

SAINTS ALIVE

To God and One Another

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Rector's Letter

Dear Friends

Well, I am back, rested and feeling better than I have in a while. It was a great rest, filled with sunshine, beautiful landscape, great people, along with lots of reading and reflection time. The building is now well engaged and the church looks so fresh. It's good to be back with all of you.

I found myself thinking about how God works in our lives. There are the everyday blessings that we tend not to think very much about, the blessings of sunshine and rain, the changes in weather and the four seasons of our country that we are so familiar with. There are the blessings of abundance that continues to pour down on us. This new project is a blessing that is hard to miss. There are the blessings of friendships and family, opportunities that come for the vast majority of us, as well as opportunities of employment, housing, comfortable styles of living and food on the table. There is the abundance of food in our stores. There is the abundance of opportunities in our city, our province and our country. There is the freedom of elections and the ability to speak our minds. There is the abundance of safety – while not perfect it is a far cry safer than many places across our world.

The list could go on and on yet all of these things come from God whether we want to be aware of it or not. One can argue that we worked for them or they were earned, etc. Yet when it comes right down to it, many of us were born in this country, and many came here because of the opportunities here, all of which indicates how incredible it is to be able to live in this country. Often times we have survived difficulties because there was someone or something that gave us the advantage. How come those opportunities were given to us? How often do we take the time to really look at our lives and

see how many things were given to us and given to those around us?

God is not something of a high value in our society, yet here in the church God is still our primary focus; God in our lives, God in the world, God amongst us. I am forever grateful that I have the experience of God's abundance around all of us.

As we move forward there are many things that need to be accomplished. For now, I want to focus on the community. There are so many of you who I have not had enough time to spend with over these past number of months. I am starting to visit again and if you would like me to come please let me know. Dietrich and I have started to meet each week to go over the bulletin and to be sure that it is working more smoothly. We both experienced the work being done at St. Luke's and based on that experience, have both agreed on how well that seems to work there. So, we are going to try it and see how this works for us.

Having said all of this, we do have some challenges to deal with. The first major hurdle is accessibility. We need some help from everyone to make this part work. I have put together a wish list and am asking for some help with this. This list includes:

Volunteer Drivers: people who are willing to pick up and take home those who have trouble accessing the building as it currently stands. It is an effort but the gain will be much appreciated. One such place is Lions Manor. We have three people there who are challenged with this issue.

The second suggestion is for those who are unable to come. How about attending one of our other Anglican churches and sending your offerings to our church?

While neither of these solutions are perfect, they are a stop gap measure, while we move forward with our renovations. We need to be mindful of

everyone who comes to our place of worship so that we can continue to be the family that we have been for years.

For all of you I give great thanks.

Being a grateful priest,

Brent

Valet Drivers needed. This function will be made available for those who want to come but parking the car and getting back to the church is problematic. We are inviting those who want that kind of service to feel free to park on Broadway outside of the main entrance. We will provide people who like to drive to park your car and bring it back at the end of the service. If you wish to volunteer for this service please let us know.

Wardens and Vestry

submitted by Gela Stach

If you have any All Saints concerns, or issues that you would like to discuss, please consider approaching a Vestry member or one of the wardens, before talking to the Rector, Brent Neumann.

This is a list of your Vestry:

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West Broadway Commons Moving Forward

submitted by David Wilson

Maybe one should start this news update with a

prayer of "Thankfulness" to "I Am, Who I Am" as spoken to Moses in the desert...

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for your all knowing wisdom, grace and guidance throughout the process of bringing successfully WBC through to this point in time! Without you we are "nothing," without you "we stray off into our own world of pride, ambitions, egos and endeavoring to do our will Lord not yours." Teach us (me) to be humble of heart, mind and body. Forgive us (me) please when we lack patience and forget others and try to impose our will in lieu of yours. Amen

We continue with God's grace to move the WBC Project forward, not without its challenges and bumps in the road, all to be expected.

On August 7th, 2019 there was a successful "Press Release" at the WBC construction site just outside the west facing doors of All Saints Church. The Federal Government through CMHC made this announcement possible through its (NHCF) National Housing Co-Investment Fund program. The Honorable Robert-Falcon Ouellette, Member of Parliament for Winnipeg Centre, addressed this. In the press release, WBC received from CMHC a mortgage of \$17,700,000 and a grant (earned by the project for meeting certain social community impact criteria) of \$7,900,000 totaling \$25,600,000. All Saints provided an array of refreshments after the press release, thanks to Margaret Van Bentham and those who assisted her.

Askey Hall has now been demolished and its remains hauled away into history. This brought closure to an important era in the lives of many parishioners here at All Saints. We will remember Askey Hall with its 1964 corner Tyndall stone (saved by Reverend Brent Neumann) in a location within the project, yet to be determined.

A foundation permit from the city was recently acquired and in place of Askey Hall as of September 23rd, we have successfully installed (144) piles for the building foundation. Foundation forming and concrete pouring began September 28th, with a completion date of November 4-8th. You will very shortly see some tower pillars going up for the elevators etc. We are also in an accelerated process of construction, working to make up approximately two months lost time due to a long negotiating

process with our lenders! The recent rain we have been experiencing has not helped.

What is at stake in the all important construction schedule is \$1,320,000 Manitoba Housing Retail Tax Credit. This tax credit from the province requires the WBC building to be substantially built with a signed up (10%) occupancy by December 31st, 2020. As many of us can imagine we require a number of important things to go right in order to meet that drop-dead “deadline.” Your continued faith and prayers will go a long way to support this important time element... WBC should receive its building permit within two weeks; it is presently waiting for final approval at City Hall.

It should be noted that Number Ten Architects, Bockstael Construction and our Developer UWCRC 2.0 continued to work on the WBC Project with very little pay during the time of financial negotiations (with no guarantee the funding would eventually come through). The “faith” by these parties in the project helped immensely to keep us on track; many, many thanks and appreciation goes out to each of them!!!

And as Sandi Mielitz stated last Sunday, we should be very thankful and proud for the most generous giving of All Saints members in raising more than \$500,000 dollars towards our All Saints goal of \$600,000. With Sandi Mielitz in the lead, to date we have secured another \$200,000 from wonderful Winnipeggers towards the goal of \$500,000 from the greater community.

We realize the West Broadway Commons Project has not come thus far without causing some uncomfortableness, uneasiness and inconvenience amongst us. Please, please we ask for your continued faith, patience and full support throughout the balance of this important and worthy project. We are trying our very best to keep things as normal, practical and safe as possible for each and every one of you. We know that access to the church is not always ideal; however we do our best to get you in and out of the church with “safety” as our main concern for each one of you. There will be a new updated simple diagram accompanied with notes coming out in the next short while, describing street closures, accessibility routes in and out of the church and parking

facilities. We will make an announcement in church when these are ready as well as e-mail them out to parishioners on the e-mail list. Hard copies will be kept at the back of the church for your taking. Think of our good Lord and what he went through for each one of us today, a far cry from the troubles and challenges we presently face...

The Annex, All Saints offices, meeting room and interim warming kitchen are presently being looked at with each one of your suggestions given at past Parish Hall meetings being seriously considered. We will keep you informed on this important matter as we delve deeper into it. Many thanks to All Saints Corporation and Vestry for all that you have done in providing wisdom and guidance throughout the WBC process to this day!!

I leave you with this simple thought:
Push Forward, Give Back, Offer Thanks

May kindness and grace be with each and every one of you. Thank you,

David B. Wilson

All Saints Insurance Claim and Roof Repairs

submitted by David Wilson

Insurance – Interior

Ecclesiastical Insurance interior repairs were completed on August 29th, 2019. The interior work was done by 204 Property Restoration Services Ltd. of Winnipeg along with their sub trade T. Rerick Construction & Millwork and Northstar Scaffolding. We are very pleased and thankful with the quality of their workmanship and materials.

Here is a list of items covered on the interior:

1. The complete ceiling of the Nave including the ceilings of the lower north and south roofs were refinished including the staining of all the beams with the same color paint/stain.
2. The complete walls of the Nave including the walls of the lower roof north and south.
3. All four church entrances completely redone.

4. Complete Sacristy refinished including hallway to Sanctuary.
5. Small Sanctuary between the Choir Sanctuary and the Chapel refinished.
6. All main floor heat vents were removed and vacuumed out.
7. All rooms throughout the main floor of the church were dusted, wiped down and vacuumed.
8. Every light in the nave area was gone over with the glass lenses pulled and separately washed and reinstalled, including replacement of broken lenses and lights that were not working. New LED high efficiency bulbs were installed throughout the Nave including spot lights which now have LED bulbs in them. Ken Manswell made an application to Manitoba Hydro for some compensation for the cost of LED bulbs installation.
9. 204 Property Restoration Services gave All Saints a donation by way of a \$10,000 cheque and received a tax receipt when the job was complete and the insurance company paid them out in full.

Insurance – Exterior

Here is a list of items and materials used on the roof:

The roof shingling and flashing was completed September 20th, 2019. Work was done by Oakwood Roofing & Sheet Metal Co. Ltd. of Winnipeg. We are also pleased and thankful with the quality of their workmanship and materials.

1. The complete roof was re-shingled with Landmark Laminate 235lbs. shingles, all areas with the exception of the two lower north and south rooflines having wind warranty of up to 130mph, 40 year 100% non-prorated manufacturer's warranty. The two lower north and south rooflines (because of the lower slope) have 110 mph wind warranty and a 10 year Surestart non-vented area warranty. Lower rooflines have 100% ice/water shield. The balance of roof has UDL 30 synthetic underlayment. All new plumbing stacks with a new form of flatline roof ventilation used on the east end church roof slopes where required. All old existing flashing was removed and new 24-gauge metal step flashing installed with same metal

counterflashing. This flashing will not buckle under heat or wind and will last longer than you or I. Ice/water eave & valley protector 88 inches (they actually used wider than 88 inches). New main roof ridge vent installed (along peak of large steep roof line). 24-gauge ridge flashing step cut into the church Tyndall stone between the lower north and south rooflines and their respective main vertical church Tyndall stone walls and sealed with all weather caulking. This procedure was planned in advance to eliminate any likelihood of ever having leakage of water to the interior again such as we experienced on the south lower ceiling and walls of the Nave.

2. Ecclesiastical Insurance covered all costs of the west end of the church roof (north and south steep roof as well as the lower north and south roofs) for a total cost of \$87,170 plus 5% GST. The church covered the cost of the east end roof (sacristy, Sanctuary and Chapel) for a total cost of \$28,770 plus 5% GST. The church claims full GST back.

3. Oakwood has some extra work to do on the interior as some water infiltrated during a couple of storms whilst they were in the process of installing the roof flashing. They have committed to correct the situation in the very near future now that the roof is finished. You wouldn't normally notice the water seepage with the naked eye.

4. The church hired a professional roof consultant, Larry Rech of Agassiz Consulting Group. Larry made approximately (10) site visits accompanied by written report with colored picture back up. His involvement was well worth the investment of approximately \$2,500 with half of that amount provided by way of tax receipted donation. Larry will sign off with a final inspection report.

5. We are very pleased with the quality of workmanship and materials provided by Oakwood. They keep their word and if there is a problem they are quick to accept responsibility for any error they may have caused. This goes a long way when you are dealing with relatively large sums of money and work.

Recognition and Thank you Sunday, October 27th, 2019

On October 27th, All Saints would like to recognize the companies and all the personnel for the companies that worked on the insurance claim repairs. This would include 204 Property Restoration, Oakwood Roofing, Ecclesiastical Insurance, Diocese of Rupert's Land, CCS (Claimspro), Northstar Scaffolding, All Saints, MLT Aikins LLP, AON Insurance Brokers, T. Rerick Construction & Millwork and hopefully did not miss anyone here. We would dedicate the Sunday October 27th service to those who worked hard to give us a beautiful finish both interior and exterior and to welcome all the congregation back after a time away from All Saints during repairs. We will provide more information on this shortly in the church bulletin, e-mail and pamphlet back of church.

Thank you to Ken Manswell who worked alongside and kept us on track. Thank you to Miles Barber of All Saints for his expertise in the insurance field and providing professional advice to us when needed. Thank you to Catherine Atkin, for taking accurate minutes at crucial insurance meetings. Thank you to John Van Benthem, Treasurer, who worked hard on All Saints loss of revenue claim and got the church a \$11,661 cheque from Ecclesiastical Insurance. Lastly, thank you to Bernice Funk, Director of Finance and in charge of Rupert's Land Insurance portfolio, for her assistance.

It always makes me nervous when thanking people, as I do not wish to accidentally miss someone... please forgive me if I did!! We continue to work on the church in other areas that require attention, with hopes of someday having this beautiful worship centre in good order throughout.

Thank God for his hand in providing guidance and the right people at the right time and making way to enable us to get this far in repairs. Thank you and Kindness to All,

David B. Wilson

JOHN WORTLEY

submitted by Anthony Waterman

The Revd John Trevor Wortley DD, much-loved Honorary Assistant Priest at All Saints' for twenty years and subsequently Honorary Assistant Priest at St Luke's Church, Honorary Fellow of St Johns College, died in St Boniface Hospital, 22 August 2019, of heart disease.

John first came to Winnipeg in 1964 as a recently ordained priest in the Diocese of Durham and graduate of the University of Durham. He had already begun those studies in Eastern Orthodox monachism which were to engage him for the rest of his life, and had been awarded a one-year travelling fellowship to visit ancient monasteries in Mediterranean lands. The Revd Blake Wood, Professor of New Testament at St John's College, happened to meet him whilst on holiday and persuaded him to come to Manitoba. John was appointed Chaplain, Dean of Residence and Lecturer in Greek. He lived in Residence where he met the Dean of Women, Marilyn Boyd whom he married. These were crucial years for St John's and the other church colleges, for in 1966, our centenary year, the Federal Government suddenly terminated the annual capitation grants which kept them solvent. In the academic year 1966-67 the operating deficit was more than \$100,000 and the college faced imminent bankruptcy. College Council was unable to guarantee employment to anyone in 1967-68, and many on the Faculty began to look elsewhere.

John therefore took the opportunity to return to England and take the PhD (London) in Ancient and Mediaeval Church History. Shortly before he graduated, the Department of History at the University of Manitoba advertised a position in Mediaeval History. John applied and was appointed; and he and Marilyn came back to Winnipeg. But not to St John's College. Perhaps because he had been overworked and underpaid, he elected to stay with the non-collegiate Arts Faculty. But he maintained good relations with the College and was elected an Honorary Fellow in 1999.

He soon became a very popular lecturer on Mediaeval History, and continued his studies

of early monachism. This research, which often took him to the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris, concerned the ‘Desert Fathers’ – hermits and monks who lived in the Egyptian desert from the Third Century, and who originated Christian monachism. John published many articles, books and edited collections, became an internationally recognised authority, and received many honours and distinctions. He was the only cleric in the entire history of the Diocese of Rupert’s Land to have an earned Doctorate of Divinity (Durham). Like many other productive academics, he continued to work until the last weeks of his life.

A keen and talented amateur musician, John worked mightily for the artistic and cultural life of this city: for five years as editor of Mosaic (an important literary journal published by the University of Manitoba); as Director of the Winnipeg Bach Festival, MusikBarock, and The Musical Offering, also of the Alliance Française du Manitoba; as a Director and then Chairman of the Board of the University of Manitoba Institute for the Humanities; and in many other key positions in the university and elsewhere. He was always eager to reach out beyond the Fort Garry campus and to make his own learning, and the intellectual culture of the university, accessible to a wider public. His many public lectures drew large and appreciative audiences and reflected much credit upon the various sponsoring organisations.

As a conscientious and hard-working priest, John was a valuable member of the Diocese of Rupert’s Land. For five years after returning to Winnipeg he worked without pay and without assistance as parish priest of Grace Church, Tuxedo. Since that time he has served faithfully as Honorary Assistant Priest: first at All Saints’ Church, then briefly at St Michael and All Angels, and finally at St Luke’s until his death.

Outgoing Love

submitted by David Wilson

By Charles R. Swindoll. Read Romans 14.

His face was covered with a full beard. His hair fell almost to his shoulders. When he smiled,

his white teeth flashed in contrast to the blanket of brown that concealed his skin. His eyes were blue, clear, and alert. His laughter was strong and familiar to my ears. It reminded me of the times we sat together as friends in seminary, wrestling with reason and trying to unscrew the inscrutable.

He’s now working at a restaurant, playing bluegrass in a four-piece combo. He also has an exciting ministry in a small church where he works with couples. As we had in the old days, we kicked around all sorts of subjects: his marriage, John Denver, the “Body concept” of the local church, banjos and fiddles...and the spiritual hunger on university campuses today. That’s what we *talked* about, but we *communicated* more, much more.

Despite the separation of the years and the difference in our current lifestyles, we were inseparably linked as one in the bond of love. It seems so stupid to me that fellowship must be limited to the narrow ranks prescribed by a grim-and-narrow mindset. Just because I prefer a certain style or attire doesn’t mean that it’s best...nor that it’s for everyone...nor that the opposite taste is any less pleasing to God.

This gross intolerance of those who don’t fit our mould reveals itself in a stoic stare or a caustic comment. Such legalistic and prejudiced reactions will thin the ranks of the local church faster than fire in the basement or flu in the pew.

If you question that, take a serious look at Paul’s letter to the Galatians. His pen flowed with heated ink as he rebuked them for “deserting” Christ (1:6), “nullifying the grace of God” (2:21), becoming “bewitched” by legalism (3:1), and desiring “to be enslaved” by this crippling disease (4:9).

Sure there are limits to our freedom. Grace doesn’t condone license. Love has its biblical restrictions. The opposite of legalism is not “do as you please.” But listen! The limitations of liberty are far broader than most of us realize.

So, the next time you’re in Dallas you might want to look up my friend Larry. He plays great mandolin in a top-notch bluegrass combo. He still loves Christ, but he never forces it on you. If you can get beyond his hairy face, you’ll find a humble heart.

The bonds of love that bind us are greater than the boundaries that separate us.

Parish Outreach

submitted by Carl Harrison

Last November the congregation of All Saints Church graciously collected and donated gently used warm coats and boots, blankets, underwear, socks, mitts, hats, and scarves along with basic toiletries in support of the good works of our community neighbours, Resource Alliance for Youth (RaY). The accumulated collection packed an SUV vehicle to the roof.

RaY is a non-profit group that operates from 125 Sherbrook Street. They are a street-level agency that works with street entrenched and homeless female and male youths up to age 29. RaY is non-judgemental and non-partisan in employing their harm reduction approach to all interactions with those in need. Various sources suggest there are 200 to 400 young people living on the streets in Winnipeg today and winter is coming.

Vestry asks that once again the congregation of All Saints consider donating clothing to help keep these young people warm this coming winter. Items may be dropped off at the back of the church before service between November 3rd and 24th. On November 25th the donations will be delivered to RaY to be distributed as needed prior to the real cold weather. Once again needed items include, but are not restricted to, warm coats, boots, blankets, underwear, socks, mitts, hats, and scarves along with basic toiletries. Cash donations would also be welcomed and should be identified on the envelope or cheque placed in collection plates during this period. The money collected will be used to purchase small items like toiletries, socks, underwear, etc.

If anyone has any questions please contact Carl Harrison at 204-799-5971 or at carl@harrisonstour.com

With thanks,

Carl

The All Saints Story

submitted by Anthony Waterman

8. Askey and Bancroft: 1933-1958

William Askey was the longest-serving Rector of All Saints (1933-1949). His lifelong friend Hugh Bancroft served twice as organist (1937-46 and 1953-58). The two were born and brought up a few miles apart on the coast of Lincolnshire. Bancroft was only 11 when Askey left for Canada in 1915, but he was already known as a child prodigy and strongly committed to church music. Askey was the most influential Rector in our entire history, and probably the most beloved. Bancroft was the most distinguished – and with Lawrence Ritchey the most talented – organist and choirmaster ever to serve All Saints. Between them Askey and Bancroft created the unique character of our parish life and worship that was to define what ‘All Saints Winnipeg’ meant until the last decade of the twentieth century.

The Revd William Askey, son of a clergyman, was closely associated with St James’ Church in Louth, a magnificent fifteenth-century edifice, restored to its mediaeval beauty in the 1860s and a local centre of the liturgical revivals of the Oxford Movement. Many decades before it was common in Anglican churches, Askey grew up with daily Matins, Holy Communion and Evensong, sung Eucharist on Sundays, surpliced choristers, copes and mass vestments, and a coherent theology of the Anglican via media. He was a graduate of Durham. Soon after he was ordained in 1913 he volunteered for the Western Canada Mission of the Archbishops of York and Canterbury. He came to Canada in 1915, but in 1917 returned to serve a chaplain with the British army. In 1919 he came back to the Canadian Mission and served small parishes in Saskatchewan, Winnipeg and Vancouver, before becoming Rector of All Saints in 1933.

Though the congregation (as measured by Easter communions) was near an all-time high, 1933 was the low point of the world-wide economic depression of the 1930s. And though most All Saints parishioners had secure employment, ‘the financial condition of the Church was the hardest to get over since the beginning of the Century’.

There was a large debt on the new church building and parish hall, and no money for a curate. But things improved steadily, the Women's Guild contributed mightily to mortgage reduction, Easter communions averaged 1,013 from 1933 to 1939, and by 1937 there were funds to engage a curate. In that year Askey made the crucial decision to get Bancroft to All Saints.

Bancroft, who had become FRCO at the remarkably early age of 20, found few opportunities in England. In 1929 he followed Askey to Canada to a position at St Matthew's Winnipeg – where he earned an external BMus from Durham, Askey's old university. He moved to Hamilton in 1936 but stayed only few months until Askey was finally in a position to get him for All Saints' in August 1937. As instalment 4 of this STORY explained, our men-and-boys choir had collapsed in 1907 when many of the original All Saints' parishioners moved to St Michael's. Ladies were recruited, and though boys were reintroduced after 1918 the ladies remained. Six months after Bancroft arrived the choir had become all-male once again. He introduced a choral evensong on the model of English cathedrals, the Litany was sung after Matins, a Christmas Carol service was begun, and music by the choir was broadcast by the CBC. In the words of Wikipedia, he created 'a men and boys choir of national renown'.

But soon after the Second World War began, Askey, who had long been closely associated with the Army, left to become Chaplain to the Grenadier Guards. R. S. K. Seeley, a Canon-Professor of St John's Cathedral and College who eventually became Provost of Trinity College, Toronto, acted as Priest-in-Charge. J. O. Anderson, who eventually became Bishop, was appointed Curate. For a while things went on as before at All Saints. The choir of 20 men and 30 boys was affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music. There were 1,130 Easter communicants in 1942, the highest since 1932 and never since equalled. Canon Seeley was appointed Warden of St John's College but remained Priest-in-Charge.

But in 1943 Bancroft requested leave of absence for active service, John Anderson had already left for the Army and so had his successor George

Harris, and in December, Askey's son Michael was killed in action. Askey was released from military service and returned to the parish, as was Bancroft after only ten months with the forces. The last two years of the war were sad times in All Saints. George Harris was killed in action, as was R. L. Somerville, a former choir boy. Five parishioners had lost their lives at sea with the Royal Canadian Navy. There were more than 300 names on the Honour Roll.

The first four post-war years were a time of recovery and growth, even though Bancroft left to become organist of Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver – the first of five cathedral appointments he was to have in his career, including one in Australia and one in Bahamas. He was replaced by Walter MacNutt, a pupil of Healey Willan, and unlike Bancroft a distinguished composer. His mass setting and other works remain in the repertoire of All Saints. MacNutt was in charge of the music for the patronal festival, 3 November 1946. The mortgage had finally been paid off and the church could be consecrated. The Archbishop presided, supported by a large number of diocesan clergy, there were about 900 in the congregation, the choir sung a mass by John Ireland, and the congregation sung the Credo and Our Father on Merbecke's original setting (1550) of the first Book of Common Prayer – as in the earliest days of All Saints, before the 'choir troubles' of 1902. All Saints had reached the highest point in its history. It is largely due to Askey and Bancroft that this level was maintained for the next forty years, in a time when congregations were beginning to decline in most churches of all denominations.

However, there was an abrupt and tragic set-back in 1949. Canon Askey and his wife were returning from the Lake. Suddenly a front tire burst. They lost control. A bus was approaching in the opposite direction. There was a head-on collision. The Askeys were killed immediately. Several bus passengers were injured. William Askey was widely known, much loved, and universally respected. This was the chief front-page story in the Winnipeg Free Press, for 7 June 1949.

It is a credit to Askey's long pastoral ministry that All Saints was able to sustain this loss, and to

come through two other major crises in 1950. The Priest-in Charge, David Pierce-Jones, presided very competently until a new Rector, Stanley E. Rider, arrived in January. But the great Winnipeg Flood struck in April and May: the basement flooded to within one foot of church floor, there were no lights and no organ, All Saints claim to Manitoba Flood Relief was \$6,000. And in August the new Rector, who had greatly exerted himself during the flood, died of pneumonia.

But things quickly returned to normal when John Blewett, Professor of Church History and Liturgics at St John's College, was appointed Rector in December. He announced his 'special interests' to the Annual Meeting in 1951: (1) 'Maintaining the standard of our church services in the true spirit of worship', (2) Missions, (3) Visiting the Sick, (4) 'Increasing our interest in the young people of the parish'. Extensions to the parish hall proceeded. The Askey memorial windows were installed. There was an 'Every Member Canvass'. And in February 1952 a memorial service for King George VI. Then in July 1952 the organist who had replaced MacNutt resigned.

Bancroft was then in Australia, as organist and choirmaster of St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney. He was approached. He was happy to return to All Saints. His appointment began in January 1953. Vestry Minutes record that 'under his able leadership a great improvement was noted in the singing of the choir'. Bancroft returned to Canada by way of England. Visiting Cambridge, he witnessed the Advent Procession of Carols in King's College Chapel. That service was first used in All Saints Winnipeg on Advent Sunday 1953. During the next five years, with an understanding and strongly supportive Rector, Bancroft consolidated our choral tradition, once again making the choir one of the best in Canada. But perhaps the most important of his achievements was to train Don Hadfield. For much of the four decades after Bancroft left us once more in 1958, Hadfield faithfully and successfully maintained the standards of excellence set by his teacher.

As we shall see in subsequent instalments of this STORY, this played a large part in insulating All Saints from the worst effects of a general decline in Western religion after the 1960s.

Celebration

submitted by Margaret Van Benthem

On Sunday, September 29, 2019 we welcomed into our Christian family Dana Jeanne Van Benthem and John and Dana's baby daughter, Eden Kathleen. Eden wore her great-grandfather's (Alf Holbrow) christening gown. It was moving to witness Eden's baptism at the font which was refurbished in memory of her great-great-great grandfather, The Rev. R.C. Johnstone, who was much loved and served All Saints for many years. We thank our church family for their prayers, love and support.



In Memoriam

HELENA LIVERPOOL

DOB: September 10, 1945

DOD: August 9, 2019

DATE OF SERVICE: August 17, 2019

All Saints Church

CECIL EDMUND GRANT

DOD: August 23, 2019

DATE OF SERVICE: September 6, 2019

St. John's Cathedral

Prayers for the Earth

submitted by Gela Stach

On Friday, Sept. 27, 2019 there was an Interfaith Service at All Saints Church, called Prayers for the Earth: People of all faiths gather for the future of our planet.

Steve Heinrichs from the Mennonite Church was the host.

There was a prelude of Sikh sacred music by Harjasdeep Singh and Navraj Singh.

Our Rector, Brent Neumann, welcomed everyone to All Saints.

Indigenous Elder Gramma Shingoose offered a prayer.

The Venerable Helen Kennedy of the Diocese of Rupertsland, and Nathan Rempel offered a prayer and song from the Anglican tradition.

Alia Harb, from the Manitoba Islamic Association offered a prayer.

Bishop Jason Zinko and Rev. Paul Gehrs from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada offered prayers.

Phil Spevack, from Temple Shalom Reform Jewish Congregation offered a sung prayer of healing, the

Mi Shabeirach.

Patti Fitzmaurice from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Winnipeg offered a prayer.

Dr. Mohinder Dhillon from the Sikh Heritage Society offered a prayer.

Janet Ross from the Winnipeg Religious Society of Friends, or Quakers, offered a prayer.

Dough Hamm from the River and Bridge Dharma Group, Buddhist, offered a prayer.

Rev. Meghann Robern of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Winnipeg offered a prayer to end the service, and send us to the Legislature for the Climate Action Rally and March.

Manitoba Youth For Climate Action

We are Manitoba Youth for Climate Action (MYCA). This winter, young Winnipeggers began walking out of school in the hundreds on the first Friday of every month to demand our governments take action to address the climate crisis. We joined the 1.5 million students globally who marched out of the classroom, to raise our voices together and ask the adults: why won't you protect us? The UN Climate Report says we only have ten years left to stop the worst of climate disaster. That means we need emergency measures to transition our whole society to a renewable, zero-emission way of life.

On September 27th, cities across Canada joined Greta Thunberg's call for a general strike for the climate. This year in Winnipeg, we are celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the Winnipeg General Strike for better working conditions and fair treatment. Today, we are asking you to join us as we demand our governments protect our future and take emergency measures on the scale necessary to effectively fight climate change. We believe in the power of social movements to make change. The message is clear: We cannot go about business as usual - our future is at stake and we need massive collective action now.

Manitoba Youth for Climate Action is non-partisan and youth-led. We are committed to making our events safe and accessible for everyone. We believe in a fair transition off fossil fuels that protects the vulnerable and leaves no one behind. Climate justice is social justice. The youth across Canada

are demanding that the federal government make a binding commitment to implement the following seven demands:

- 1. Bold Emissions Reductions Targets:** Legislate greenhouse gas emission reductions of 65% by 2030, reaching net zero emissions by 2040.
- 2. Separation of Oil and State:** Reject all new fossil fuel extraction or transportation projects, eliminate fossil fuel subsidies, and price pollution.
- 3. A Just Transition:** Transition to renewable energy and sustainable transportation infrastructure while guaranteeing opportunity for fossil fuel workers in the new economy.
- 4. Environmental Rights:** Enshrine in law the fundamental right to a healthy environment. This would include, but is not limited to, the right to safe air, clean water, and healthy soil.
- 5. Indigenous Rights:** Commit to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in full.
- 6. Conservation of Biodiversity:** Maintain and protect old growth forests, restore cut blocks, reduce habitat fragmentation and strengthen the protection of at risk species.
- 7. Protection for Vulnerable Groups:** Recognize Canada's disproportionate role in the climate crisis and subsequent responsibility for the protection of the most vulnerable. Include the addition of climate displacement as a basis for refugee status. Provide climate aid to lower and middle-income countries, as well as Arctic Canada, which disproportionately experience the impacts of the climate crisis.

Please email us at mbyfca@gmail.com if you are interested in connecting with Climate Justice faith groups, other engaged faith leaders or getting involved with MB Adults for Climate Justice. If you have young congregants who would like to get involved please direct them to MB Youth for Climate Justice. To provide support to MB Youth for Climate Action please visit **Manitoba Energy for Climate Justice**. https://www.mbenergyjustice.org/donate_to_manitoba_youth_4_climate

NEW ADDRESS

All Saints Church's new building address is 521 Broadway. This is the address you would quote to those wishing to attend the church.

All Saints Church's mailing address is still 175 Colony Street. We have a mail redirect on this address till August, 2020. Once it is decided where the new mail box will be located and the mail box has been installed, we shall let you know, at which time you will be able to send all mail to the new building address above.

Thanks for your patience as we strive to accommodate the needs of the parish during this exciting time.

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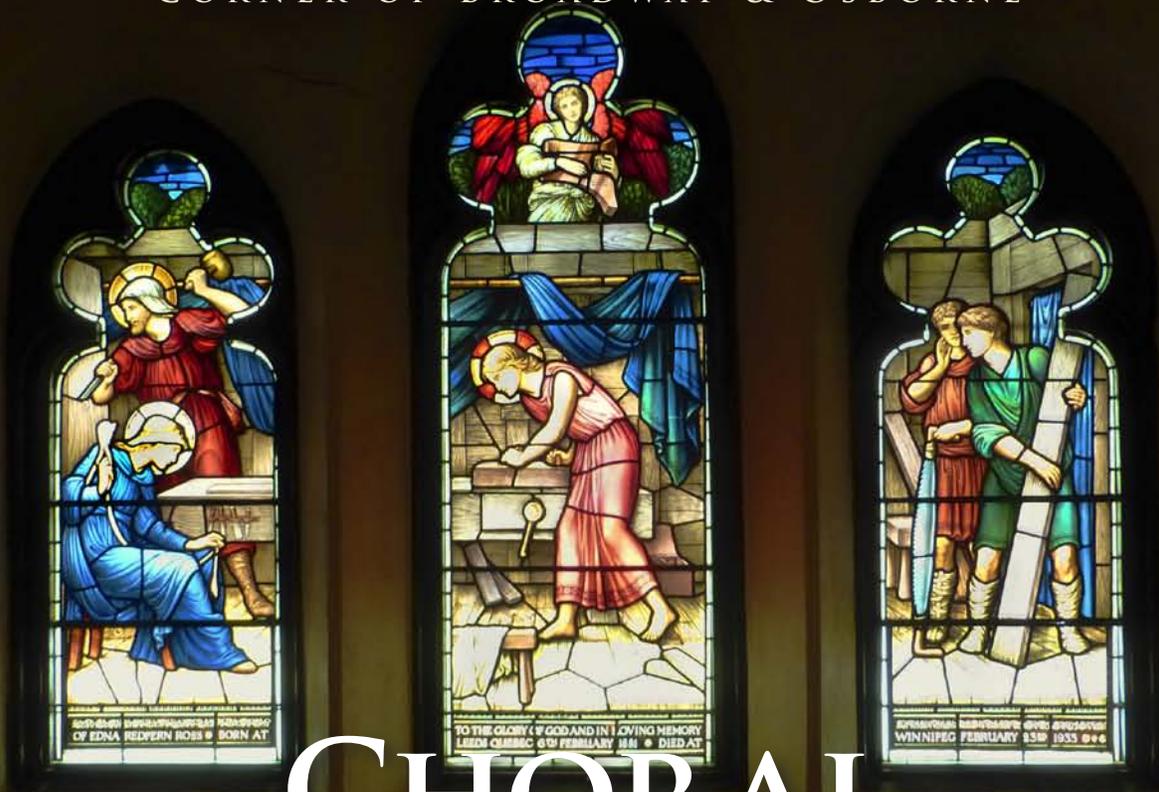
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