

# **ALL SAINTS' PARISH NEWSLETTER**

\*Parish Council has gathered an editorial board made up of seven people who are working at launching a parish newsletter under a new name. So far, we have looked at:

**GOOD NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS**  
**JOYFUL NOISELETTER**

**THE JOYFUL NEWSLETTER**  
**SHARING THE GOOD NEWS**

We invite you to send in your vote for one of the above (or suggest an even better one).  
Please send your choice to the office no later than October 16.

## **July Outing at Whitehouse Gardens**

Twenty-nine parishioners enjoyed a beautiful day strolling through the colourful and abundant gardens. Artists displayed their stained glass, metal work, wood carving, pottery, and paintings along the paths. The event ended with a pub lunch at Ashton Station. As the saying goes, "A good time was had by all".



*Photo credit: Larry Chop*

## **Giving Thanks for Our First Year Together**

As I write this note, it has been a year since we began our ministry together, continuing in the legacy of faith which All Saints has created and celebrated throughout the years.

As we enter the fall season and Thanksgiving, I am thankful for the many blessings you continue to share with our parish and the community, for your generous welcome of me and your patience as Chung Yan, the wardens, Parish Council and others have all supported my learning and suggestions.

There are always difficult decisions regarding change and the reimagining of our lived expression of faith – how we embody God’s love and grace in the community in which we live, work and play. The Parish Survey, launched in September, will give everyone; younger and older, new members and long-time members, a voice in the expression of mission and ministry, in the worship and programming we offer, and an opportunity to identify where each person’s gifts may be in service of God in this vibrant and engaged parish.

The survey will be online, and we will have one or two people in Stacey Hall after the 8 and 9:30 services to help those who have difficulty accessing online forms. I encourage you to respond to this survey and welcome your thoughts and information. The more people who participate, the more the strategic directions we identify will reflect our parish as a whole.

Over the year I have learned so much about each of you, about the parish and the about the surrounding community. We have prayed, studied, planned, sung, worshipped and shared meals together. I am blessed to lead you as your clergy, with Chung Yan, as together we all discover our way forward - serving God in the world, by faith with thanksgiving.

I offer you this prayer from the Maryknoll Community:

People of God, may you listen deeply, cherishing the richness of voices soft and strong. May you never waver in your pursuit of justice, giving yourself in risk, creativity and thoughtfulness. May you love God with everything in your heart be it gladness or doubt, fear or playfulness. May you love deeply the people in your lives and may they love you. May you live with the spirit of forgiveness and love, bridging what is separated. May you know your weaknesses and reverence them as special ways into God's tenderness. May you remember all the loved ones who have helped you to fashion your story. May you take any sadnesses into your hearts and hold them there lightly until compassion is born;

then, may you give that compassion away. Go gently and joyfully in a spirit of truth as a witness to God's love. May God watch over you, Jesus walk with you and the Holy Spirit give you courage. Let us go out to the ends of the earth and offer life and love. Amen.

Blessings, Kathryn

## **The Idea of Home**

For many of us our idea of 'home' stems from our childhood. I recall moving into a new home in my pre-school years. I am sure my parents were so pleased to have found a spacious home for their family of four children; not to mention our French 'au pair' girl who lived with us. She had come over, on the one hand to develop her facility in English, and on the other to help my mother care for the 'children;' one of my younger sisters, Joy, having special needs. I recall, however, at six years old or so, entering my new home and feeling immediately quite lost in the enormous hallway that travelled the length of the house!

As I am sure you do too, I have so many memories of home throughout my growing up years! I recall, in my teens, becoming great friends with Kate whose old home consisted of a jumble of rooms in a typical two-up, two-down flat in Fulham, London. On the top floor was the kitchen with Kate's room next door. We spent so much time up there in that cozy space. I felt so comfortable!

Fast forward through the years... on my retirement as a full- time priest in 2015, I joined an Anglican team of volunteers serving at Cornerstone Housing, one of our Anglican Church's community ministries. I had just happened to meet its then coordinator, The Rev. Linda Postuma, somewhere near my then home in Centretown...

I joined the group volunteering at the Emergency Shelter on O' Connor Street. I was very aware that this older home - with a Connor Street. I was very aware that this older home - with a jumble of rooms on its various floors- served as a temporary "home" to the women living there as they awaited more permanent residences becoming available through the system. Each time that I entered 'O'Connor,' as it was called, I was struck by how the residents were making themselves "at home" as they sat at one of five or so older tables arranged in parallel lines within that space. I still recall the sense of – was this huge relief? – that here they could relax chatting with others, and with coffee in hand...

As volunteers within this space, we had two main functions: to grab a coffee and join a group of women, big or small – being somewhat introvert, small was fine for me! - and to chat; more importantly to listen! And then to circulate among the group and invite any who were interested to join us for a prayer group in a room upstairs. We were indeed joined upstairs in various numbers each week; and would focus on a bible passage. We were all free to speak into what we heard, sharing how it had struck us, what it had made us think of...

There we were - women waiting for a home and volunteers coming, thankfully, from our homes - all of us sitting together and sharing as the Spirit might lead us. I recall with affection that time of being involved in volunteer ministry!

Christine Piper



## **Welcome Home**

by Peter Robertson

Once upon a time, three homeless dogs, whose names were Madigan, Hooligan and Shenanigan, set off in search of food and shelter. They visited a supermarket, where somebody shouted, “No dumpster diving allowed in this supermarket – Get outta here!” They went to a food bank, where they were told, “Sorry, guys, all we have left is some cans of dog food and a can-opener”. “That’s all very well”, they thought, “but we don’t know how to use a can opener”. They were even turned away from a sugar shack, where someone warned them, “You can’t sleep by this fire - you might knock over the boiler!”

Growing weary, they trudged along. Nobody seemed to want to know them. Finally, they came to a large house, where a kind lady opened the door and greeted them. “Welcome, Madigan, Hooligan and Shenanigan. This is your Home!”

## **Chung Yan Poses Some Questions**

Labour Day has its root in an 1872 printers' strike in Toronto. Fighting for a nine hour work day, the strikers changed relations between Canadian workers and their government by their resounding victory. Today, with our forty hour work week, we are nonetheless faced with a situation in Canada where many need to work more than forty hours and still struggle to make ends meet.

Advocacy continues in our time to eradicate poverty and to establish a national strategy that will raise the minimum wage and allow Canadians to sustain life and meet inflation impacts. We are no longer in 1872 and yet the cost of living moves beyond the achievable income of even two-income families. Many people have had to give up on the dream of having their own homes. Since COVID, real estate prices resemble the ups and downs of stock markets. The offer of stability and shelter is no longer easily possible.

How then does this impact the quality of our family life and mental health? What happens to the concept of “home” when we must worry about security and a roof over our heads?

Our theology calls churches to be spiritual homes while the concept of home is fading because of the increasing gap between the wealthy and the poor. In the midst of this, what is the church's mission? What is Christ calling us to do?

And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head. (Matthew 8:20)

## Q and A with our New Bazaar Co-ordinator



*Pictured above are Diane Bays and Catrina Tapley preparing for last year's preserves sale.  
Photo credit Larry Chop*

After many years of organizing our annual bazaar, Sharon Chop has taken a well-deserved retirement. We have a few questions for the new co-ordinator, Helen Norman!

### **Q and A with our new Bazaar Co-ordinator**

Q – Helen, what inspired you to take over the co-ordinator's job for this year's bazaar?

A – Since leaving my official job as Parish Administrator, I've been looking for ways to contribute. Having helped with the organization of the bazaar for a number of years, I felt like I could understand what was needed and help take the burden from those who have run the bazaar for many years.

Q – Do you think bazaars still have value after all these years?

A – Absolutely! I saw last year (after a few online and hybrid bazaars due to COVID), that when we were back to an in-person bazaar, people were delighted to come together and enjoy the many things we had to offer. It's one of the ways that the church community comes together and invite the Westboro neighbourhood to be a part of a fun event. At the same time, the bazaar is a wonderful fundraiser for the church and a number of charities that it supports.

Q – Could you name a few highlights of this year's bazaar offerings?

A – In addition to sales of jams, crafts, “one of a kind treasures”, baked goods, jewellery, et cetera, we will be offering a café lunch and treats. Along with the ever-popular book room, we will be reinstating the children's “Secret Shopper”.

## **Janet Currie-Kelk Children and Youth Ministry Leader**

Janet joined All Saints Westboro in March 2024. She previously supported the Children, Youth and Family Ministry at Kanata United Church from 2021 and continues to serve on the Youth and Young Adult Leadership team for the United Church Eastern Ontario Outaouais region.



Janet grew up in Kanata just outside Ottawa and for many years worked as a Marketing professional for various companies in Ottawa and Toronto.

Her passion for children and youth developed in her teens, along with the joy of supporting children and their families in their spiritual growth. This passion – plus a desire to deepen her understanding of Jesus and the role God has for each and every one of us – led her to complete a Diploma in Youth Ministry at the Atlantic School of Theology.

Janet loves the energy generated by children and youth, and delights in their curiosity as they ask questions, and deepen their connections with those around them and with Jesus.

She is passionate about living out one's faith in the community whether it's supporting local missions or food banks, traveling for Habitat for Humanity or service trips, worshipping with others across the country, fundraising, or exploring God's creation. She also enjoys dramatic pageants, musicals, Bible storytelling, singing and playing the ukulele.

When she's not at church, you will find her cheering on her three boys who are 23, 21 and 16 and walking her dog Koko with her husband Owen. You will also find her curled up with her two cats reading something, as she loves to learn. Janet enjoys gardening, travelling near and far, practicing yoga daily, and kayaking on a lake in the summer.

## **NEW this Fall Holy Troublemakers and Unconventional Saints**

Children and youth are invited along with the congregation to make some Holy Trouble this year. We will be looking at people of diverse faiths who have worked for love, compassion, and justice, even if that meant they needed to rock the religious boat. And guess what, we will pair those people and stories with those in the Bible connecting Holy Troublemakers and Saints from the past and the present, to inspire us to use our faith to work for the good of everyone.



## The Raging Grannies

The first group of Raging Grannies sprouted in the winter of 1986-87 in Victoria, British Columbia, and soon after a group was formed in Ottawa. Guess who spearheaded the group - our own Loris Jordan!

It wasn't long before she was joined by Hazel Jack.

Their group of 14 grannies were pacifists and they took on the issues of the time, e.g. nuclear submarines, uranium mining, racism, clear-cut logging, corporate greed and homelessness.

They would wear outrageous hats and costumes! They would then sing familiar songs where they changed the words to highlight a particular issue. They realized that people would stop and listen to the many songs and read the protest signs and enjoy the fact that the information was presented in a lively manner. Hazel reports that it was very worthwhile, and they sang their hearts out.

They would protest to many governments, in Montreal and Toronto, and Loris joined other Raging Granny groups in New York. They would protest on Parliament Hill, and even the Prime Minister of the day, came down to listen to them.

So our thanks go to Loris and Hazel for their determination in highlighting the social issues of the day. We are so proud of all that you have done.

For more information on the worldwide group of Raging Grannies, go to <https://raginggrannies.org>

## One of many songs Homeless Puff (2018)

*Lyrics by: Nora Freeman*

*Gaggle: NYC Metro*

*Tune: Puff, the Magic Dragon*

*Homeless Puff*

*Tune: Puff the Magic Dragon*

*By Nora Freeman, NYC-metro gaggle, 81815*

Puff the Magic Dragon  
No longer has a home  
Through the streets of Ottawa  
He must sadly roam

He tried the shelter system  
And fled all full of fright  
This fire-breather felt safer  
In the streets at night

Puff is but a fantasy  
But not so human beings  
They're made of blood and bones and  
other  
Messy fragile things

In city streets and shelters  
They just can't meet their needs  
For protection from the elements,  
Safety and privacy

Families with children  
Childless adults too  
All need homes to live in  
Just like me and you

No more gentrification  
We need a people's housing plan  
A clean safe home for everyone  
On this we take our stand





*Top picture Hazel front left Loris on Hazel's right  
Bottom picture Loris front middle with the tambourine*

## Book Clubs: More Than Turning Pages

It is well known that when we read a book, we enter the mind of the writer. We see the world from inside the author's head and heart, and we are enriched. When we read with others, we benefit from their viewpoints and their life experiences. A bonus that is inevitable, is that we also learn a bit about each other and share many a laugh.

Our All Saints' Reading Circle has a long tradition of being a place for this activity.

We meet in the chapel on the second Wednesday of the month. No need to register; no need to have finished the book. Just come to the chapel at 7:30 and prepare for a very pleasant evening. Below is the book list for 2024/25:

**September 11** - *Health for All: A Doctor's Prescription for a Healthier Canada* by Jane Philpott.

**October 9** - *Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands* by Kate Beaton

**November 13** - *How We Learn to be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith* by Mariann Edgar

**December 11** - *In the Upper Country* by Kai Thompson

**January 9** - *Steeple Chasing: Around Britain* by Church by Peter Ross

**February 12** - *Denison Avenue* by Christina Wong

**March 12** - *Tom's Story* by Joann Oosterman

**April 9** - *How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply* by David Brooks

**May 14** - *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese

**June 11** - *Visitation* by Jenny Erpanbek



We invite you to join us once, twice or every month!  
Contact Person: Diane Bays

**Question Box: \***

We pray for the Primate on Sundays. What does the Primate do?

**Answer:**

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The Primate is the chief bishop of the Anglican Church of Canada and is an Archbishop but without territory. The Office of the Primate is at Church House in Toronto. The Primate chairs General Synod and the meeting of the House of Bishops, visits all parts of our church and represents our church at national, international and ecumenical events. The Primate is elected by General Synod (a meeting of bishops, clergy, and laity from each diocese held every three years), and may serve until retirement at age 70. On the retirement of Archbishop Linda Nicholls, we will have an interim Primate until General Synod meets next summer.

\* Send your questions into the office, and we will find an authority to answer them. This answer comes from Dr. Patricia Bays.

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**Three Sisters Soup for Five**

Here is a meal that you can make to remember Orange Shirt Day on September 30. Haudenosaunee people who lived in the St. Lawrence River valley traditionally grew these crops together. The corn, bean, and squash plants were mutually beneficial and were called The Three Sisters.

2 tablespoon oil	half package frozen corn
1 cup chopped onions	1/2 teaspoon. paprika
3 cloves garlic, minced	1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon oregano	1 teaspoon basil
1 teaspoon mild curry pwdr.	1 litre water
1 can pinto beans	2 vegetable stock cubes
700 grams cubed squash	salt to taste

Sauté onions and garlic in the oil; stir in the oregano and curry for the last minute of cooking the onions. Add the pinto beans with the liquid from the can and the cubed squash. Add some of the water and cook for 10 minutes on medium heat. Stir to avoid sticking to the bottom of the pot. Add all other ingredients and simmer for 10 minutes. Freezes well. Take care of each other.

Julie Cross (Truth and Reconciliation Team)

## Celebrations, Commendations, Compliments



\* Helen Brown celebrated her 95th birthday in August. Helen is a long-time member of the parish who was a “pillar” of the community along with her husband Lloyd. Over one hundred of her closest friends gathered for a wonderful celebration for which nine cakes were made. We extend our best wishes and thanks to Helen.

\* Our own Sarah Hume was one of the soloists at Chamberfest's Rising Stars Showcase at Carleton Dominion-Chalmers Centre in July. Sarah sang Handel's *Seise: Vå godendo vezzoso e bello* and Mozart's *Als Luise die Briefe, K520*. Sarah, her four sisters, and her parents, Joanne and Doug have enhanced our worship with their singing and instrumental music for many years. We are proud of you, Sarah.

### **Calling all “All Saints Westboro” Menfolk.**

Join us on the First Tuesday of each month (summer months included) @ Allo Mon Coco in College Square (Woodruffe & Baseline) @ 8:00 to 8:15 for a breakfast full of fellowship, friendship, and good eats. We meet by 8:15 to take advantage of the Early bird specials which must be ordered by 8:30. We'd love to see you there.

## **A Time of Quiet**

Once again, we are offering members of the community a time and place for quiet contemplation. Our chapel is open each weekday except Tuesday, and passersby are coming in! One or two of our volunteers are present in the chapel from 12 noon until 1:30. They are there to open up, be present, and close the chapel. Sometimes, they engage in conversation with visitors. A bonus is that the volunteer also enjoys the quiet reflection or reading time. At the moment, we need five more persons who would like to join us in the ministry of presence. Please leave your name at the office to learn more.



**HOUSING WITH HEART** - a concert fundraiser for Multifaith Housing Initiative's (MHI) Dream LeBreton Capital Campaign. To uphold its commitment to providing affordable housing in Ottawa, the campaign aims to raise \$1.6M to purchase 30 units in a new development at LeBreton Flats designated specifically for Indigenous households.

The campaign is part of the larger project in which MHI will own and operate 133 units, 30 for which we're fundraising plus 103 others with priority targeting veterans, new immigrants, women and children, and adults with cognitive disabilities. In addition, MHI will also offer programs and services such as milk and eggs for pregnant and new mothers, homework clubs, community gardens, etc.



**Event description:** A fundraiser consisting of a presentation by MHI, followed by a concert of musical selections by local musicians, and concluding with a reception of charcuterie, beverages and conversation.

**Event fundraising goal:** to raise \$15,000 (after expenses)

**Date & Time:** Sat. 16 November 2024, 4:00pm to 6:30pm

**Location:** All Saints' Westboro, Richmond Road

### **Event Schedule**

- 4:00pm – Welcome and presentation by MHI
- 4:30pm – A concert of three Acts: Deirdre Piper –playing a classical music set on the organ; First United Ensemble – with Marg Stubington on piano and an ensemble of singers; and Yves Laroche & Peter Turner Jazz Duo - playing piano and trombone
- 5:30pm – Charcuterie and conversation reception

**Tickets:** There are two types of tickets: Concert only for \$50 and concert and charcuterie reception for \$100. A tax receipt is available upon request. Tickets will be available for purchase via Eventbrite and in-person after church service.

**Seeking volunteers:** We are seeking volunteers for Team Leader positions – Ticket Selling, Ticket Taking and Parking – and volunteers to help on all of the teams.

**To volunteer or for more information please contact:**

- Marce Taylor – email: [marcie.taylor@hotmail.com](mailto:marcie.taylor@hotmail.com) or home: 613-462-4982
- Barb Gillie – email : [barbjoangillie@hotmail.ca](mailto:barbjoangillie@hotmail.ca) or mobile : 613-299-7943

## What is our Diocese Doing about Housing?

Our Diocese, the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa (ADO), made a pledge to create 125 housing units to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Diocese. That goal was more than surpassed by April 2024.

This past spring, the Diocese donated \$75,000 to Multifaith Housing's Initiative (MHI) which is to be applied to 30 units for Indigenous Housing as part of the Dream LeBreton project. As the ADO stated, this is "a sign of our church's ongoing commitment to both reconciliation and affordable housing." The goal is to raise \$1.6m for a total of 130 units. Further donations are welcome, of course. See: "*Dream LeBreton Flats*".

In that vein, be aware that there will be a major fundraiser at All Saints' on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> to raise additional funds for the good work being undertaken by MHI.

Completed Diocesan involved housing projects include:

Christ Church Bells Corners (CCBC) on Richmond Road - with the impetus of a major donation, CCBC took on a leadership role in the development of *Hollyer House*, a 4-storey building with 35 units of mixed-use affordable housing and a community hub. The hub is supported by the Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre, the Food Cupboard (FAMSAC), Cornerstone Housing and Chrysalis House. Hollyer House opened earlier this year.

You may recall that, in April, ASW held a screening of the film "Free Flight to Egypt". Some of the funds raised went toward Hollyer House.

*Cornerstone Housing for Women on Eccles Street* - located near Cornerstone on Booth Street, the new building opened this past Spring. It offers 46 units of supportive and affordable housing with 30% of the units for Indigenous use and 12 fully accessible units.

There are also some significant projects in the works:

Julian of Norwich on Merivale Road - working in collaboration with MHI and ADO, Julian of Norwich is planning an 8-storey apartment building, called *The Anchor*, which will include 57 affordable units, 27 townhouse units, and a new place of worship.

St. Thomas the Apostle on Alta Vista Drive - located behind St. Thomas, the original Ellwood House opened in 1988. Now, with help through CMHC, St. Thomas is working on an Extension to Ellwood House. The Extension is going through project planning in order to build a 3/2 storey/ 38 unit building for independent seniors. \$9.5m in funding has been secured. See [www.ellwoodhouse.ca](http://www.ellwoodhouse.ca)

St. James the Apostle, Perth - with the help of the Community Housing Initiative (CHIP) in Perth, and Carebridge Community Support, the church is seeking to establish 10-12 affordable units on town-owned land in Perth. See: [www.stjamesperth.ca](http://www.stjamesperth.ca)

And, as a final ASW note, The Rev. Canon Kathryn Otley, who played a role in the Hollyer House development, also sits on the 10-member Diocesan Homelessness and Affordable Housing Working Group.

Katy Burnett

# HOUSING WITH HEART



A CONCERT FUNDRAISER FOR  
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AN EVENING OF MUSICAL SELECTIONS BY LOCAL MUSICIANS AND A  
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**16 NOVEMBER** | **4 - 6:30 PM**

LOCATION: ALL SAINTS'  
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347 RICHMOND ROAD

CONCERT ONLY	<b>\$50</b>	PER PERSON
CONCERT AND CHARCUTERIE	<b>\$100</b>	PER PERSON

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