



Alleluia! He Is Risen!

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Dear Friends,

This year we will mark the 150th anniversary of the consecration of All Saints Church. What a happy coincidence it is that our nation is also celebrating the 150th of Confederation. Arthur Hamilton-Gordon, lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, who was much involved in bringing about Confederation, laid the cornerstone of All Saints in 1866.

It was Sir Leonard Tilley, one of New Brunswick's Fathers of Confederation, who is credited with choosing Canada's official name, "The Dominion of Canada," and its motto, *A Mari Usque Ad Mare*, ("From Sea to Sea"). He had been inspired by his reading of Psalm 72:8, "He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth".

Sir Leonard, a native of Gagetown, Queens County, was in turn Premier of the Colony of New Brunswick, a minister in Sir John A. Macdonald's first post Confederation cabinet and finally lieutenant Governor of the Province of New Brunswick.

He was also a Sunday School teacher at St. Luke's Church on Main Street in Saint John and for many years a summer resident of Saint Andrews. His second wife (he had been widowed in 1862) was Alice Starr Chipman of St. Stephen, whom he married on October 22, 1867, less than a week before the consecration of our beautiful church.

Tilley family lore relates that it was on his way to divine service at All Saints Church that Sir Leonard read the Psalm that gave Canada its name and its motto. What a wonderful heritage we have in our nation, in our town, in our parish, in our church; we have much to celebrate in 2017.

Just what is the significance of this anniversary? Why do we keep any anniversary? Like the life of a person, the history of a parish can be seen as a journey, with significant events and milestones along the way. In the life of a person, for example,

'significant' birthdays-twenty-first, fiftieth, sixtieth-are times to look back with thanksgiving, to take stock of the present and to plan for the future. The same can be said in the life of a parish, milestone anniversaries providing a time for reflection, celebration and planning.

Looking to the past, All Saints Church reminds us of the prosperity that New Brunswick generally, and Saint Andrews in particular, enjoyed at the time of Confederation. The lumber industry was booming, shipbuilding and international trade brought wealth to local families, many of whom were the descendants of the Loyalist families who had founded the town and had built the first 'Church of St. Andrews' on Church lane.

Others were more recent arrivals from Ireland, Scotland and the United States. The homes in which they lived and the churches in which they worshipped are a testament to their hard work and good fortune.

When All Saints Church was opened in 1867, the Baptists had been worshipping in their handsome new church for four years and the Methodists were putting the finishing touches on their new building. It would be almost another twenty years before the Roman Catholics completed their new church, a reflection, perhaps, of the time it had taken for those of Irish descent, who had arrived in great numbers in the 1840's and '50's, to establish themselves.

Greenock Presbyterian Church, of course, had been built in the 1824's and one doesn't have to recount the history of its founding (an interesting story in itself) to recognize that many of the early business families in Saint Andrews were natives of Scotland.

The fine church buildings that are such an important part of our town's built heritage reflect the prosperity and the piety of our forebears. At the same time, they also reflect past divisions: national and ethnic origins, economic distinctions and theological differences that for the most part, thankfully, have lost their significance.

As we think about the present place of our church building and those who form its worshipping community within the context of the larger community, we also have much to be thankful for.

All Saints Church and its nearby Parish Hall are, in addition to being the focal point of Church-related activities, community assets, used not only for sectarian worship, but for events and activities that are open to everyone.

Our church community is seen as friendly and welcoming, and the sharing of our resources, including our buildings, is a way of showing that the Church has relevance in the twenty-first century. All Saints is a unifying force within our community.

What of the future? We all know that "the Church" is not a building, no matter how beautiful it is. The Church is Christ's "mystical body," "the blessed company of all faithful people" (BCP page 85). It exists in places where there are no church buildings, it exists in heaven as well as on earth, it transcends time and space, it is the "Communion of Saints."

In many places, Church buildings are being torn down, the cost of heating and maintenance just too much for shrinking congregations to bear. Due to your generosity and the legacies of a number of those who have joined the Communion of Saints in heaven, we have been able to maintain our Church, Chapel and Parish Hall.

We can continue to serve God and one another from our "temple", another reason to be thankful.

When Jesus stood before Caiaphas the High Priest, this accusation was hurled at him: "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.'" (St. Matthew 26:61) It was, in fact, not a false accusation.

St. John records that when Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Passover, just after he had attended the wedding in Cana, he went into the temple and caused a tremendously disruptive scene by driving out the money changers with the sacrificial animals they were selling. Those in charge of this sacred centre of Jewish faith and worship asked him to justify his actions. His answer was enigmatic: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." {St. John 2:19}

The Jews, of course, expressed surprise, and in a comment made in light of the Resurrection, St. John adds, "But he spoke of the temple of his body," and remarks that he and his fellow disciples came to understand what Jesus had said once he had been raised from the dead.

Jesus did not suggest that the temple be destroyed, (although it would be), he loved it and wept over it when he thought of its future (see St. Luke 19:41-44). He did, however, want those who witnessed his "cleansing" of the building to understand its essential purpose, that is, to be a house of prayer, a witness to the presence of God in their midst.

Think of that message in relation to All Saints Church as we celebrate the anniversary of its consecration. No matter what else it stands for, no matter what thoughts and emotions it evokes--as a masterpiece of Gothic Revival architecture, as the place where hundreds of marriages and funerals have taken place, as the setting for concerts and recitals, as a place graced by the presence of premiers, governors general and yes, even royalty - - All Saints stands primarily and essentially as a witness to the presence of God in this community. It exists as an outward and visible sign of the spiritual reality of the body that was raised on the third day. It is a house of prayer.

We are now the custodians of this beautiful and historic Church building. Let us pray that our faith in the risen Lord may be our motivation as we celebrate its one hundred and fifty years of witness in Saint Andrews.

May All Saints Church continue to inspire us and all who enter its doors, as we seek a closer relationship with the Lord of the Church, Jesus Christ, risen, ascended and glorified.

Praying that you may have a holy Lent and a joyful Easter, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



The Venerable John A. Matheson, Rector

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LENT & EASTER 2017

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

By the time you receive this newsletter, the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will have taken place.

Many thanks to its organizers, Jeannie Stinson, Mary Janet Clift and Esma Taylor and all the volunteers who made this community event such a success.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the date depending on the date of Easter.

This year, the first day of Lent falls on **Wednesday, March 1**. Holy Communion, with the Imposition of Ashes, will be held at 10:00 am & 7:00 pm in All Saints Church.

THE PARISH CORPORATION FOR 2017

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Sunday, February 19. In addition to the reception of reports from various committees and groups, financial reports and the approval of the 2017 budget, a new Parish Corporation (Vestry) was elected.

The Vestry has 'faces new and old' since members have terms of three years, wardens of four years. The following are our parish officers for this year: Wardens: Jean Stinson & Tony Bastow. Members of Vestry: Rod Sanders, Linda Walsh, David

Crowther, Theresa Smith, Esma Taylor, Don Oxner, Steve Braithwaite, Elena Thompson and Bob Wallace. Jack Bertke was elected Chapel Warden. Jeannie Stinson, Tony Bastow and Lionel Hayter were elected as Synod Delegates and Steve Braithwaite, John Williamson and Samantha Phillips as Alternate Synod Delegates.

The Parish Corporation is not complete until a Vestry Clerk and Treasurer are elected. This will be done at the next Vestry meeting, to be held on **Tuesday, March 21**, 7:00 pm, in the Parish Hall.

At the time of the elections, sincere thanks were offered to those whose terms have ended: Wardens Mary Janet Cliff and David Lord, Vestry Members Pamela Rigby and Claude Vienneau.

THANK YOU, ROBERT !

At the Annual Parish Meeting, at which the financial reports were presented in a new format, based on the “Sage” accounting system, it was noted that for the past number of months this system has been implemented with the oversight of Robert Johnson, a retired Chartered Accountant and member of our parish.

Parish Administrator Rachel Scott is now using the accounting system recommended by our Diocesan Treasurer, Irene Adams; it will make reporting within the parish, to the diocese and to the Canadian Revenue Service much easier.

Our accounting practices are now in compliance with standard procedures and over time will save us time and money. Thank you, Robert, we couldn't have done it without you.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

“Am I Being Unfair To You?” is the theme of this year's World Day of Prayer service, being held at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Andrew on **Friday, March 3**, beginning at 2:00 pm. The service was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of the Philippines. Everyone is welcome to this special event, for information call Jeannie Stinson at 529-3083.

STUDY GROUP ON THE WRITINGS OF SAINT AUGUSTINE

Byron Munro, a lay minister from St. George has been leading a Study Group on the writings of fourth century bishop and theologian Augustine of Hippo. The group meets on Fridays at noon in the Parish Hall and has begun reading and discussing one of Augustine's shorter and more accessible works, *The Enchiridion: On Faith and Charity*.

New members are always welcome; copies of the text are available on the table at the back of the church or from the parish office.

INQUIRERS' & CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes for those who would like to learn more about the Christian faith ('inquirers') and for those who would like to be confirmed as Anglican Christians (our bishop administers Confirmation at a special service) will begin on **Thursday, March 16**, at 6:00 pm.

The Parish Hall is used by two groups each Thursday and the management of Kennedy Inn has kindly offered the use of one of their meeting rooms.

Bob Cheatley, president of St. Stephen's University, will be assisting the rector in teaching these classes. Each class will be no longer than one and one half hours; everyone is welcome. (As of this writing, a date for the Confirmation service has not been set.)

THE CRAFT GUILD

As reported to the Annual Parish Meeting, the All Saints Craft Guild began two years ago with the mandate of helping those in need in our local communities. This has included projects making blankets for the sick and homeless, prayer shawls and donations to Fundy Transition House, Outflow Men's Shelter, the ACW sales and the Food Bank.

The group is now working on "comfort muffs" for Alzheimer's sufferers. Individuals are also encouraged to bring a project they are working on if they would like. New members are always welcome; meetings are held on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. (The next meeting will be **Thursday, March 16**.) For more information on this project please contact Nancy Carson at (467-5257) or Cathy Smith (529-3994).

ST. PATRICK'S DAY EXTRAVAGANZA

A special fundraising event is being planned for **Saturday, March 18**. A "St. Patrick's Day Extravaganza" will be held in the Parish Hall with proceeds divided evenly for two good causes, the Saint Andrews Food Bank and Safe Harbour Youth Shelter. Safe Harbour, now owned by the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton and operated by Partners For Youth, is on the site of the former St. James' Church in the South End of Saint John.)

The evening will include live music, decadent desserts, raffles, silent auction and a penny sale. The brainchild of Nancy Carson (who has brought us other memorable events in the past), the fun begins at 6:30 pm. Admission is by donation.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

The Fourth Sunday in Lent is known as 'Mothering' or 'Refreshment' Sunday, names derived from the Epistle and Holy Gospel for that day. It has been our practice to follow the ancient tradition of enjoying Simnel Cake on that day.

Each year, this tasty treat is made by a different parish family. If you would like to make the cake this year, for **Sunday, March 26**, please contact the parish office and we will make sure you get the recipe!

PALM CROSS MAKING PARTY

Once again this year, the Youth Group will host a Palm Making Party *for all ages* on **Saturday, April 8**. There will be instructions for all who would like to make palm crosses and, of course, the usual wonderful snacks and great conversation.

Everyone is welcome; the party begins at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

The following services for Holy Week and Easter will be held in All Saints Church:

Palm Sunday (April 9)	Holy Communion	8:00 & 11:00 am
Monday in Holy Week (April 10)	Holy Communion	10:00 am
Tuesday in Holy Week (April 11)	Holy Communion	10:00 am
Wednesday in Holy Week (April 12)	Holy Communion	10:00 am
Maundy Thursday (April 13)	Holy Communion	7:00 pm
Good Friday (April 14)	Community Good Friday Service	11:00 am
	Children's Service	4:00 pm
Easter Day (April 16)	Holy Communion	8:00 am & 11:00 am

READING FOR LENT & EASTER

Books from our Parish Library and the rector's personal library are available at the back of All Saints Church for Lenten reading.

Please sign the sheet provided and return the book(s) when you have finished.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS AT EASTER

If you would like to make a donation toward Easter flowers, or make a donation for any other memorial, please sign one of the sheets at the back of the church.

All memorials will be noted in the Easter bulletins.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS IN LENT AND AT EASTER

This mailing includes two envelopes, one for a special Lenten offering and another for Easter. The Lenten envelope replaces the coin cards formerly distributed, because the cards are expensive to mail and have been used less and less over the years.

If you would like a coin card, however, they are available at the back of the church or call the parish office and one will be delivered to you.

Thank you for your generous support of the work and mission of our parish in our community and around the world.

CELEBRATING ALL SAINTS CHURCH'S 150TH

A number of special events are being planned to mark the 150th anniversary of All Saints Church's consecration.

These will include a lecture series, the first of which will be delivered by local historian and author Ronald Rees, in All Saints Church on **Sunday, April 30**. Ron's topic is "Life in St. Andrews in the 1860's" and will be most interesting, I am sure.

Other speakers and topics will be published when the roster is complete. Other special events being planned include a Victorian Tea, a Community Service on **Sunday, July 2** and a service (maybe two) on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of the consecration, that is, **Sunday, November 5**.

Our bishop, the Right Reverend David Edwards, will be the preacher on that day. Pamela Rigby, who is working for our parish to prepare our 150th celebration, is also designing commemorative clothing and other items, collecting memorabilia for an exhibit in the church (and maybe at the Ross Memorial Museum) and looking into the possibility of holding other special events.

If you have pictures or other things for the exhibit or if you have questions or ideas to help Pam in her task, please call her at the parish office (529-8662) or email her at 150allsaints@gmail.com.

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