what new priorities, goals, and actions we want to see for our community. At the same time, we will ask the congregation, through a survey in September/October, whether our current 4 areas of focus (Stewardship, Relationship, Discipleship, Worship) are still valid and what you think our priorities and goals should be for 2024-2026. The SPIT team will take this information and ideas and put together a framework for the new Strategic Plan. This framework of goals and objectives will be presented at a Town Hall meeting October 22 for feedback and further input. The SPIT team will then develop a draft Strategic Plan 2024-2026 to be presented at a Town Hall November 26 for comments and approval. The plan will be finalized and presented to PAB in December and at Vestry Meeting 2024 for a vote for final approval.

The Fall will be a busy time for Strategic Plan completion and renewal. And I expect it will be a fun time! Please review the current Plan, the progress reports from Vestry, and start thinking about where you think God is leading us for the next 3 years.

We look forward with hope and determination that our next Plan, with your

help, will help us perpetuate the love of God in this community as we Grow in Christ Together.

Mary Anne Huggins, for the SPIT Team (Patrick McManus, Brian Suggs, Beena Kuriakose, Natania Friesen, Leslie Morra)

*Mary Anne
Huggins*



"Apple fritters from San Remo Bakery were served on Fathers' Day".

Flowers in the ASK Garden



Seniors Luncheon Update

The Seniors luncheon programme had a very successful revival post-Covid, with four programmes held between January and April.

We are now planning the lunches and entertainment for October 2023 through April 2024. The programming will include: a travelogue about Kenya presented by warden Terry Smith; a quiz organized by our redoubtable quizmaster, Mary Anne Huggins; the return of our much-loved Christmas carol singalong; a Robbie Burns afternoon presented by parishioner Frank Cairns; a talk titled Fakes, Frauds, and Forgeries by Andre Wagner, an antiques expert; and, a presentation by our favourite historian, Ken Purvis.

The seniors programme is volunteer-driven and, as several of our volunteers have graduated to being

guests, we are always looking for volunteers to help with cooking, serving, and clean up. The programme is a lovely time of fellowship, learning, and service with great food and good company. It is held on the third Thursday of each month after the 10:30am Eucharist. Volunteers can enjoy the talks and the lunch and socialize with friends, both old and new.

If you feel you would like to join this volunteer roster and share in the fun, please contact Mary Anne Huggins at mahuggins99@gmail.com or 416-918-9142.

We look forward to seeing you in October!

Anne Layton & Mary Anne Huggins

Coming this fall

Oct 1, 2pm - Blessing of the Animals
Oct 8 - Thanksgiving Sunday
Oct 15 - Faithworks Sunday
Oct 22 - Baptism Sunday
Oct 29, 4:30pm - Trunk or Treat
Nov 4, 7pm - Posterski Lecture
Nov 5, 8am and 10am - All Saints' Day
Nov 5, 4pm - All Souls Requiem
Nov 12 - Remembrance Day
Dec 3, 11:30am - Lunch and Learn with
Bishop Stephen Andrews
Dec 10, 8:45am - Advent Breakfast
Dec 17, 10am - Lessons & Carols
Dec. 24, 8am and 10am - Advent 4
Dec 24, 4pm, 7pm, 11pm - Christmas Eve
Dec 25, 10am - Christmas Day



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and much more!

Sunday, September 10
at the
Welcome Back BBQ!

