

# SAINTS ALIVE

To God and One Another



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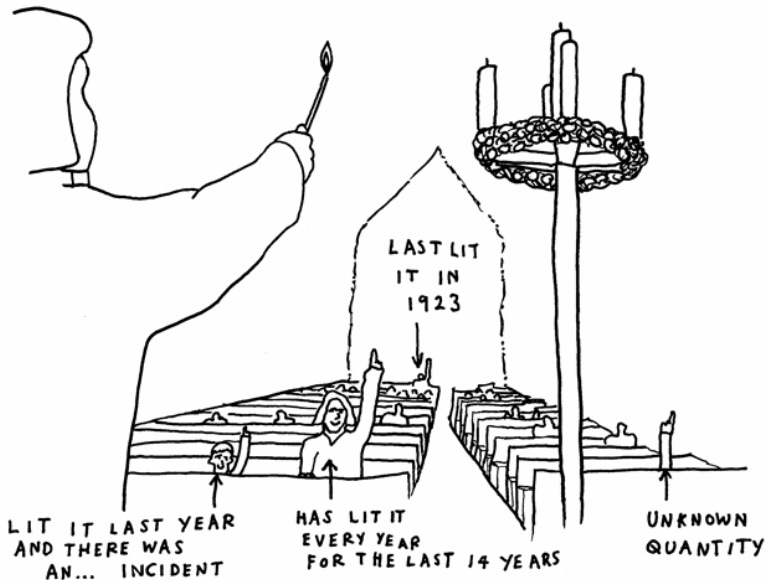


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## ADVENT

DURING THE SUNDAYS IN ADVENT THE VICAR MUST CHOOSE SOMEONE TO LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE. IT IS ONE OF THE YEAR'S MOST DIFFICULT DECISIONS



# INCUMBENT'S LETTER

BY THE REVEREND ROBERT SCHOECK

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,  
Grace and peace to you in this Advent season as we await the in-breaking of God into our world once more through the Incarnation. As winter settles in and the long nights surround us, we prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies for the depths of the coming months.

Though the last rays of the autumn sun have long faded and the cold and bitter winds have begun to roar, we are comforted by these timeless words from Luke's gospel that we will hear once again this Christmas Eve: "Do not be afraid; for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people..." (Luke 2:10).

The birth of Jesus, the indwelling of God amongst his children, is joyous news for all of us. It means that God loved us so much that God became human in Jesus,

so that we might have a pathway back to God. Advent is indeed a season of preparation, a season of waiting and of expectation, because it helps us to orient our whole selves towards receiving the joy of God in the season of Christmas. We celebrate and remember

God's radical action because we anticipate the fullness of God's plan for creation and the coming of the Kingdom of God, where "Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and

all flesh shall see the salvation of God." (Luke 3:5-6) This is indeed good news of great joy for all people.

What is bringing joy to your heart this season? How has being a part of this parish family brought you joy in this journey together? I imagine that you have experienced joy in many ways.



Whether it is through worship or serving or learning together, our hearts have been filled because we call All Saints our spiritual home. One moment of pure joy for me as your priest is just before the proclamation of the gospel on Sunday mornings when we are surrounded and filled by your singing and in that moment, I know that God is present with us.

When we experience that joy, the fullness of our hearts and souls we are called to respond to that gift from God with action. That feeling compels us to share and offer more of ourselves, so that we might share that joy with others. This is what we are called to do as disciples of Jesus. We are called to remember and give thanks for all that we have been blessed with, so that we might share God's blessings with others. So when the Josephs and Marys of our day come knocking on our door, then we will welcome them into the warmth of the light and love of God that was born into our world that first Christmas



morn. You are the light of the world, may your light shine brightly this holiday season, and in the seasons to come.

I pray that this season be joyous for you and your families as we celebrate the love of God and our love for each other.

## FROM THE WARDENS

BY JOCELYN BARTEL, SANDI MIELITZ, JUDY PALMER

Greetings and blessings in this holy, joyful and busy time of the year!

It's been quite a fall at All Saints – coffee time is back at the end of every service; Children's Chapel is a huge success; we blessed the animals (live and stuffed) and participated in book study Zoom discussions. We saw the launch of our first Stewardship Campaign in many years and our Outreach Team kicked into high gear offering a seminar on homelessness, developing a project to help Mulvey School and initiating a clean-up of the local neighbourhood plus the Furnace and Garden rooms in our

basement. On the property front, a new security gate system was installed to make our parking lot safer. Plus, we instituted a new policy so that 6 of the 7 parking spaces in our little lot are available on Sunday mornings for those who have difficulty walking or those bringing food or other items for the service.

Happily, our live attendance at services has risen to pre-COVID levels with number of new faces, plus we have an average of 60-70 followers on-line. Our beautiful Advent Procession on November 27 attracted 162 people – the highest attendance in many years. Looking ahead, in addition to Christmas Eve and Day services, we are hosting a Christmas Party on December 17 in the Common area of West Broadway Commons, inviting families from the housing project to join us.

We say that “we” did all of this. As Wardens, we are truly thankful for all the volunteers - their time, energy and caring - that brought this about. We also thank God for sending us Father Rob, Lauren and Stevie. Fr. Rob's listening, love, wisdom and leadership are guiding and inspiring all of us – thank you, Rob+!



Winter 2023 will bring the beautiful, calmer time of Epiphany, moving into the start of Lent. As we all know, it will also bring the rituals associated with the Annual General Meeting.

First, we should talk a bit about our financial health and the budget. We now are on a much, much better footing than 3-5 years ago. We have significant endowments to help us survive in the long term and investments to support our basic property needs and help us grow. On an annual basis, however, we are still in a significant operating deficit position. Our offerings, even when supplemented by income from West Broadway Commons, cannot cover our costs.

Our stewardship campaign was an

important step forward in encouraging everyone to consider their time, talents and treasure and, as Wardens and members of Vestry and the Finance Committee, we want to thank everyone for such an encouraging response. We're not out of the woods yet, though, and we feel that achieving a break-even budget should be a high priority. To do this, we need to do three things:

- Continue and accelerate steps to grow our congregation – with a new Rector, new initiatives, welcoming faces and activities for children, we are off to a great start. We need to think about and prioritize ways to continue to attract people, building on who we are, what inspires us and what others are looking for.
- Keep our expenses in check without hindering new initiatives that foster growth.
- Severely prioritize our property expenditures, planning several years ahead and choosing items in the short term that must be done for safety, proper maintenance and/or to support growth.

Preparing for the Annual General

Meeting is also a time when we refresh our leadership. For those who love God and care about All Saints, this can be a very meaningful way to minister and serve. As we move with hope and energy into the future, we invite each of you to join us in the fun, comradeship and reward of working together as offering hospitality, hosting weddings, working with our children, helping in the community, serving, singing,

participating in Vestry, “sidespersoning” or “wardening”!

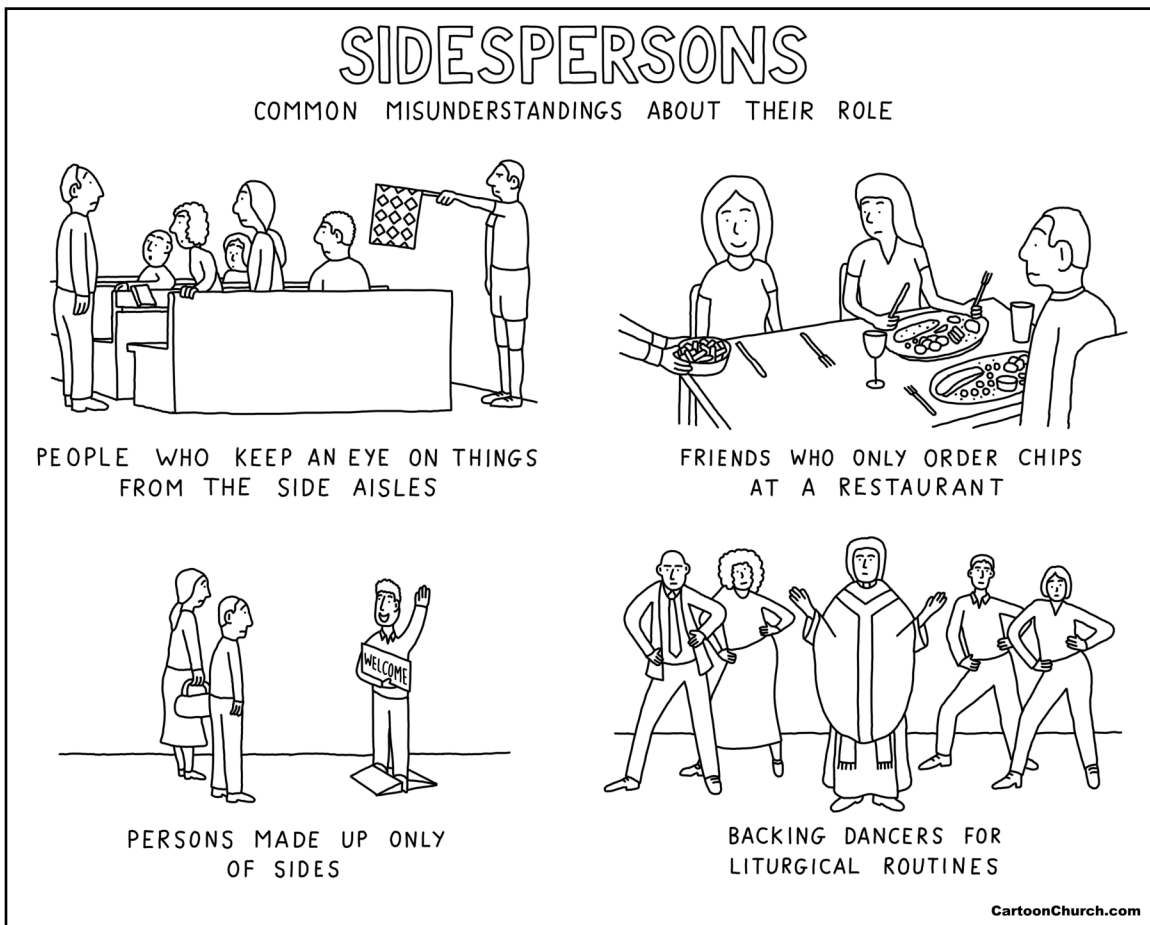
A blessed Christmas and holy, happy New Year to you all!

### The Wardens

Jocelyn Bartel - People’s Warden

Sandi Mielitz - Rector’s Warden

Judy Palmer - Deputy People’s Warden





You are invited to a drop-in

# CHRISTMAS PARTY

DEC | 17 | 2-5 PM

WBC COMMON ROOM  
(9TH FLOOR)

3 pm - Christmas Storytime

Christmas crafts and music

Cookies & warm drinks

Fun for all ages

HOSTED BY THE OUTREACH TEAM AND THE  
CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILIES MINISTRY



## OUTREACH TEAM UPDATE

On September 18 the Outreach Team hosted an information session with representatives from Mulvey School including principal, Peter Correia. Peter made a brief presentation and shared a video of the school and its students. Mulvey School is a nursery to grade 6 school near All Saints and is part of the Winnipeg School Division. Its mission is to provide a learning environment that promotes and fosters the growth of each students' potential and provides an opportunity for the individual student to develop the knowledge, skills, and values necessary for meaningful participation in a global and pluralistic society.



Left to right: Amanda Harding and Carl Harrison of the All Saints Outreach Team, Peter Correia (Principal) and Naomi Ginsburg (Vice Principal) of Mulvey School, at the September 18th presentation.

All Saints has supported the school in several ways in the past year. This fall we completed our fundraising campaign for playground sports equipment and presented a cheque for \$1000. We have donated funds towards Christmas gifts to be given to each student. Several members of All Saints have started volunteering at the school in areas such

as the breakfast program and homework help.

If you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities at Mulvey School, please contact Amanda Harding.

A seminar on homelessness in Winnipeg took place on October 29. The seminar

was organized by Carl Harrison. There were 31 people at the event. The two presenters were Betty Edel from End Homelessness Winnipeg and Devin Bray from Just a Warm Sleep. They described the current state of homelessness in Winnipeg, including the roles of different levels of government and explained what their respective organizations do. There was good discussion and sharing including perspectives from those with lived experience of homelessness. Blankets were collected at the event and given to Just a Warm Sleep. The event was covered by CTV news and a Red River College journalism student.

The Outreach Team has made contributions to Just a Warm Sleep and N'Dinawemak (Our Relatives Place). Operated by 1JustCity, Just a Warm Sleep is a barrier-free shelter, which means shopping carts and pets are allowed inside. It also means that it is operated on a harm-reduction model. Guests who have been drinking or using substances prior to entry are welcome, so long as they can be respectful and quiet once inside. 1JustCity serves guests of all different age groups, genders, religions and cultural

A poster for a seminar on homelessness in Winnipeg. The background is a photograph of a person lying on a floor, covered with a white blanket. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image. At the top right is the logo for All Saints Anglican Church, which consists of a cross with a flame inside, followed by the text "ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH". Below this is the address "521 Broadway at Osborne". The main title of the seminar is "SEMINAR ON HOMELESSNESS IN WINNIPEG" in large, bold, blue letters. Below the title is the date and time: "Saturday October 29, 2022 2-4pm" in red. At the bottom of the poster, there is a dark blue banner with white text that reads: "Presentations from End Homelessness Winnipeg and Just a Warm Sleep-1JustCity", the website "allsaintswinnipeg.ca", and the phone number "204-786-4765".

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**HOMELESSNESS**  
IN WINNIPEG

Saturday  
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backgrounds. N'Dinawemak (Our Relatives Place) is operated by End Homelessness Winnipeg. It is an Indigenous-led, 24/7 low barrier drop-in and warming space with food and clothing for those aged 18 and up.

The Outreach Team will close the year with a collection drive for the Christmas Cheer Board and by supporting the Christmas Party for All Saints and our neighbours at West Broadway Commons.

Since the fall the Outreach Team has made contributions to: Just a Warm Sleep, End Homelessness Winnipeg,

International Development and Relief Foundation for the Sri Lanka appeal, PWRDF for Pakistan Flood relief, Agape Table, Joy Smith Foundation, Mulvey School, Hospitality House, Mosaic Newcomer Family Resource Network,

and St. Thomas Weston Anglican Church take-out meal program.

**The Outreach Team:** Amanda Harding, Barbara Shoomski, Nora Fraser, Mitchell Duce, David Wilson, Sandra Tankard, Corie Bryant, Mark Holmes à Court, and the Rev. Rob Schoeck.



In support of the Christmas Cheer Board, the All Saints' Outreach Team is hosting a collection drive to collect unwrapped toys and non-perishable food to support families in need in our community and throughout the city. Donations can be dropped off at the church until Sunday, December 18. Contact the Church Office for more information or to arrange to have donations picked up.

### *Most needed:*

#### Toys

- Action figures
- Board games
- Lego
- Puzzles
- Trivia Games
- Science sets
- Gift Cards

#### Food Items

- Rice
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fish
- Dry pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Canned beans
- Peanut butter
- Jelly powder
- Cereal

*Your support is greatly appreciated!*

# CHILDREN'S CHAPEL - WHAT WE DO

BY THE REV. LAUREN SCHOECK

Since September 11, 2022 a group of 2-8 children and 2-4 adults have been enjoying Children's Chapel during the 11am service. It has been a joy to see the children blossom in their faith and friendships!

You might be wondering what exactly we do in Children's Chapel... here is what we have been up to. Once in the chapel, we gather and light a candle (so we have a representation of the light of Christ just like big church). Then we read one of the lectionary appointed scriptures from the Whirl Story Bible (this means kids hear one of the same scriptures as big church).

Instead of a sermon, we have a discussion and response time. Response time allows the kids to move around, use play-dough, and draw. At times we have a set response activity we all do such as learning a song, making advent wreaths, creating tissue paper poppies, coloring a tiny book about saints, or even making a cardboard phone (to illustrate that prayer can be like talking to God on the phone).



Tray tables make great floor “desks” for the kids, and a thin rug keeps the floors comfy and tidy, but can be folded away when not in use.

Next we gather around the candle to offer our prayers (just like big church). The children are given an opportunity to name their own prayers too. We then extinguish the candle and watch the light of Christ become smoke that spreads to each of us, so we can take

the light out into the world. Then we return to big church for the peace.

Our goal with Children’s Chapel is 3-fold. One, to give the kids a worship and educational experience that is geared to their age. Church can be hard on kids when parents are constantly asking them to whisper or stay still. Two, to teach kids the rhythms and patterns of big church. It's hard to engage and follow the service if you can't read the bulletin. Three, to allow big church to

hear the scriptures, sermon, and prayers with less distractions from children. This is especially helpful for parents as it allows us to worship without constantly shifting our focus between our kids and listening.

Children’s Chapel is for kids 10 and under (older kids can help). If you have someone in your life in that age group, we’d love for them to join us!



The costumed kids coloured cardboard phones on Halloween. Jesus can’t come for dinner like he did with Zacchaeus, so the kids can use their phones to “call” him in prayer.



# Costumes

Parishioners of all ages enjoyed a Halloween Party after the 11am service on October 30th.

# Pumpkins,



And so many treats!

# PWRDF—INTRODUCING YOUR NEW REPRESENTATIVE

BY THE REV. SANDRA TANKARD

I am the Reverend Sandra Tankard, your newly-minted PWRDF Parish Representative! Twenty-five years ago, when I was newly ordained, I chose to say:

- ◇ Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God, the Lord is one.
- ◇ Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.
- ◇ This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.
- ◇ There is no commandment greater than these.

AND that daily repetition has shaped me into a much more giving, and forgiving person than I once was.

The PWRDF (Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund) actually got its start in the Canadian Anglican Church in response to the Springhill (NS) Mine disaster, and continues to serve

in Canada in northern Manitoba, northwestern Ontario, and Quebec with support for Indigenous initiatives, as actions of Reconciliation!

These past couple of years have had many disasters – Covid, Climate-Change, and Conflicts! Wherever pandemic, floods, drought, or war required food relief or dry rations, hygiene kits or medical treatments, PWRDF and its partners provided. Many of those partnerships on-the-ground around the world are animated by women and their cooperative organizations!

In Africa alone, development programs for food security include soil and water conservation with specially adapted tree saplings in Uganda (my last year’s Gift), and shallow wells for pumping clean water in Kenya. Covid vaccination programs in Mali were supported, and



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The Primate’s World Relief  
and Development Fund

mothers-to-be were accompanied by trained support workers in Lesotho. Safer Communities programs work to support survivors of gender-based violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; the ending of child marriage in Zambia, with vocational and literacy training to improve their futures. Improving the prospects for refugees, often prohibited from working in the host country, has established a co-operative in Kenya's Kakuma; sent South Sudanese refugees home from Uganda with seeds, tools and training; used vacant land near the Nyarugusu Camp to support the growing of vegetables for improved nutrition!

Manitoban farmers and local parishes worked together to raise \$15,000 for PWRDF's equity account with Canadian Foodgrains Bank! Rupertsland's



People in Marsabit County, Kenya receive one of four emergency food relief distributions. CWS photo.



A woman farms near Kaziba, in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Diocesan Representative, Rev'd Deacon Susan Smandych has herself worked on an 'international development project', and she shared her passion for the humanitarian work of PWRDF at a Workshop I attended on Saturday, November 26th. Her leadership was inspiring, and though I have been a faithful Supporter for many years, when Bishop Geoff and Father Rob asked if I would consider being All Saint's Representative, I could but say, YES!

*For more information about the PWRDF, visit [pwrdf.org](http://pwrdf.org) or email Sandi at [pwrdf@allsaintswinnipeg.ca](mailto:pwrdf@allsaintswinnipeg.ca)*





# World of Gifts



## The World of Gifts keeps on giving!

As always we encourage you to support the World of Gifts as part of your Christmas gift-giving. Not only are you supporting the PWRDF and their partners, but you're spreading the good news of PWRDF to your friends and family who may not be familiar with our organization.

This year when you give from World of Gifts in honour of a loved one, you'll receive a special PWRDF gift tag as a token of our thanks. When you order

your gifts online or by mail, simply check off the box to indicate you would like to receive customizable In Your Honour gift cards. We will mail them to you to fill out and give to the people on your gift list. Then, as our way of saying thanks, you'll also receive a special PWRDF gift tag.

Support our partners working to accompany refugees, improve food security and livelihoods, provide clean water, empower women and support Indigenous programs. Visit [pwrdf.org/world-of-gifts/](http://pwrdf.org/world-of-gifts/) for more information or to purchase. You may also order by phone at 1-877-936-9199.

# PERSPECTIVES



Check out the different views of All Saints that parishioners have snapped while out and about in our City! Above: from the 9th floor of West Broadway Commons. Right top: from the 40th floor of 300 Main St. Right bottom: from the Ferris Wheel at ManyFest in September.



Photo: Mark McLellan





**Sunday, December 18**

**11 am - Nine Lessons & Carols**

**Christmas Eve**

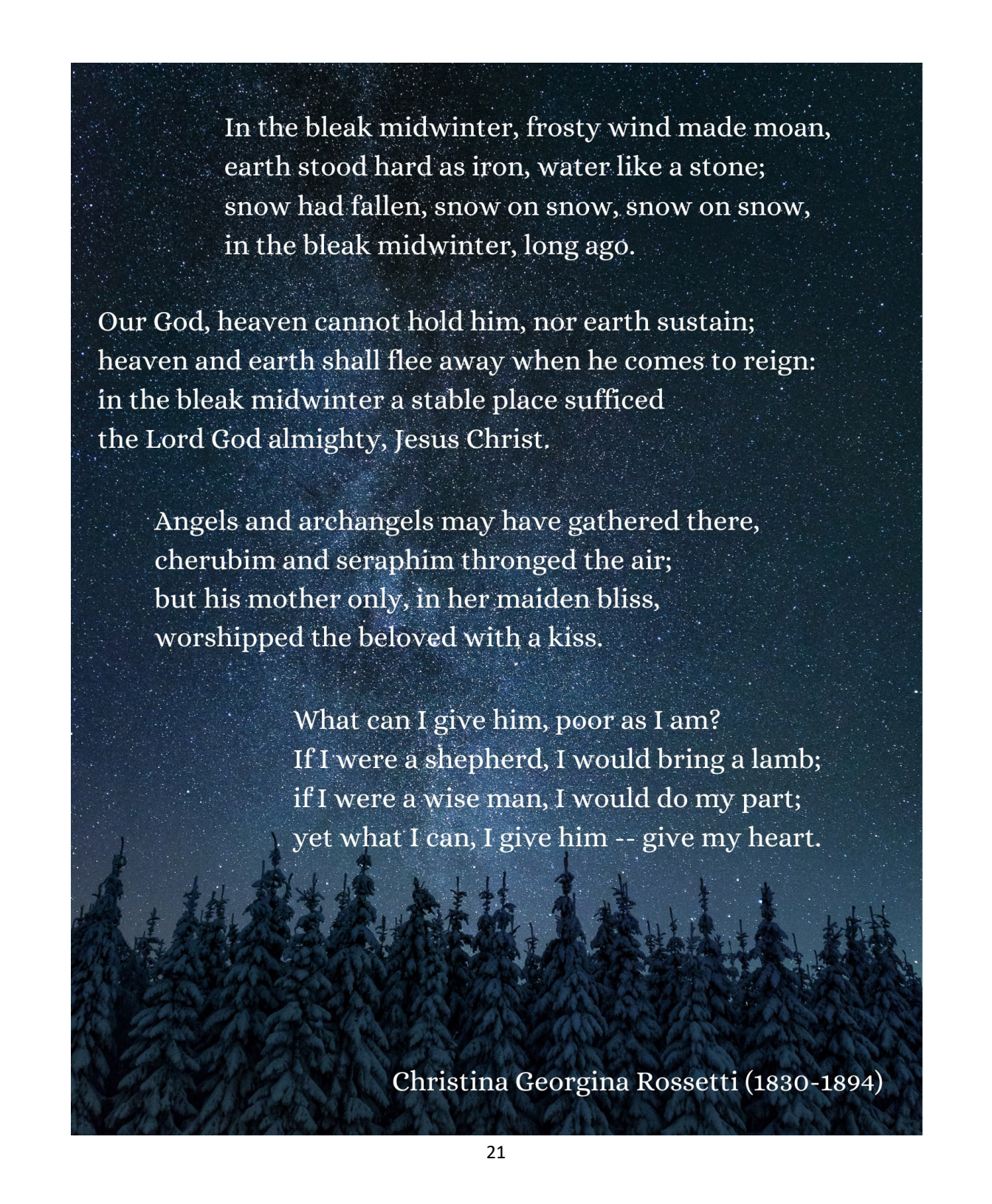
**3 pm - Family Service**

**11 pm**

***Midnight Mass***

**Christmas Day**

**11 am - Christmas Eucharist**



In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;  
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:  
in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

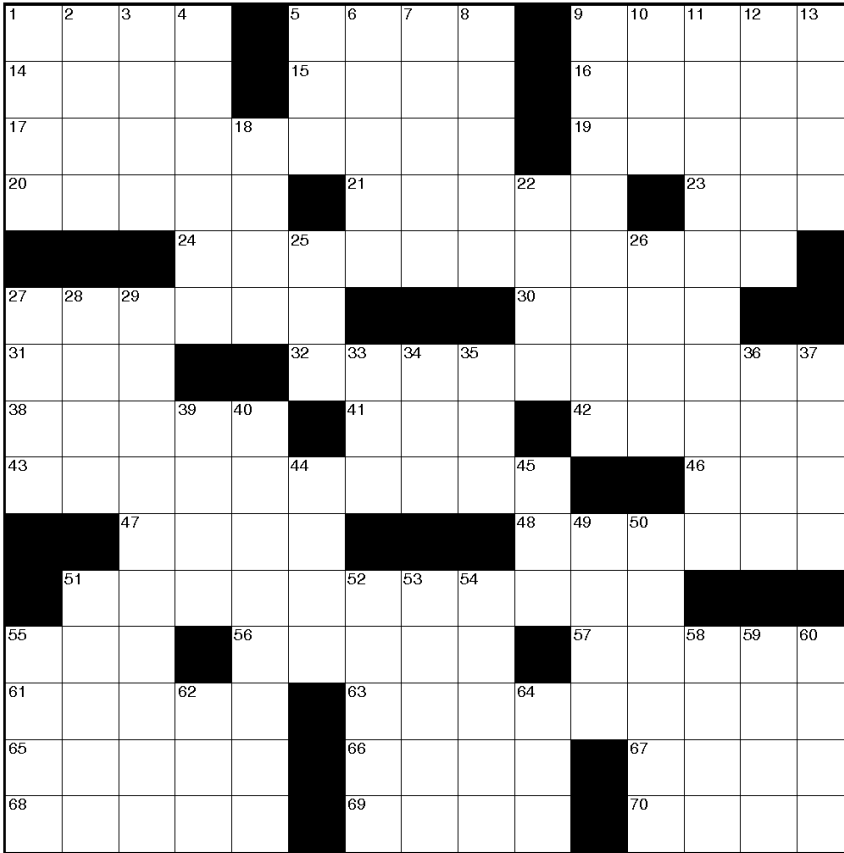
Angels and archangels may have gathered there,  
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;  
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss,  
worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can, I give him -- give my heart.

Christina Georgina Rossetti (1830-1894)

# CROSSWORD—CHRISTMAS SOLVE-A-LONG

BY JOY PETERS



- 41 Thurman of “Pulp Fiction”
- 42 Tom Jones’ “\_\_\_\_\_ a Lady”
- 43 “Hark the Herald \_\_\_\_\_”
- 46 Have a meal
- 47 Fancy sewing case
- 48 Bullies with words
- 51 “Lo, How a Rose \_\_\_\_\_”
- 55 Subsidiary of the LCBO that sells cannabis online
- 56 Puzzle out
- 57 Region between the tundra and the steppes
- 61 “Pagliacci” Clown

## ACROSS

- 1 Christmas help in the mall, maybe
- 5 Casual conversation
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ pocus
- 14 Sts crossers
- 15 “What \_\_\_\_\_ tell you?”
- 16 “Am not!” rebuttal
- 17 “O Little Town of \_\_\_\_\_”
- 19 What six clues in this puzzle finish
- 20 Alpha \_\_\_\_\_ Minoris (the North Star)
- 21 Take \_\_\_\_\_ off
- 23 Thai Neighbour
- 24 “See Amid the \_\_\_\_\_”
- 27 Puzzle type
- 30 De \_\_\_\_\_ (The Hague)
- 31 “\_\_\_\_\_ Tu” (Verdi Opera)
- 32 “Joy \_\_\_\_\_”
- 38 Socially unacceptable
- 63 “In the Bleak \_\_\_\_\_”
- 65 Unseasoned
- 66 Prime draft classification
- 67 Laura of “Jurassic Park”
- 68 Old photo tint
- 69 Blacken, as steak

70 Rounds of bullets

**DOWN**

1 Forbidden-sounding perfume

2 Not never

3 NY sluggers

4 Expresses disbelief

5 Start of a scale

6 Pair of cymbals operated by pedal

7 One-named singer of Skyfall

8 Island near Java

9 Manual wood cutters

10 Spanish treasure

11 "Forget You" singer who was a coach on "The Voice"

12 Amer. attorney's subject

13 Neither good nor bad

18 "Star Wars" general

22 Tennis legend Arthur

25 Yellowknife's terr.

26 Chemical formula for sodium hydroxide

27 Actress Malone of "The Hunger Games"

28 "Earth stood

hard as \_\_\_\_\_, water like a stone"

29 Spicy Christmas cookie

33 Suffix with 'covet' or 'venom'

34 "I don't need to hear that", informally

35 Husband of 18 down

36 Exam for one aspiring to study 12 Down

37 Jamie Foxx's "Yep \_\_\_ Me"

39 Tennis's Sampras

40 Provider of the fizz in a gin fizz

44 Farm tower

45 VW Golf hatchback model

49 Voting no

51 Word in many school names in Winnipeg

52 Actor Edward James \_\_\_\_\_

53 Sheeplike

54 Jason's wife, in mythology

55 Where you might see greyhounds, briefly

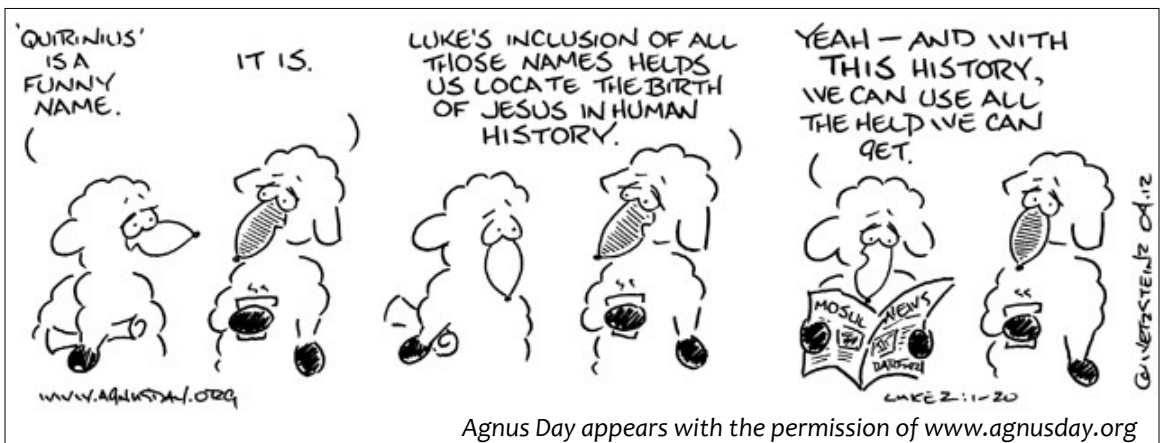
58 Agenda part

59 Start of an idea

60 Florence's river

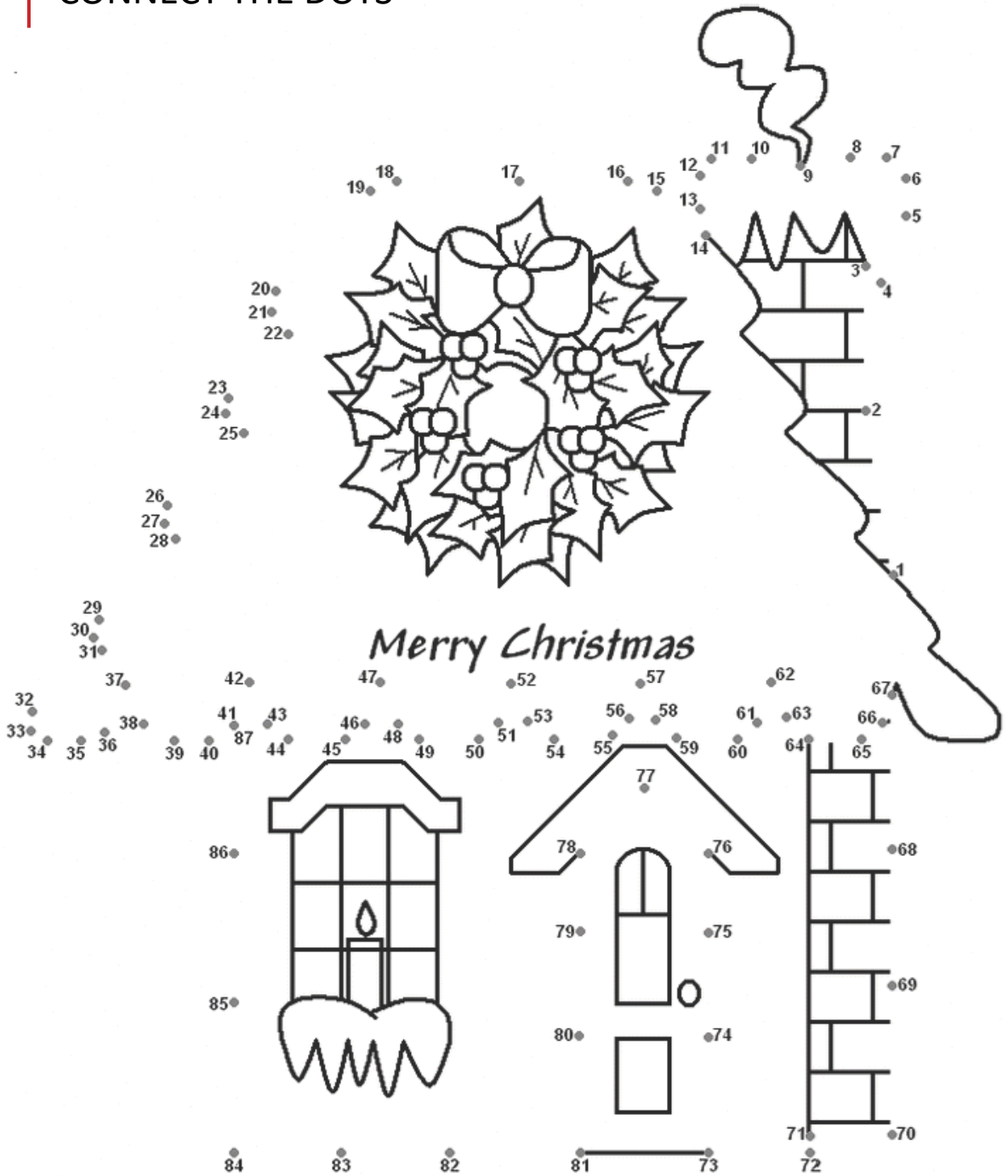
64 Combat

The solution appears on page 27 of this issue.



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# CONNECT THE DOTS





Because of Jesus

We have Joy!

Isaiah 35:10





This colouring page was created from a photo of the stained glass window on the south wall of the Nave. Created in 1932 by Morris & Co., and given in memory of Francis Laurence Patton, who died in 1932, by a group of his friends. Mr. Patton was the grandfather of long-time parishioner Judy Hall.

Solution to the crossword on page 22



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## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Do you have something to share?

Send submissions, ideas, or letters to the editor to

[office@allsaintswinnipeg.ca](mailto:office@allsaintswinnipeg.ca),

or drop them off at the church office.

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Before European settlement, a creek ran through the land on which All Saints stands. May we keep creation and the First Peoples in our hearts as we acknowledge that we work and pray on Treaty 1 Lands, the traditional home of the Anishinaabe, Cree, and Dakota people and homeland of the Metis Nation. We are grateful for their stewardship and hospitality which allow us to meet and serve God the Creator here.

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