

Dispatches

to all souls from All Saints'



From the *Pastor's* desk

BY REV. SAMANTHA CARAVAN

Campers, Leaders, parents and caregivers gathered in the parish hall for the Music Camp fiesta to highlight the fantastic week of Discovery Camp.



I want to start this letter with gratitude, I am so grateful for our journey together. Many of you do not see the amazing work that this parish is doing, the lives we are impacting, and the transformation that comes with loving our neighbour. The two weeks of Discovery Camp consisted of thousands of moments with children - and parents and caregivers. Children asking questions about God, learning how to be people of faith and good citizens. In August the whole campus of All Saints' was filled with

the sound of singing. The children learned three songs by heart and sung from their hearts. Many of them have signed up for the All Saints' Junior Choir, and we have children and parents/caregivers in church who have never been in church before. Then there are the people who come to our door for a drink and a snack bar are grateful for the moment of dignity they experience at the door. Individuals and families who access our food ministry are so grateful not only for the food, but for

the relationships that are built and the support that is offered. One of the most sacred witnesses to the power of God's love are the pastoral visits made by Suzanne, Cormac, Rose, and me. Visits that offer as much to those of us who visit, as those we visit. I am grateful to have a front row seat to the wonder of the love of God poured out freely. We can be proud of all we are and do in God's name, and we can also do more.

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At the end of June, I spent a week at Yale in New Haven, Connecticut. It was a one-week intensive of a year-long program called the Leader's Way. The program pulled together 50 Anglican priests; I was the only Canadian, four from Africa, and the rest were American. The conversations were all centered around how do we reimagine the church for the 21st century. So, questions regarding 'who we are' and 'are we reflecting the gospel' were priority. It is difficult to imagine we are reflecting the gospel as fully as possible when there is so much violence, patriarchy, and racial tension in the language of our liturgies. Once we start exploring the institution, we find that we have become so enmeshed with the transactional capitalist society we live in. We have a lot of work to do. The Synod office is leading the way in Anti-Racism, Anti-Bias training, and the Cast the Net vision will be rolled out at Synod in November.

But what can we do here at All Saints'?

Decolonizing the church is all of our responsibility. We did not create the situation we find ourselves in, but we are obligated to start the work of untangling it. So as a result of my week at Yale, all the reading that has accompanied that, ongoing seminars, and

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checking in with professors, our work until the New Year will be to educate ourselves and make meaningful changes in how we are church. Throughout September we will be exploring Patriarchy, what role has it played historically in our development, what if any power and authority does it have over us today, and can we reimagine it? October naturally heralds in gratitude; I think compassion is intimately linked to gratitude, so we will explore what that may look like in our lives of faith and worship. In November along with remembering the souls of those we love but no longer see, acknowledging the sacrifice of those who purchased our freedom with their blood, we will also explore the violence we live in, the violence in the scriptures, and how we might reframe it.

December brings us to Advent when our readings will come from the Woman's Lectionary for the Whole World. Throughout Advent we will consider the Incarnation and how it informs our ideas about patriarchy, gratitude and compassion, and violence.

I know this sounds crazy!

I hope for some it sounds interesting, or even hopeful.

I said this the very first day I was in the pulpit here – as people of faith we have one job. We are to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, with everything we are and have, and then we are to love our neighbours the way God loves us. It is my sincere prayer and hope that as we journey through these difficult topics throughout the fall, we will develop deeper relationships with the Divine and each other.

To God be all the Glory.

Blessings,

Samantha

EDITOR'S NOTE

Hello, friends and community members of All Saints',

I am happy to be writing to you as the new editor of Dispatches. Along with Sarah Cook our Creative Editor, I would like to send a profound thank you to Sylvia Sutherland for her leadership and efforts as the first and outgoing editor of this newsletter publication.

I can't believe it's already the second week of September as I write this. Where did the summer go?

My summer was gentle and close-to-home: I helped my sister move to her 100-acre farm, took my dog for long walks, and was at All Saints' most Sundays.

I've been a regular attendee of All Saints' services since the pandemic, back when we were meeting online. But I love the sanctuary. I've always loved stained glass, and you can often find me arriving early so I can stare at our windows. I love thinking about the generations of others who have sat in the same pews as we do now.

I'm looking forward to the fall, even though I'm already nostalgic for those soft summer nights, filled with an orchestra of crickets, fireflies, and stars. My birthday is in late October, and I usually find reasons to celebrate all month long.

I was hoping you might want to collaborate on our next issue of Dispatches, coming out next quarter. I would love to hear from any and all of you about "finding God" in your communities. When did God first speak to your heart?

It doesn't need to be long, only 100-200 words, but I'm thinking it would be inspirational to hear about all of our faith journeys. Please send your recollections to communication@allsaintspeterborough.org, and I'll be in touch.

I hope you all have a safe and healthy fall,

Bronwyn Petry

Upcoming Events at All Saints'

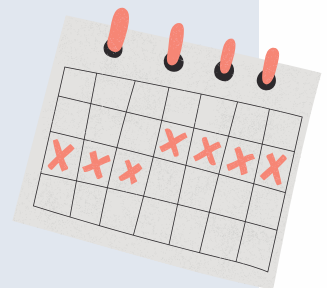
Saturday, September 30: **Truth and Reconciliation Day Event**, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, Oct 1: **Evening Prayer**, 4 p.m.

Thursday Eucharist and Luncheon — 10 a.m. Eucharist, followed by lunch
October 12, November 9, December 14

Community Meals — Fridays 5 – 7pm
September 22, October 20, November 17, Christmas Day (Dec 25) – 4-7 pm

All Saints' Christmas Market – Saturday, November 25, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.



Celebrating Summer Success and Looking Ahead to Exciting Fall Events!

UPDATE BY CORMAC CULKEEN DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY AND
ROSE ST. THOMAS YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY ASSISTANT

Another summer of Youth and Family Ministry is on the books at All Saints'. As we transition from the warmth of summer to the vibrant colours of fall, we want to take a moment to share the good news of our two successful "Summer Discovery" camps and to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who made them a resounding success.

Justice and Joy at Summer Camp

The first week of July and the last week of August were filled with laughter and learning as we welcomed children from all over the city to the Parish Hall for our annual Summer Discovery Camps.

We are thrilled to report that this year's camps surpassed all expectations, providing an unforgettable experience to about 60 young campers and junior leaders.

Under the banner of "Justice Camp", our campers braved the July heat to embark on an exciting journey of discovery, exploring the concept of being a good neighbour while deepening their faith. From engaging Bible stories, lively discussions, and creative arts and crafts to downtown adventures and team-building games, the entire week was filled with excitement and spiritual growth.

Our Music Summer Discovery Camp was a very resounding! success.

Over the course of the week-long program, campers had the opportunity to be creative and to work together in harmony.

We certainly made a joyful noise.

A special thanks goes to the talented Director of Music, Mr. Okubadejo, for his exceptional leadership of the children's choir at camp. Under his guidance, the little choir blossomed, showcasing their newfound skills in our Sunday service by singing "All Things Bright and Beautiful". We are incredibly proud of the achievements of all the campers and leaders.

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to the dedicated team of

volunteers who poured their time, talent, and love into making our Summer Discovery Camps an extraordinary experience. The days were long, loud, and hot – but their commitment and enthusiasm were instrumental in creating a safe, nurturing, and faith-filled environment for our campers. Together, we witnessed the transformative power of community and the joy that comes from sharing God's love with our neighbourhood.

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Looking Ahead to Fall

As the leaves begin to change, we eagerly anticipate the exciting events of autumn in All Saints' Youth and Family Ministries. We have an array of engaging activities and opportunities in store for our youth and families, designed to foster spiritual growth, build lasting friendships, and deepen our connection with God.

Building on the success of the music camp, we are launching our **Junior Choir!** Young singers of all experience levels are welcome to join this new choir, which will rehearse at 12:00pm on Sundays starting Sunday, September 24th. Led by Mr. Okubadejo and Cormac, the Junior Choir will be a great place to learn, have fun, and share music together.



FALL 2023

Registration forms are available at the church office and on the website.

Youth from ages 12-19 can mark their calendars for the annual **ReCharge Youth Retreat**, scheduled from September 29th-October 1st. This retreat promises to be a transformative experience, providing our young people with a chance to deepen their faith, worship together, and engage in meaningful discussions while enjoying a beautiful weekend in the Muskokas. We encourage all our youth to participate and invite their friends to join them for this awesome retreat. Cormac and Rose are taking a van up – let them know if they should save a seat for you!

But, of course, that's not all.

Our extremely popular annual **Spooky Walk** is approaching fast! This year's event will take place on October 28th from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Expect lots of family-friendly frights at this fall festival: costumes, pumpkins, and games galore! There will be plenty of treats and maybe even a few tricks! The Spooky Walk provides opportunities for outreach and service to our wider community, and helps us to live into the call of being good neighbours. We are collecting donations of peanut-free Halloween candy, and we are always looking for brave volunteers for this spooky event.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH PRESENTS

RAIN OR SHINE

FREE TO ALL AND BIGGER THAN EVER!

OUR FOURTH ANNUAL **SPOOKY WALK!**

FREE OUTDOOR FUN!

SAFE TREAT DELIVERY

FAMILY FRIENDLY FRIGHTS

PUMPKIN WALK, PRIZES, GAMES AND MORE

OCTOBER 28TH · 1:00PM TO 3:00PM

235 RUBIDGE STREET. PETERBOROUGH

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ALL ABOUT ALL SAINTS' JUNIOR CHOIR



WHAT TO EXPECT FROM OUR CHORAL PROGRAMS

CONTACT YOUTH@ALLSAINTSPETERBOROUGH.ORG TO REGISTER

**WHEN DOES THE
JUNIOR CHOIR
REHEARSE?**



**WE WILL REHEARSE ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS FROM
12:00PM TILL 1:00PM, STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 24TH
SNACK PROVIDED!**

**HOW OLD DO
YOU HAVE TO
BE TO JOIN?**



**ANY CHILD IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAN JOIN THE
CHOIR. WE LOVE SINGERS OF ALL AGES, ABILITIES
AND BACKGROUNDS!**

**WHEN DOES THE
JUNIOR CHOIR
PERFORM?**



**WE WILL SHARE MUSIC EVERY FEW WEEKS AT THE
10:00 AM SUNDAY SERVICE AT ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN
CHURCH - WITH SPECIAL PERFORMANCES AROUND
CHRISTMAS AND EASTER**

Gratitude and Parting Thoughts

Before we conclude, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to the entire All Saints' Anglican Church congregation for your unwavering support and prayers. Your prayers have acted as a guiding light, sustaining us during the busy summer season. Your continued support is the foundation upon which this ministry thrives, and we are truly blessed to have such a loving and dedicated congregation.

As we move forward into this exciting new season, let us continue to pray for the youth and families of our community. Pray for Cormac, Rose and the YMAP apprentices they work to show God's love and make a difference in the lives of young people here.

Blessings,

Cormac Culkeen and Rose
St. Thomas





Hallelujah! The fall season is upon us once again. One of the most anticipated events for us of any fall season for us is the start of a new choir season. We therefore, welcome you into the fall season or better still, into a new choir season.

THE CHOIR IS BACK!

Having gone on a long summer break, the new choir season began with a joint service on Sunday, September 10, 2023. This marks the beginning of all choral activities for the year. We encourage all parishioners and new members to join us as we usher in a new season of thanksgiving through praise and worship.

CALL FOR NEW CHORISTERS

It is a great privilege to serve in the Lord's vineyard as a chorister; hence, we would like to extend a special invitation to anyone interested in joining the choir. New members are always welcome. If you have any questions or you are interested in joining, kindly contact Mr. Tunde Okubadejo or Pastor Samantha for further details.

TRIP TO COBOURG

The choir has a longstanding tradition of visiting churches in the diocese. Unfortunately, this tradition had been on hold for the past three choir seasons due to COVID-19. However, we are happy to announce that the choir is scheduled to visit St. Peter's Anglican Church, Cobourg, on October 14 and 15, 2023. Our choir will collaborate with St. Peter's during a service of Matins.

JUNIOR CHOIR

Our first Junior Choir practice will start on Sunday, September 24, 2023. The rehearsal is scheduled to last from 12 noon to 12:50 p.m. Please contact me, Tunde Okubadejo, the choir director, or Cormac Culkeen, our youth director if you have a child that is interested in joining us.

God bless you as you do.

EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

We cordially invite everyone to join us for the evening prayer service on Sunday, October 1, at 4 p.m. to commemorate National Truth and Reconciliation Day. The choir will be officiating alongside other invited musical groups and indigenous musicians.

ADVENT LESSONS AND OUR CAROL/CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Advent Carol will take place on Sunday, December 3, 2023. Also, our Christmas Concert will be held on one Sunday prior to Christmas. The Choir will be observing All Saints' Day and Remembrance Day Service accordingly.

Please keep these dates in your diary and kindly keep us in your prayers as we prepare for a refreshing choir season. We will keep you posted as events unfold. God bless us all.

We invite you to

JOIN THE CHOIR



Let loose your inner voice!

Feel the **peace**, **unity**, sense of **belonging** and **connectedness** with others that choir singing brings.



Rehearsals
Thursday evening
7- 9

(contact us in advance, so we have your "stuff" ready)

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

AS SUBMITTED BY SUZANNE MACMILLAN

The All Saints' Truth and Reconciliation Committee is excited about our upcoming event honouring the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

This one-day commemoration will take place Saturday, September 30th from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are excited to have Kim Lamothe as our guest speaker.

Kim is the Cultural Resource co-ordinator for the Nogojiwanog Friendship Centre in Peterborough.

Kim is a knowledge keeper, as well as the granddaughter of a residential school survivor; and she will be offering smudging for those interested.

She will speak about her grandfather's experience surviving the residential schools; she will also talk about orange shirts, why we wear them; stolen land; water issues; missing children and found graves, the plight of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls (MMWIG) and the path to reconciliation.

What does that path look like? Is reconciliation possible, and if so, what will it take?

Kim's talk will be followed by a question-and-answer period, and then we will break for lunch, conversation and fellowship!

After lunch, Kari Lepine will lead us in a dot-painting workshop on rocks or small canvases.



Kari is Metis, is a mom, loves to paint, and she works as a full-time social worker at the Metis Band Office in Peterborough. She is artistic, enjoys crafts and teaches "dot pointing".

We, as a committee, have taken a summer break and are happy to be ramping up again with this creative and informative workshop. Please come and join us: Be prepared to learn, get involved and get informed!

OUTREACH FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE

AS SUBMITTED BY SUZANNE MACMILLAN

Our weekly Outreach Food Program continues every Wednesday morning from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00, and we welcome between 25 and 50 families.

Some days are slower than others, depending whether families are away, children are sick, parents' work schedules conflict or vehicles are out of commission!

We continue to partner with Kawartha Food Share (KFS), which helps us tremendously

with food supplies — and All Saints' vegetable gardens have produced "mountains" of three varieties of tomatoes, as well as oodles of cucumbers, zucchini and peppers! This long hot summer has made everything so plentiful!

Our partnership with KFS has worked so well that we would like to partner with you too — our parish family.

This is how it will work: Samantha will print a monthly activity pamphlet for you to pick up Sunday morning.

You will find specific food items listed that we'd like you to bring, if you are able. You can take it over to coffee hour and put it in the "OUTREACH FOOD BASKET" in the Parish Hall.

Thank you for doing your part to support families who need a little help to get by.

Thank you very much, Suzanne, Sandy, Lois, Kim, Marg, Barry, Randy and Shawn

All Saints' Peterborough is thrilled to host an all-day event to honour the 2023

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



Saturday, September 30th
9:30am – 2pm (lunch included)
at All Saints' Peterborough
235 Rubidge St.

Featuring:

Special Guest Speaker - Kim Lamothe – Cultural Resource Coordinator at the Nogojiwanog Friendship Centre in Peterborough, “knowledge-keeper”, and granddaughter of a Residential School survivor.

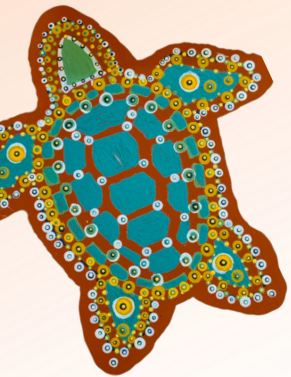
Kim will offer 'smudging' for those interested and discuss why we wear “orange shirts”, Residential Schools from her grandfather's experience, indigenous customs, water issues, stolen land, the Royal Commission's calls to action, loss of language and culture, the rights of Indigenous people, missing children and found graves, the plight of murdered indigenous women and reconciliation – all to be followed by a questions and answer period.

Dot Painting – These paintings mimic the traditional beading of many indigenous communities.

We will be led by Kari Lepine in a dot painting on rocks or small canvasses. Kari is a mother and is Metis and works as a social worker with the Metis Band Office. She is artistic and enjoys crafts and painting.

*Come with an open
heart and mind*

**Scan this QR code to RSVP
to this event**



*All Saints' Peterborough
invites everyone to join
us for a special service of*



Evening Prayer

honouring the

***National Day for
Truth and Reconciliation***

Sunday, October 1st at 4 pm

**All Saints' Peterborough
235 Rubidge St.**

*Featuring beautiful choral songs plus
Indigenous musicians and dancers.*



ALL SAINTS' PRAYER CHAIN

UPDATE BY SUZANNE MCMILLAN

*May the God of
hope fill you with
joy and peace.*

(ROMANS 15:13)

All Saints' Prayer Chain has seven enthusiastic members who pray daily for those people who have asked for our prayers.

We also pray daily for the continued work of reconciliation with our Indigenous siblings and survivors of residential schools.

We know that life is not simple or straight forward for any of us.

Some are without shelter, in poor health, some lack food, others have little or no work — certainly not enough to make ends meet. Some of our community struggle with addiction, while others lack housing.

I've seen people sleep under cardboard in alleys and I've asked myself: What do they need, how can I help? Yes, they need food, money, a safe place? ... but, most of all they need hope. In other words, they need to be able to expect that good things might happen.

As you read this, stop here and join me to offer a "prayer" for all who suffer, live in fear and don't know where to turn.

Take your time, and put yourself in their shoes.

Well done!

We, the prayer chain, are ably led and guided by Lois Cook, and I, Suzanne, am pleased to be the ministry liaison for the prayer chain.

From the Parish Roll

Marriages:

Katie Garland and Shawn Brown

September 2, 2023

In Memoriam:

We commit to the safe keeping of God the following members of All Saints'

Victor Tovey

February 8, 1930 – March 11, 2023

Marguerite Isabel Cook

December 14, 1913 – August 25, 2023

*Rest eternal grant unto our beloved, O God.
And let light perpetual shine upon them.
May the souls of our beloved family, and the souls
of all the departed rest in peace and rise in glory.
Amen*

In August we said our final goodbyes to the beloved Marguerite Cook, who at 109 years old was ready to be with Jesus and her late husband, Tom. To honour her and her special connection to All Saints' we are running this wonderful article originally published in 2021 for the second time

saint of the season

Marguerite Cook

Marguerite "trusts the Lord" and "goes on my merry way."

Marguerite Cook turned 107 last December 14. For more than 90 of those years she has graced the pews of All Saints'. It is a remarkable record; she is a remarkable person.

Full of grace and good will, humour and determination, she says she has no secrets for living a long life, other than reading the Bible every day. "I don't know. I just go on my merry way. I don't indulge in the wrong kind of thing, I go to my church regularly, I trust in the Lord, and have a lot of friends," she told a reporter on her 105th birthday.

Marguerite was born in Knowlton, Quebec, and came to Peterborough with her family when she was 12. When she married her husband, Tom, they built a home in 1953 on Park Street S., near the Otonabee River, where she remained following Tom's death in 1981 until she moved to Rubidge Hall about eight years ago.

Marguerite and Tom travelled widely — across Canada, and to the United States, England, Scotland, Ireland, and Italy. But home was here, in Peterborough, and at All Saints'.

And at the hospital, where for 60 years as a volunteer, she cared for babies and made trays of favours for patients, and for which she received a medal from the Queen.

She rode and, with her sister, showed horses. She ~~drove~~ until she was 98.

Marguerite never hesitates to share her faith. It has sustained her through periods of loss over her long life. "I trusted in the Lord a lot because I have no one else but my friends," she once said.

Marguerite is certainly one of the saints among us.

Submitted by Sylvia Sutherland

Contact Brownwyn Petry should you have a suggestion for our next *saint of the season*.

What is a 'saint'?

Well, a "Saint" capital 'S' is a person who has lived a life of faith that has been virtuous and holy. It is usually a person who has made a significant impact on who we are as a Church and as such has been canonized by the Church - such as St. Paul, or St. Peter, or Kateri Tekakwitha Canada's first Indigenous Saint!

A 'saint' lowercase 's' - is you! A 'saint' is anyone who lives a life of faith, who strives to be more Christlike with each passing day, who loves God and loves their neighbour.

Welcome to sainthood!




Marguerite Cook looking happy and healthy at her 105th birthday celebrations, held at Rubidge Hall. 

Photo courtesy of Judy Mills