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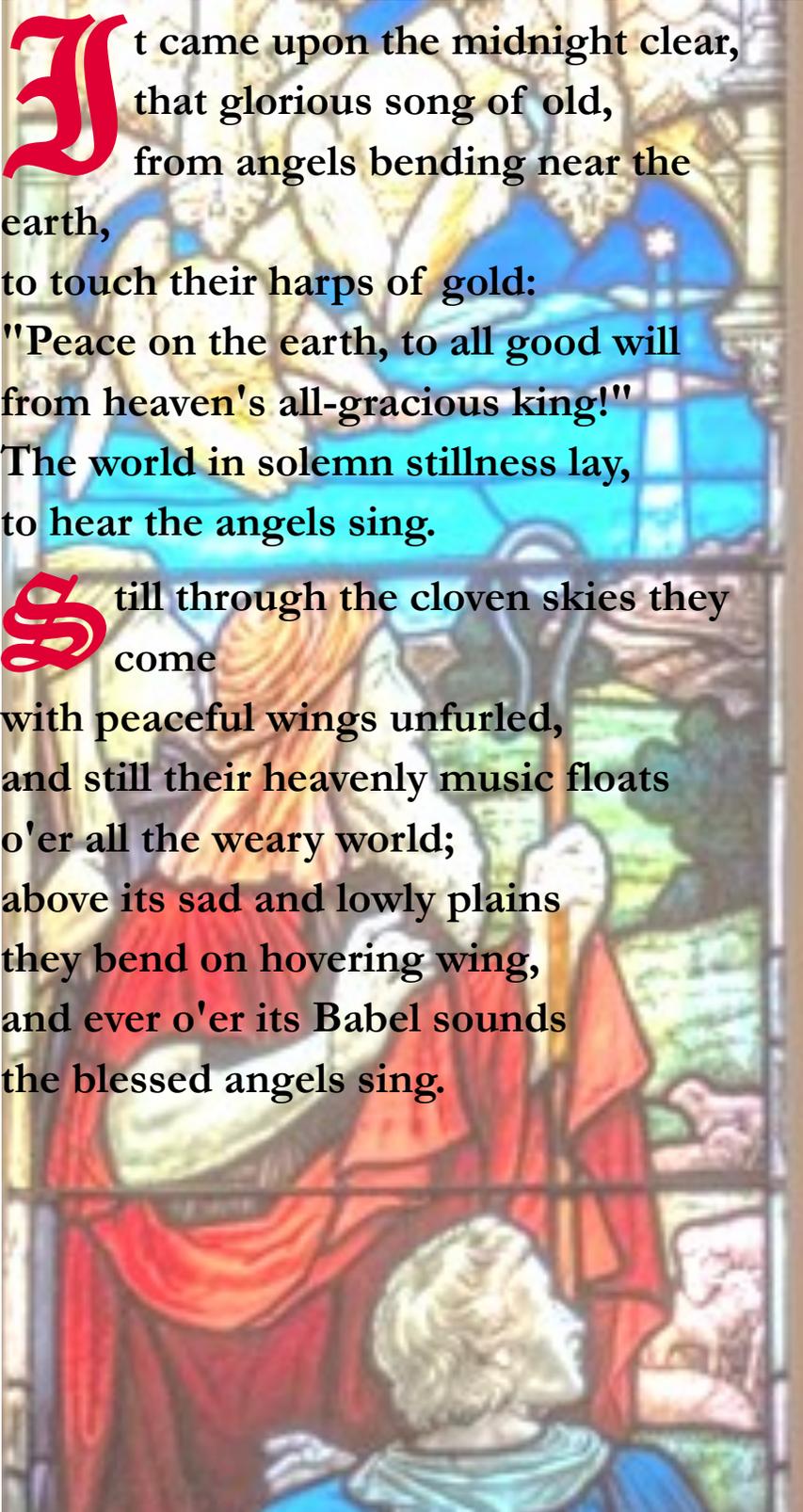
Advent, 2020

My dear siblings in Christ,

Like St. Paul's colleague, Titus, we are called to celebrate with our ancient forebears in the "blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ." We trust now, as so many before us have, that we have indeed been united to God through our baptism and have that blessed hope that Paul writes about. This season of physical distancing and limited human contact has made the need for unity, anywhere that it can be found, all the more important.

The cycles of our lives are beauti-

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It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the
earth,
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, to all good will
from heaven's all-gracious king!"
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they
come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

Welcome to your All Saints' newsletter. This is our 11th edition. It has been quite a year, one that we did not expect. This church has survived many wars, economic depressions, and pandemics. One hundred years ago the Spanish Influenza closed our church for about a year. We survived.

It is the season of Advent 2020. Our church is closed, but we have online services that you can connect with, something that is new. This newsletter helps to let you know we are here.

A lot goes into putting this newsletter together. From a blank page, I collect articles and photographs to reflect what is happening in our parish. Thank you to everyone who helps to make it happen.

Above, I am photographed with Santa Claus in Devonshire Mall outside Hudson's Bay store. The other photograph is our



last Sunday, Advent I, before Code Red was implemented.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2021.

Thom Smith

Editor

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Dour help is needed as the financial year ends.

Our parish is in a deficit due to the pandemic.

If you are able, please contribute for a special gift. It would mean so much to the operation and outreach of All Saints' parish.

An envelope is included with this newsletter.



Christmas memories from years ago @ All Saints'. Thank you, Irene Moore Davis, for these two pictures.





**From my
home
to yours.
Merry
Christmas**

☞ Robert Clifford +

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fully mirrored in the annual cycles of the Christ's beloved bride – the church. Just as the hours of daylight dwindle, our gathering as a community and our attempts to support each other through the darker days of the year increase.

I pray that this note finds you well and staying in contact with people who love you. Please know that your family here at All Saints' is thinking about you and prays for you often. We will be resuming our telephone tree ministry during this current season of heightened public health restrictions. Don't wait for a call, though – please reach out to me and each other to maintain connection and reinforce our unity.

I have been reflecting lately on the fact that we are the Body of Christ, that mystical union of all believers – even in these strange days. We are called to show our love to God and to our neighbours. We are called to make the light and love of

Christ, that we experience so vividly in the Advent and Christmas liturgies, known to the world. Advent all boils down to love. Love from a Savior who deigned come among us to show us the way to God. Love, also, to a neighbor in need.

All Saints' is taking up its share in the mission of God in this part of the world. Children are fed and they are nurtured in the faith we hold dear because God has sustained us here for generations. The elderly and lonely are visited and brought together in love and fellowship as we respond to the love and presence that we experience as the Body of Christ.

☩ur job is also to be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit as she goes about building up the Kingdom of God. There are possibilities and opportunities for the future of how Anglican ministry will carry on in our beloved Windsor and area. Please take this opportunity to dream for the future.

This Advent and Christmas we will be gathering in worship and fellowship often – this year will be mostly online. Please stay tuned to

your parish emails, Facebook, and YouTube for opportunities to worship.

In keeping with custom, and for your convenience, your Christmas special offering envelop is enclosed.

Please do continue to hold your All Saints' family in your prayers as we hold you in ours. When we are able to re-gather onsite, please plan to join us.

I can be reached in confidence and at most any time, by email (RobertClifford@DioHuron.org) or by phone (519-318-4430).

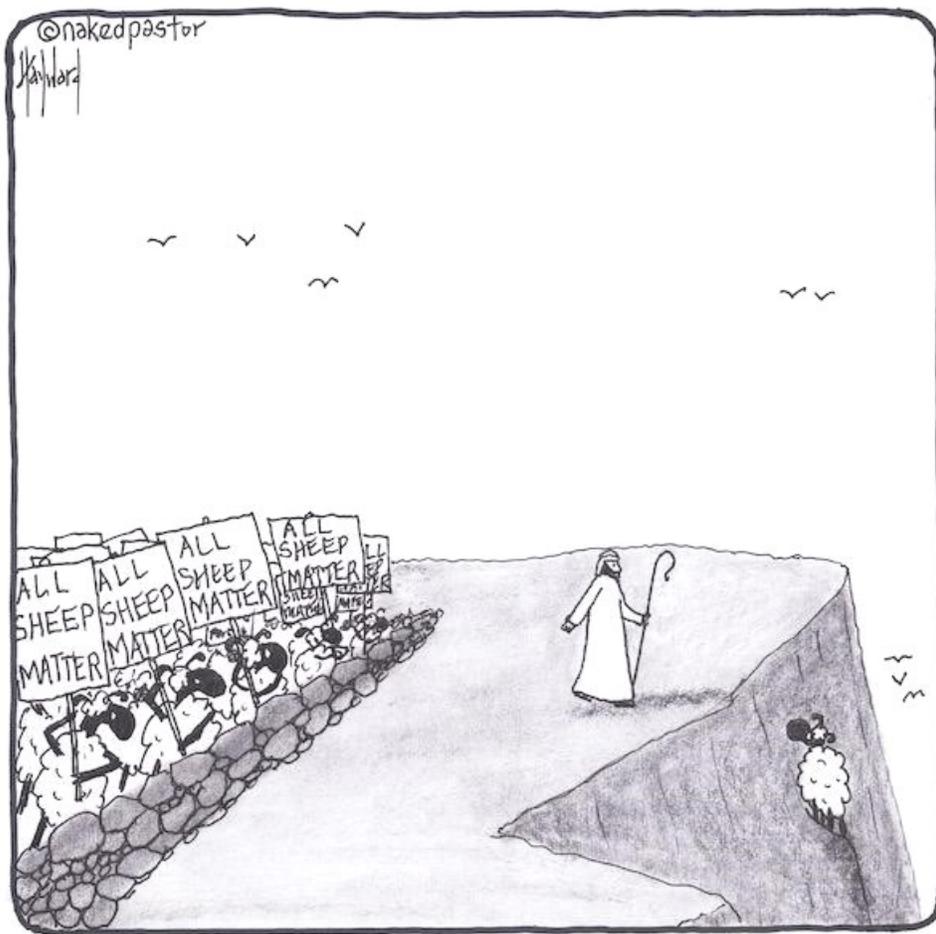
Peace be upon you and yours this holy season.

Blessings,

Robert+

Bethlehem Window/ South Transept





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The shepherd went after the one lost sheep not because he did not love the ninety-nine, but because he cared for the lost one as much as for the ninety-nine. He loved all the sheep, as God loves every one of us.

Matt. 18:12-14 & Luke 15:3-7

This cartoon reflects on the message of Christina Simmons in last month's edition of our newsletter about the Black Lives Matter movement.

Church Directory

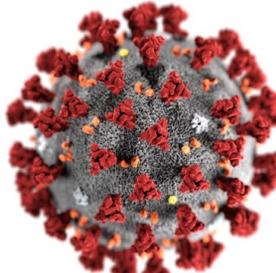
UPDATE

Last fall Victoria McKinlay completed photographing parish members at the church and in nursing or retirement homes but has been delayed by her grandmother's death and by the pandemic. Now we hope to get the directory completed. While some parish members have selected their photograph for the directory, others have not. If you have not selected your photograph for the directory, you can do so by contacting Victoria McKinlay at victoria.mckinlay@hotmail.com. She will send you the link for your photographs. You may also order photographs for your own use.

The deadline for making your selection is December 7th.

If you encounter any difficulties in making your selection or do not have access to a computer, please contact Bruce Tucker at 519-973-1533.

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mask**

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Prayer Shawl Ministry

“It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year”

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I am so blessed, and very much looking forward to Advent this year with my “New” perspective.

There are NOT many of us who have not been affected by COVID-19, and our shawls are still available for anyone who wishes to have one or present one to a friend or family member in need of a spiritual “hug”, especially given what appears to be another shut-down coming for our community.

I am happy to report that there is another “Poppy Project” in the works for 2021, as well as another community project on the horizon that I will be presenting to Reverend Clifford in the new year.

Our ministry, together with others, continues to provide wool for those who are unable to get out during the pandemic. Anyone in need of yarn can contact me directly or via the Church.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to all and STAY SAFE!

Sharon Hillier



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Wednesday, November 11

Remembrance Day service for the City of Windsor was by invitation only this year. Most people watched the Armistice service on television at home. Our church had services on the previous Sunday.



Here are three war memorial tablets in the church proper.

Our war dead:
Boer War South Africa—1
Great War WWI—40
WWII—35
(We also had troops in the Northwest Rebellion and the American Civil War.)



A Note From Reverend Bev Diet

Traditions and Christmas Carols

I love all the Christmas carols, but the one that affects me most spiritually is “Silent Night”.

In my chaplaincy ministry it seemed all the difficulties and problems intensified the closer we got to Christmas—a business disaster or difficulty in relationships. But traditions and carols provide comfort. I always look forward to Advent, and our Advent wreath made up of ribbons and candles. Our main tradition in Advent has been with the children and grandchildren. We choose a tree in the county, cut it down, bring it



home, and have a party to trim the tree. But one night the whole tree fell over!

Christmas. The music and words of “Silent Night” remind me of the blessing that we pray at the end of communion: “And the peace that passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you and those you love this day and always”.

Blessings,

Bev +



David Carle



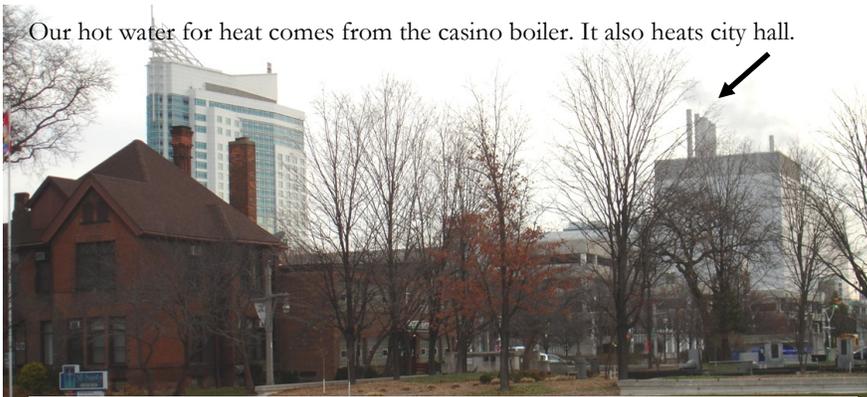
Interim Organists

Making hiring plans and decisions is complicated by the public health restrictions on travel between regions of the country and on having people in to do auditions. We have made arrangements with Karen Price and David Carle to provide interim music ministry. Both are talented, and both are available locally (from within the congregation). The wardens and deputy-wardens and rector have a plan that envisions a far-flung posting of the position and auditioning by prospective candidates in future.

Karen Price



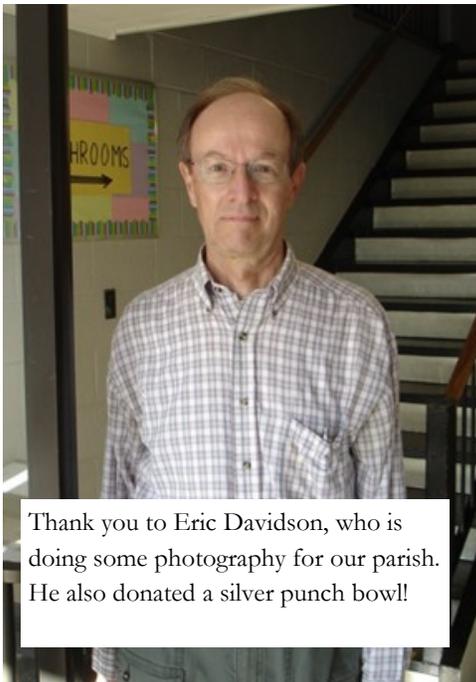
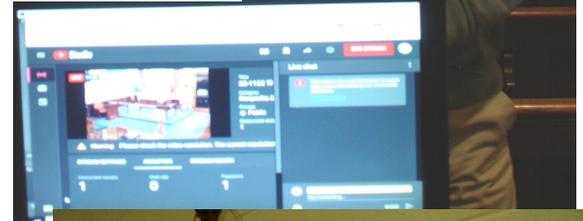
Our hot water for heat comes from the casino boiler. It also heats city hall.



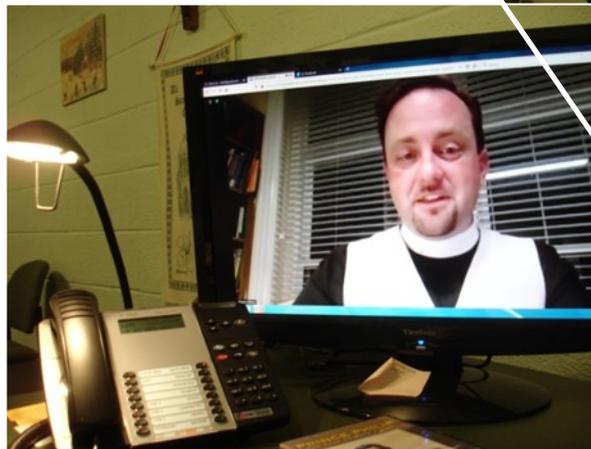
A 70-year-old pipe burst in November. Thank you, Art Roth, for leading the team for the repair. Thank you to the Carter sisters for the clean-up.



John Cope, a new member from Ottawa, has been assisting with the installation of our television set-up.



Thank you to Eric Davidson, who is doing some photography for our parish. He also donated a silver punch bowl!



During the pandemic many of our meetings are being conducted on Zoom. We also are taping services for broadcast on You Tube.



People make the issue. Thank you to Ruth and Sam Bridgen and Val van Reenen for their kind donations to publish and mail out this newsletter. Hugs!



From the Desk of the Office Administrator!

Well, they said I couldn't do it. Sixteen years ago, November 8, 2004, was my first day as Office Administrator. Now I ask the question,

"How have I performed?" With some knowledge of the office duties I jumped in with both hands and feet. The challenge was steep, working from the bottom to the

top, not knowing where the top was or is. I wanted this job, and I needed this job.

I have worked beside the different rectors and assistants—William Gray, Kim Van Allen, the late Joe Ponik, and now Robert Clifford, as well as the late Madeline Patterson, Chris Brouillard-Coyle, Glenda Fisher, and now Bev Diet.

The people of this church have known me since I was thirteen years old. The people of this church have done many things for me, a single parent raising three children. The people of this church are why I wanted this job. With my faith and

determination I knew I could accomplish much.

I love and am devoted to the job of Office Administrator, feel comfort and enjoyment in it, and carry on with prayer, talents, and positive thinking, grounded in the

advice of my parents and grandparents, as well as "always walking by faith."

My favourite hymn is "Sister, Let Me Be

Your Servant" (Common Praise Hymn #500). I come to serve, be it through Chancel Guild duties, tidying the Scott Arthurs Memorial Garden, or attending a Parish Council meeting. I am here to serve.

Many services are appreciated by many, and the best payments come in the form of a smile, a hug, a card, an email, or an unexpected phone call. The ultimate payment is from my Lord and Saviour.

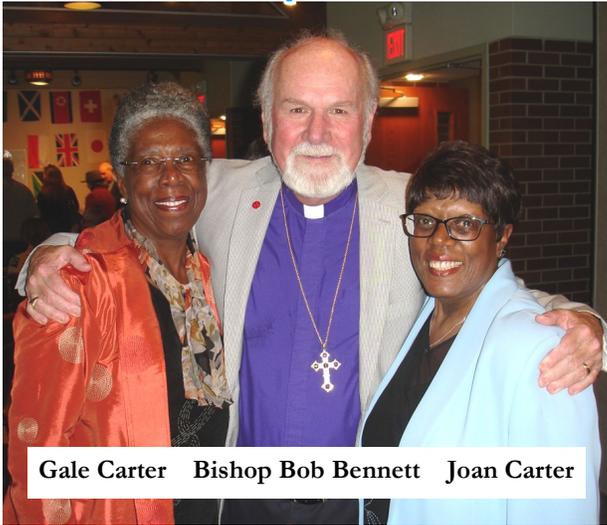
Share your service! "God has given each of us some special abilities. Be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings".

1 Peter 4: 10

Over the years, as I have made changes in the office that needed to be made, I've felt God's grace carrying me.

This is my prayer: "Giver of all gifts, I pray that each and every one of us will discover and use the gifts we have been given to help someone along the way. And help me use my gifts to point people to you." Amen.

Joan Carter



Gale Carter Bishop Bob Bennett Joan Carter



On March 11, 2011, there was a natural disaster in Japan—a huge tsunami. All Saints' had a visiting priest at the time by the name of The Reverend Andrew Shirota, who was from Japan, and he taught us how to make origami cranes. Inside each of the cranes we wrote an encouraging word or a prayer for the thousands who were killed. On Easter Sunday of 2011 we raised to the rafters 6113 cranes, which were formed into a mobile. Thanks to Jeff & Lesley Wilkinson, who engineered the raising of the mobile. The mobile was eventually sent to Japan.

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