



# Saints Alive

All Saints Anglican Church, Medicine Hat, AB  
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## Lenten Services

### Ash Wednesday Services -

Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes  
St. Ambrose: 12:00 noon  
All Saints: 7:00 p.m.  
**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

### Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> – NO SERVICE AT ALL

**SAINTS.** \* \* \* Instead please join Bishop Derek Hoskin at sister church St. Ambrose Anglican Church in Redcliff. Pot Luck lunch to follow. Please bring a food item if you are able. **Time: 10:00 a.m**

**Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** – World Day of Prayer to take place at Holy Family. We have parishioners participating and would like to encourage everyone to come out for this special worship service.

**Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>** – Thank Offering Sunday with ACW with presentations of the Silver Cross.  
– *Come and hear Miriam's story for the first time and the two differing stories of Mary and Martha as we celebrate women's ministry.!*

**Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>** – Jazz Vespers – All Saints Church 7:00 – 9:00  
All welcome. Free will offering.

## Congregational Corner

The communication committee would like your input to our newsletters. Maybe you have some praise to pass out to those hard working individuals that sit in the pew next to you or a story of interest that you would like to pass on. If you have something of interest for your fellow parish members please submit them to Darcee by email [darcee.wong@sd76.ab.ca](mailto:darcee.wong@sd76.ab.ca) or leave with a Communications Committee member. Gloria S., Stephanie F., Rita R., Esther W., Andrew H., Linda S., Joanne M. and Darcee W.

Maybe you have a catchy name that you would like to add to this section? We are open to ideas.

Our goal is to have a newsletter 4 times a year; before Lent, May, September and before Advent.

### **Did you know?**

... that during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent, we do not use the word alleluia in words or music or sing the Gloria.

### Annual General Meeting - Feb. 8, 2008

The AGM was held after church on Sunday Feb. 8, 2009 with approximately twenty people present. The meeting followed a slightly different format than other years. Ronda explained that the annual meeting is a time to report about finances and what is happening in the church, a time to appoint vestry members and synod delegates, wardens and not a time for discussion or debate.

VESTRY: Guy Snell, Margaret Hobson, Catherine Young, Andrew Hobson, Brian and Sylvia Whitson.

TREASURER: Joanne Morrison

ENVELOPE SECRETARY: Nora Way.

RECTOR'S WARDEN: Bill Wahl

PEOPLE'S WARDEN: Gloria Schirok.

SYNOD DELEGATES: Nora Way and Bill Wahl.

ALTERNATE SYNOD DELEGATES: Peggy Kelly and Guy Snell.

AUDITOR: Brian Whitson

Ronda expressed thanks to Judy Howe for her many years as People's Warden, to vestry members who are stepping down and to all the people who do so many things whether they are in the spotlight or behind the scenes.



### Holy Week Services

Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> **The Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday** All Saints: at 11:15 a.m.

Monday April 7<sup>th</sup> Ronda will be in Calgary for the blessing of oils and the renewal of clergy  
VOWS

Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup> **Service of Healing and Memorial** prayers for loved ones, with  
Eucharist.

Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup> **Maunday Thursday** Service at St. Ambrose, Redcliff at 7:00 p.m.  
(Supper before service to be announced.)

Friday April 10<sup>th</sup> **Good Friday** St. Ambrose, Redcliff 9:00 a.m.

Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> **Ecumenical Service** at sunrise, Redcliff (in the park with the water  
tower,  
1<sup>st</sup> left off Broadway)

Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> **Easter Sunday** All Saints at 11:15 a.m.

## Tod Styles

I spent a delightful afternoon this week visiting with a lovely lady who has been a member of All Saints ever since it's beginning. The first time I remember meeting her was when she came to my home and brought me the flowers off the altar right after the birth of my oldest daughter in 1964 so we've known each other for a long time.

We talked a little about the history of the Church and she told me the first meeting was in 1962 and that at that meeting Harvey Biles had asked her if she would be the envelope secretary, unbeknown to her, he has also asked Ken if he would be treasurer. Only after the meeting did they find out that Harvey had asked



them both to take on a job. Tod said she thought Ken could help her with the envelope secretary's job only to find out he had one of his own. They both did these jobs for many years, Ken from 1962 until 1976 and Tod from 1962 until the end of 2003. It was after a vestry meeting where it was decided that they needed a missal stand that Ken came home and decided to design and make one and then donated it to the Church. As with most of the members of All Saint's they enjoyed taking an active part in the Church. Tod was also on the Altar Guild for many, many years.

Tod was born in a small town named Rolla in the Peace River area near Dawson Creek and had two sisters but sadly her twin sister passed away when she was only one day old.. She attended elementary school there but was off to high school in Edmonton at a Girl's school called Llanarthney and then to St. Hilda's College in Calgary and back to Grand Prairie for Grade 12. Always wanting to be a teacher. she attended Normal school in Victoria and taught in many B.C. towns. She met Ken in Ft. St. John where he was an officer in charge of weather. They actually met in an Anglican church there. Tod said she had no intention of getting married and was planning on pursuing her teaching career but Ken had other ideas and was very persistent. After waiting about four years, they were married in 1953 in Dawson Creek and that same year moved to Medicine Hat where Ken started a job as Meteorologist at Suffield and Tod was employed by School District #76. Tod loved teaching and taught at Elm Street, Herald and Connaught schools. Even after she retired in 1985, she continued to go back on a daily basis to volunteer for over 10 years. Ken was very supportive of her career and always helped her with her preparations every Saturday. I noticed a lovely plaque on her wall, it was from School District #76 and it was the 1991 Honoured Educator Award, a special award given to special educators. Tod is a member of Eastern Star, a lodge she has belonged to for many years. Her sister is also a retired teacher and lives in the Ft. St. John area. Tod has always had a soft spot in her heart for babies and young children and loved to buy clothes for them. Many children were lucky recipients of her generosity.

Today, Tod lives in a lovely condo at Chinook Village which she moved into in 2006. This was a big change in her life as they had lived in the same house on 11th street S.W. since moving here. Her home is full of the many hobbies they shared over the years. She has a large library, an extensive stamp and coin collection and quite a collection of lovely figurines, especially a large collection of Swarovski crystals in a curio cabinet. She mentioned more than once that Ken spoiled her rotten. She told me an interesting story of how he would follow her in the car when she went for a walk in case she should happen to fall down. Well, one day a policeman stopped her and told her a man was following her and she said "O yes, that's my husband". Sadly, Ken passed away August 26, 2003 and she misses him very much.

Submitted by Joanne Morrison

## Financial Report

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### INCOME

1. Pledges 5,331.50
15. Campus Care 50.00
2. Open 5.00
8. Altar Guild Donations 1,000.00

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TOTAL INCOME 6,386.50

### EXPENSES

1. Double A 6,498.54
11. GST 78.13
12. Grounds 130.00
3. Utilities 727.28
7. Office Supplies 109.92
- Subscriptions 20.00
- Telephone 257.42

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TOTAL EXPENSES 7,821.29

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OVERALL TOTAL -1,434.79

Bank Balance as of February 19,  
2009 \$21,891.74

### Up Coming Events

**Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>** – ACW Spring Tea & Bake Sale. 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. \$3.50 admission.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Yard Sale. No large items please. If it takes more than one person to carry it, we will not be able to use it. Please only donate gently used items that have resale value.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

At the Convent of St. Serge and St. Bacchus in Maalula, Syria, (built in 325) and one of the last places on earth where Aramaic (the language of Jesus) is still spoken, this (version of the Lord's) Prayer is spoken. The translation is by Neil Douglas-Klotz from Syriac-Aramaic and was printed in Jordan's Newsletter, issued by [the Quaker] Monthly Meeting No 771, Nov' 94 with the comment that is "*possibly the closest to the prayer Jesus actually spoke.*"

Oh Thou, the Breath, the Light of all,  
Let this Light create a heart-shrine within,  
And your Counsel rule till Oneness guides all.  
Your One desire then acts with ours, as in all light, so in all forms.  
Grant what we need, each day, in bread and insight.  
Loose the cords of mistakes binding us, as we release the strands we hold of other's faults.  
Don't let surface things delude us.  
But keep us from unripe acts,  
To you belongs the ruling mind,  
That life can act and do,  
The song that beautifies all,  
From age to age it renews.  
In faith I will be true.

*So what do we make of this? Well, Christianity, as we know it in North America is based on the Salvation of Jesus primarily as preached by Paul. It is heavily influenced by Roman and Greek philosophy. Alternatively, the church of the East (Eastern Orthodoxy) evolved separately out of a Jewish and Aramaic culture, an entirely different world from ours and has a focus not on the Salvation of Christ, but the Wisdom of Christ. Both are valid. The prayer above captures something about Jesus, that has been long neglected in the faith of the western world. Special thanks to Sylvia London for contributing this translation. – sound interesting? For more information, please come to our Lenten study!*