

# NEWSLETTER

## ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH

### CITY HALL SQUARE WINDSOR, ONTARIO

AN ESTABLISHED CHRISTIAN VOICE 1852-

Advent/Christmas

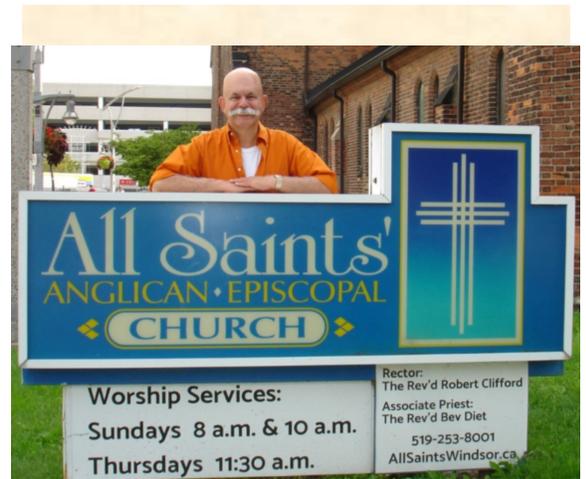
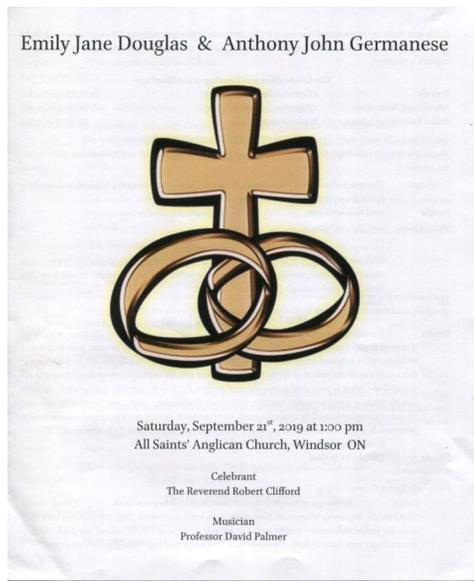
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**I**n the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." [a] 29 But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." 34 Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" [b] 35 The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born [c] will be holy; he will be called Son of God. 36 And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God." 38 Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

St. Luke Chapter One



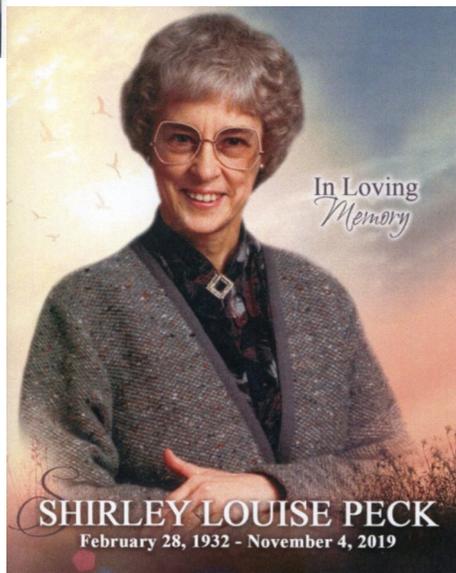
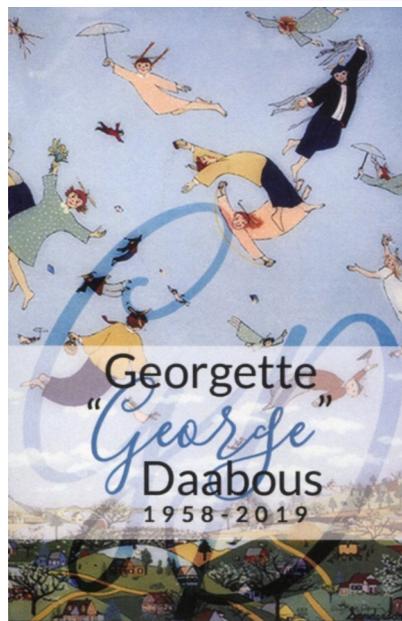
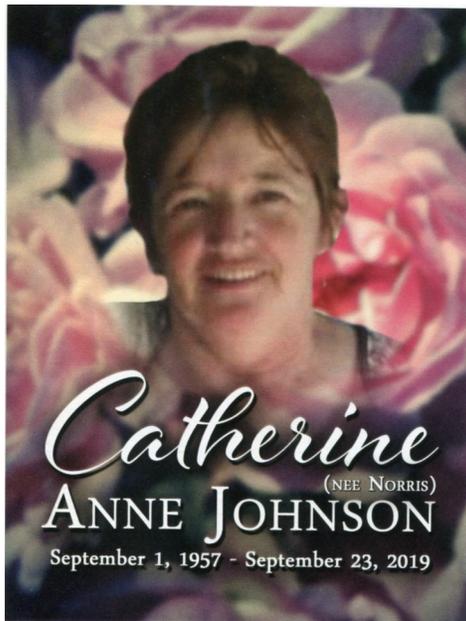


**This newsletter celebrates the events of this past season, with forthcoming events.**

**Enjoy the many photographs.**

*Hugs,*  
**Thom Smith**  
Editor

## Deaths



Mary Elizabeth Strickland

Buried from St. Mary's, Walkerville

### On the cover...

**South Transept Window:  
Shepherds Abiding.  
In Memory of William Scott  
and Anne Spring Scott, 1903  
by their Children  
Designed by Robert  
McCausland, Ltd., Toronto**

# Advent 2019

“BECAUSE thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin.” (BCP Christmas preface)

My dear siblings in Christ,

**A**s we wait in joyful hope for the incarnation of our Lord, Jesus Christ, I pray that you have a blessed Advent and Christmastide.

We are nearing the time when the days will start to lengthen. The celebration of “The Birth-day of Christ” is a hinge point in our annual seasonal experience, and even more it is an annual celebration of the emergence among us of God’s light and the Word made flesh. Christ was there at our creation and has dwelt among us and knows intimately the human condition. His teaching and example speak to us of relationship with God and with those around us. We were created to live in love and solidarity with our neighbours and to come together to show our love and thanksgiving to God.

The Body of Christ gathers weekly at All Saints’ Anglican Church on City Hall Square in the heart of Windsor, and we are all called, at baptism, to proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ. We endeavor to share the goodness we have known that comes from the source of all goodness – God.

The coming of Christmas brings with it busy preparations for the many sacred and secular celebrations of this season. This season I encourage you to recognise and give thanks for the presence of God in every situation in which you find yourself. We are promised, by Christ Jesus himself, that “where two or three are gathered together in [His] name, there [He is] in the midst of [us]” (Matthew 18:20).

Take a moment in each setting in which you find yourself this season to give thanks to God for being there in the midst of you. At something as simple as the joyous squeal of a child upon opening a present, in the presence of joy – there God is found. At the heartbroken

and loving recollection of those whom we have loved in this world and have entrusted to the next, in the presence of love – there too God is found.

This year there are many special services to help us recall that blessed miracle of God’s coming among us in the person of Jesus. We will gather for an Advent



Evensong service on Sunday, December 15th at 4pm. This beautiful traditional service from the Book of Common Prayer will celebrate and anticipate the joy of the incarnation we experience at Christmas. Tuesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve, we will gather for a service of Holy Communion at 11pm. On Christmas Day, The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, we will gather for a simple service of Holy Communion celebrated from the Book of Common Prayer at 10 am.

**I**n great charity that springs from our thanksgiving for all the many blessings that God bestowed upon us and in living out the Commandment to love our neighbours, we are called by the Gospel to share from that bounty. Over the past few years I have invited you to participate in a gift giving campaign for indigenous children in remote and northern Canada. If you feel called to support this outreach endeavour, simply

pack a shoebox with gifts that you know from your own experience would be thrilling for a child to receive and that will inspire creativity. Check out the notice board in Scott Hall for details.

It has been said that “we are not human beings on a spiritual journey... we are spiritual beings on a human journey.” In the season of Advent, we are called to a time of self-examination and reflection leading to a renewed sense of our dependence on God for spiritual nourishment and fulfillment. As always, but especially during Advent and Lent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available in the strictest of confidence. Please do contact me to set up a time to meet, if you wish to avail yourself of this formalized way to approach the season.

**B**lessing a house is another kind of spiritual action. Recently, I had the opportunity to bless a family’s home. It is a way to pray throughout a home in a way that confers God’s blessing on the activities of daily living that happen in that place. It is a reminder that there is not anything in all creation that can separate us from the love of God – including the front door of our house. It is also a reminder that all things can be set aside for a special purpose. We can celebrate Holy Communion in the context of your living room. The call to love God and neighbour is to be carried out from our Sunday worship into the world. Please do contact me if you would like me to come to your home and bless it and its rooms. This is especially traditional in the season right after Christmas – Epiphanytide.

I wish you the very best of the Advent and Christmas seasons.

God’s blessing be upon you and your family this day, this season, and forevermore.

Sincerely,

*Robert Clifford+*

Rector



**Michael**

**Gabriel**

**Uriel**

**Raphael**

## Sunday September 29 St. Michael & All Angels

We welcomed Reverend Nancy Carle to our pulpit, with her husband David Carle to the organ console.

We have a good selection of angels in our narthex.



15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

All Saints' Anglican Church,  
330 City Hall Square West  
Windsor ON N6A 1J3

Celebrant The Rev'd Robert Clifford  
Associate Priest The Rev'd Bev Diet

Musician Prof. David Palmer

**OPEN STREETS!** WINDSOR

Sunday, September 22, 2019  
10am-2pm

Designated streets will be closed to car traffic and open to people of all ages and abilities to enjoy.

Intersections open for north-south vehicular traffic

Open Streets Route

Activity Hubs

[OpenStreetsWindsor.ca](http://OpenStreetsWindsor.ca)

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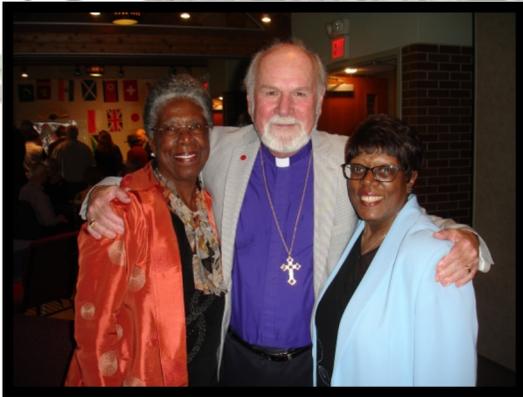
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# Dedication of Canterbury College Commons University of Windsor Thursday October 3 2019 Retired Bishop Bob Bennett

Diocese of Huron

Past rector of All Saints' Anglican Church; Archdeacon of Deanery of Essex



**October 18 2019**  
**Food for the Soul**  
Concert themed around food

Music Includes:  
"The Sex Lives of Vegetables" by Jeff Enns  
& "The Creek Bistro Specials" by David McIntyre

Programme is co-sponsored by All Saints' Concerts  
Windsor Essex Centre of the  
Royal Canadian College of Organists  
7:30PM Tickets \$20 at the church door

**All Saints' Anglican Church**  
City Hall Square Windsor Ontario Canada  
THE ROYAL CANADIAN  
COLLEGE OF ORGANISTS

**Kerry Anne Kutz**  
Soprano

**Valerie Hall**  
Organist

All Saints' Anglican Church  
City Hall Square, Windsor Ontario  
Windsor Essex Centre of the  
Royal Canadian C. of O.

We  
Enjoyed  
Two  
Autumn  
Concerts



Evening  
of **Jazz**  
Friday  
October 25  
2019  
**All Saints' Church**  
City Hall Square  
Windsor Ontario

Shirahia Nwanji  
Kofun Ekezie Okonko  
Sonia Hooper-Mills  
Wendell King

Doors open 7pm  
for 7:30pm  
Adults \$15 Seniors \$10  
Students \$5





Art Roth and Skating

**Art Roth opens the Winter Skating Programme**



**Buy a Priest a Beer**



At the 5th anniversary celebration of the Arts Collective Theatre (ACT) at the Fogolar Furlan Gale, Irene and Art accept an award on behalf of All Saints' Church for its long-time support of Chris Rabideau, the director of ACT, which now works out of rooms at the church.



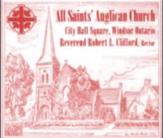
**Trivia Night  
Youth  
Challenge  
With dip  
contest**

Pastor Paul Poolton  
with  
All Saints'  
St. Augustine  
St. James

@ St. Augustine



**All Saints' Study Programme**  
**Exploring Church Music**  
 With Dr. David Palmer (All Saints' Organist)  
**Tuesday November 12, 19, 26th 6:30pm**  
 Our Study Group will explore the origins of our rich musical heritage, and how it adorns the liturgy.  
 Light supper starts the evening.

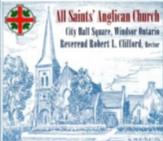



**All Saints' Adult Study Programme**  
**The Superheroes of Christianity**  
 With Reverend Robert L. Clifford  
**Starts Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm**  
 Scott Hall  
 Supper Suggested Donation \$5-\$7

**A CLOUD OF WITNESSES**  
**WAITS FOR US**  
 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses,



**Adult Education Starts Tuesday September 10th**  
**Why are there so many different Christians?**  
**6:30pm**  
 Supper (Freewill Offering)  
**7pm Study**  
 Facilitated by The Reverend Robert Clifford With Owen Swain



# Adult Education



**Adult Study Programme Tuesday September 17 2019**  
 Kitchen: Thom, Ruth, Sharon, Mar, Leslie, Christina, Blodwen, Robert+  
 All Saints' Anglican Church City Hall Square Windsor ON









Meatloaf with BBQ Sauce      Garlic Bread      Mashed Potatoes      Signature Spinach Salad      Gluten Free Meatloaf      Homemade Warm Apple Crisp      South African Merlot Wine

# Advent Reflection

"Advent" means "coming" or "the arrival of a notable person, thing or event." Preceding such an arrival we wait, we anticipate, we hope. During the season of Advent—the four Sundays before Christmas, we experience these things intensely. World-wide, we and all Christians are longing for something. We are waiting and hoping together. But what exactly are we waiting for?

The Jewish people were waiting for the fulfillment of their law and God's promise of a messiah. For hundreds of years they waited for God to fulfill that promise. At times they clenched their teeth, looked to the sky, and whispered, "God, where are you?" as the world around them became darker and darker. They waited as they went through wars and endured unspeakable things.

As Christians see it, the world was waiting for God to slip into the vulnerability of a human skin and share in our weary and war-torn world, to become God-in-flesh, God-among-us. The world waited for a light that would break the darkness of an empty tomb. The world waited for redemption, for restoration, and for healing. Joy is written on every face on Christmas Day because the tense anticipation is over. Christ the King, born on this day, reconciles God and humans.

Advent, however, is ongoing in our lives today. Christ has come, yet is still to come. We are still waiting and hoping. How do we think about that? What are we hoping for?

I don't know what exactly we are hoping for. Some Christians say we hope for the second coming of Christ. The beautiful readings from the Book of Isaiah, which we hear during Advent, describe how even the Earth longs for the presence of God. The "O Antiphons," sung at evening prayer and during the Gospel Acclamations towards the end of Advent, speak of a Christ as the King of Nations. The Gospel readings in the weeks of Advent tell of John the Baptist expressing Israel's hope for a Messiah. Mary and Joseph hope for the birth of a son. It's all about hope. I can't speak for others, but I can tell you what I hope for: With a desire that is heightened during this intense period of waiting and longing, I hope for the coming of Christ into our lives in new ways that I can experience vividly and directly in my daily life.

But in the world we face today, it is very hard to sustain that hope and to feel the Christmas spirit: when our world is faced with issues of human trafficking, homophobia, misogyny, transphobia, xenophobia, anti-Semitism, and Islamophobia; where

immigrants are under attack, and children are being separated from their families at borders; where poverty and homelessness and mental illness stalk our cities. The world seems overwhelmed with corruption, greed and egotism.

In a way I am learning to be OK with it. I'm learning to be OK with the sadness that rises with the frustration of a broken world, with longings still unfulfilled, with the ache in the human heart for all things to be redeemed, restored, and made whole. Hoping seems like a way of holding both the joy and the sorrow in our hearts at the same time. "Where are you?" we whisper to heaven. "This weary world is waiting.

We hope for a future where every tear is wiped from every eye, where people can dance with no reservation. We wait for the Kingdom of God, but maybe that kingdom is now. Right here. Right now. We hope in the small and selfless acts of unchained love and boundless grace that constitute God's Kingdom. We

hope to find joy in the small things: in bringing food to a grieving friend, in holding the door open for a stranger, in being the shoulder for someone to cry on.

When we think about it, hope is completely absurd. Hope must try to stand up against our very human instincts to burn down bridges, shut down dissent, pick fights, turn over tables, draw lines in the sand, or else to just zone out and leave the craziness behind.

Here is something different about hope: it's subversive. Hope isn't just withdrawing from reality or covering our eyes in ignorance. It's not like we bury our heads in the sand and sing songs of the Gospel. Hope is not about pretending that the world is fine, we're fine, and everything's just fine. There are many things in our lives and in our world that are not fine. Hope admits that. Hope is subversive because it dares to admit that all is not as it should be and yet carries on.

Sometimes we feel as if the only thing left to do is simply to hope, to hold on to each other, to pray without ceasing, and to dance in the darkness, waiting for the light to crack through. Sometimes we feel as if the only thing left to do is hold on for God to fulfill His promises of restoration, even if it means not living long enough to see it. We hope that our light shines in this world. We hope for our candles to scatter the darkness, confident that if/when our candle blows out, another Christian will come to us and rekindle that flame. This is Advent.

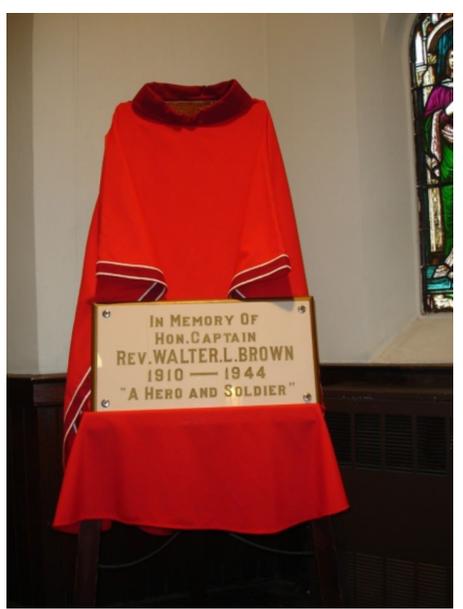
*Blessings,  
Gerard Phillips*



## Walpole Island First Nation Relationship Update:

In September Joyce and I hosted Laverne Jacobs and his lovely wife Lynne, Rev. Mark Loyal, Rev. Robert, Art, and Beryl to dinner to celebrate our almost first year of building relationship. We agreed that the first steps of learning and listening to and about each other were appropriate and that patience to hear where the 'spirit' was moving us was needed. At ASC I will look for input from fellow parishioners on specific steps we might undertake to better our understanding of First Nations. For example, might ASC host another blanket exercise open to other Deanery parishes and friends? Your comments are welcomed!

Peace *Larry*



# Prayer Shawl Ministry

*“Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Glory to the New Born King”.....*

**A**hhh, it is that glorious time of the year, and our ladies (and gentleman) of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are blessed to be busy with “God’s Work” and are creating “CHRISTmas Hugs” and warmth for our church and our community.

The “Poppy Project” was an awesome success! With the kind assistance of Gale Carter, we created a beautiful Altar Frontal. We made a lovely lectern draping and filled a wreath with poppies made by the members, all of which adorned our church for the Remembrance Day Service on November 10th. All in all, I am very pleased and feel blessed that we have the talent to create something so unique for our rector and for our church.

There is another project I am working on with Reverend Clifford and the Prayer Shawl Ministry, about which I will fill you in in the next newsletter.

I would, once again, like to thank Betty McIntosh for her faith in my ability to guide the Prayer Shawl Ministry forward and wish each and every one of you a Miraculous CHRISTmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

*Sharon Hillier*

Prayer Shawl Ministry

## Archives—Remembrance Sunday

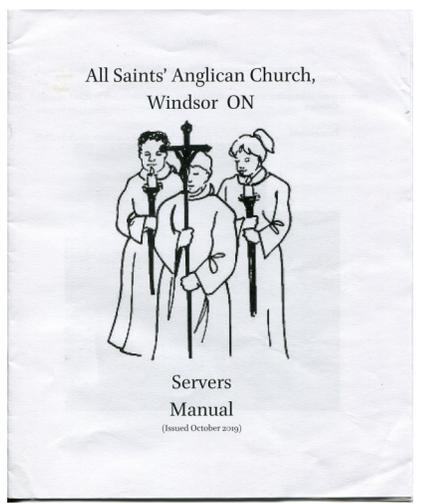
The tablet honouring Reverend Walter Brown was displayed in the church proper on Sunday November 10th. The location was near the tower exit, where, in the 1930’s, the late curate would stand on Sunday evenings after evensong.



**R**everend Robert Clifford has initiated a new Altar Servers programme this autumn. A new 12-page manual was created by our rector.

Mary Beth Swain has accepted the position as head server.

Watch the procession during the festive holidays.

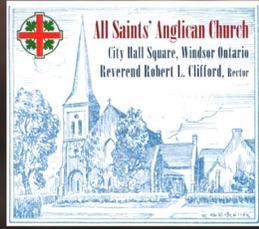


# Xmas Gifts: what does God Want?

Tuesday December 3, 10, 17

With Reverend Robert L. Clifford  
6:30pm

Light Supper, Compline, Study



# Forthcoming Events

*Advent*  
Hope · Love · Joy · Peace

**Special Evensong**  
**December 15th**  
**4pm**

**ACT** ARTS COLLECTIVE THEATRE

PRESENTS

**HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 13 & 14 AT 7:30PM

ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH  
330 CITY HALL SQUARE W

ADULTS	STUDENT / SENIORS	TODDLERS
\$20	\$15	FREE ADMISSION

PLEASE VISIT [ACTWINDSOR.COM](http://ACTWINDSOR.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

**Community Christmas Dinner**

Saturday December 21 2-4pm

All Saints' Anglican Church  
City Hall Square  
Windsor Ontario

Complimentary. Donations kindly accepted.

Conveners  
Gene & Bonnie Boyd



**I** Love First Peoples aims to break the cycle of poverty in the lives of First Nations children, through education and the motivation to stay in school. We also give non-FN Canadian citizens a means to express their concern in a tangible way. Our message is quite simple: We care!

It is our utmost desire to see native communities flourish and to see First Nations people honoured and their culture restored.

It is our hope that Canadians will embrace the gift box and backpack initiative, and that it will lead to more ways to serve native communities. We believe that dialogue leads to understanding, understanding to appreciation, and appreciation to mutual support. In this perspective, our next step will be to provide a mechanism whereby native and non-native children can begin to converse, so the next generation will be well ahead of us and free of the barriers that hinder conversation today

**Boxes are available, with suggested items, in the parish hall.**



# Advent: A Time of Renewal

*Rev. Bev Diet*

Advent is a time of renewal and preparation. It is a time to be ready. It is a wake-up call, like a trumpet, a blast that signals hope and glory. It is a time to shake off sleep, lethargy, and old ways. It is meant to be a rude awakening, to jolt us into realizing what it means to be "the people of God."

Each time we celebrate the Eucharist we hear the words: "The gifts of God, for you, the people of God." Yet there are times when we may not feel like people of God. We may feel weak in some areas in our lives. Advent would be the time to work on our situation through prayer and consultation with someone who can help us with a listening ear, but also for us to offer an ear to others. In hospitals and nursing homes, for example, a choir may come and sing Christmas carols and then leave, but what the people often need just as much is for someone to sit and listen to their stories. Just as Advent wakens us to our calling as people of God, it can also be a time when, by listening, we can help others know they are people of God. Matthew's gospel makes it abundantly clear: "And they shall call him Emmanuel . . . God is with us." God is with us, and we must be with others.

# All Saints' Anglican Church

## Advent Services

Sunday December 1, 8, 15, 22

8am 10am

Thursday 5, 12, 19

11:30am

Special Evensong December 15

4pm

Tuesday December 24

## Christmas Eve

7:00pm 11pm

Wednesday December 25

## Christmas Day

10am

Christmas Thursday December 26

11:30am

Sunday December 29

8am 10am

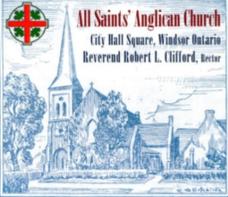
Thursday January 2

11:30am

**Adult Study Programme  
January 2020**

# Forgiveness

**Facilitated by  
Reverend Robert Clifford  
Tuesday's 6:30pm  
January 14, 21, 28  
Delicious Soup & Bread:  
Compline: Study**

**Jesus**

**forgiveness**

**forgive**

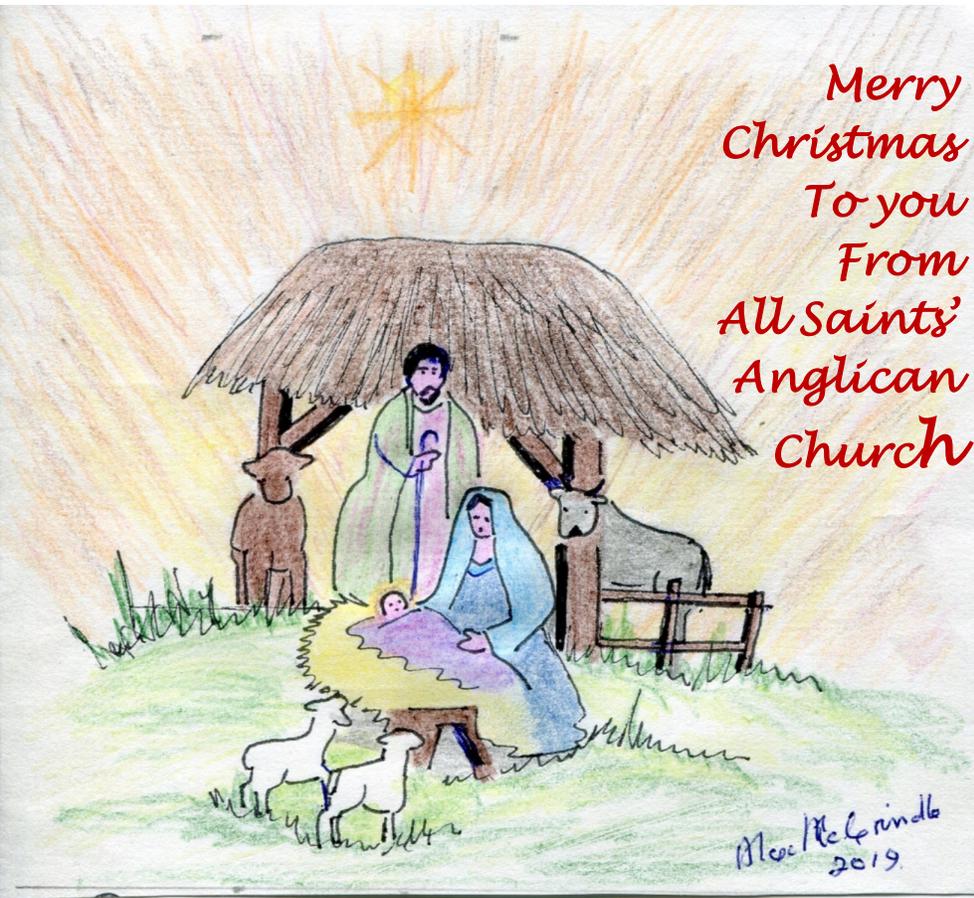
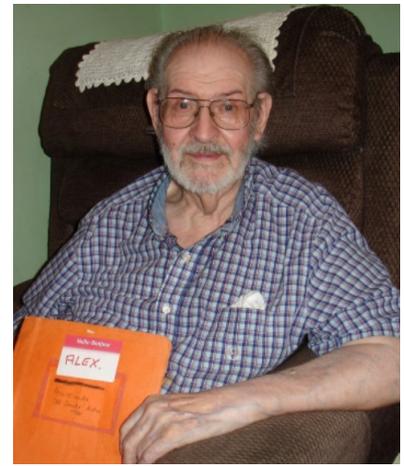
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# January 2020



Merry  
Christmas  
To you  
From  
All Saints'  
Anglican  
Church

Stalwart member and renowned cook Alex McCrindle has designed our Christmas card. Thanks! Alex began work at Kresge's in 1950.



After Archbishop Linda's decision to allow equal marriage in the Diocese of Huron, All Saints' made this commitment on July 24th, which we announced on our website. We also added a physical message to each of the large outdoor church signs on October 10th.

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