



Saints Alive

MAY – JUNE 2017



The Church of All Saints Mission has a vision of being a vital, joyful source of the grace of God where individuals are respected, feel safe to worship, and are spiritually energized to live out God's purpose for their lives.

Rector's Ramblings

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

This ancient hymn of resurrection still rings true today. We still experience the risen Christ, and are still invited to live the resurrection life. The resurrection life is summed up by the risen Christ in one word – Peace. “Peace be with you” is the most profound phrase you or I will ever hear. The word ‘Peace’ proclaims forgiveness and reconciliation, compassion and love, life in its fullness. Through the resurrection of Jesus we are at Peace with God. Gone is the God who would seek vengeance on those who betray and abandon Jesus; gone is the God who would visit wrath on people who humiliate and deny Jesus. Present is the God who brings Peace and breathes the Holy Spirit. Life in its fullness is for all who would breathe in this gift of God. Here is God revealed in God’s fullness – a God of new beginnings, a God who triumphs over death, a creative God who brings new life. This is the Peace God offers us through the risen Christ. We are invited to participate in God’s life on earth – to be filled with God’s Spirit and then to spread that Spirit around with every breath we take. Here is resurrection life - to bring Peace with us wherever we are, and to leave Peace behind us as we move on. “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me so I send you”. There can be no greater calling than this!



Easter Blessings to All
Paul Bowie+





Regular Services

Sunday: 8:00am – Spoken Service

Sunday: 9:30am – Family Service BAS with Music

Sunday School 2nd & 4th Sundays.

Thursday Morning Eucharist: 10:00am

Friday: 9am – 10:30am – Centering Prayer

Childrens' Area & Mother's Room

The deadline for submissions for the next edition of 'Saints Alive' is **JUNE 25, 2017** Thank you for your contributions to the newsletter.

Editor of Saints Alive



You may know by now that we have launched a new church website. It is easy to navigate and so much easier for me to add text and photos. All things 'All Saints' will be on the website: <http://www.allsaintsmission.ca/>

Please bookmark it on your computer and cell phone. If you have any questions or difficulties please email me donnakennedy02@gmail.com and I will respond with an answer at my earliest convenience. Also when a committee meeting or event is being planned let me know and I will add to 'Events' and it will automatically go on the web calendar. You will see the calendar icon when you click on Events and when opened it will display the whole month. Schedules for Worship Participants will be added as pdf under the News Heading.

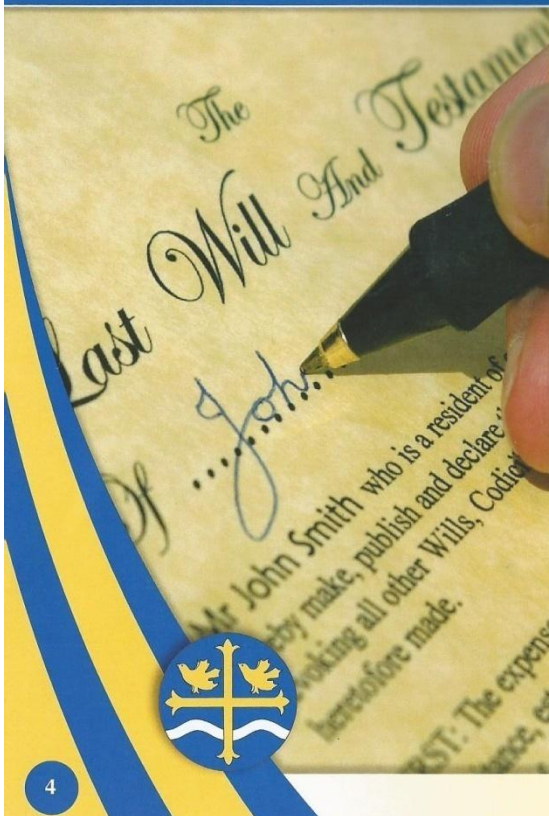
I also would appreciate input. Are there photos you have that you would like me to add? Do you like the layout? Is there something missing? If you see an error please contact me immediately. I do make mistakes and appreciate knowing if something needs amending.

It was two years ago that Warden Judy asked me to be the administrator of the social media, website and liaison administrator with the Diocesan Website. At first I was nervous, said yes anyway and floundered my way through and today I am so glad she asked! I have learned so much (even at my age) and love this volunteer work. It is amazing the gifts we never knew we had. Sometimes we have to jump out of our comfort zones to find ourselves. It does give me joy to be able to give my time and talent in this capacity.

We have many ministries in our church (check out our website) 😊 so please consider prayerfully if you would like to volunteer. You may be as amazed as I was at the possibilities. God works through us in ways we never anticipated.

Blessings,
Donna Kennedy

THE WILL – Planning Your Ultimate Gift



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You will never be more generous than the moment you die; because at that precise moment, you give away every earthly-thing that God has provided to you. Your will is an act of ultimate stewardship. It is your choice what will happen to all these possessions.

A will shares your assets with those you love, your church, and other community organizations. The will is your statement: a witness to your family and friends, about what was valuable and important during your lifetime.

Death is a confusing, challenging time for your survivors. Your will reduces the effect of this anxious time for everyone. The Executor you appoint can act immediately, making funeral arrangements and taking charge of your estate. These steps can help reassure your family at a difficult time.

People approach bequest giving in a variety of ways. Some tithe their estate, giving ten per cent of the estate's value (or more) to the church and additional amounts to other charities. Others divide their estate into one hundred parts and choose how many parts to give to family members, friends, their church and other charities. Still others treat the church as an additional child and distribute their estate assets that way. Some

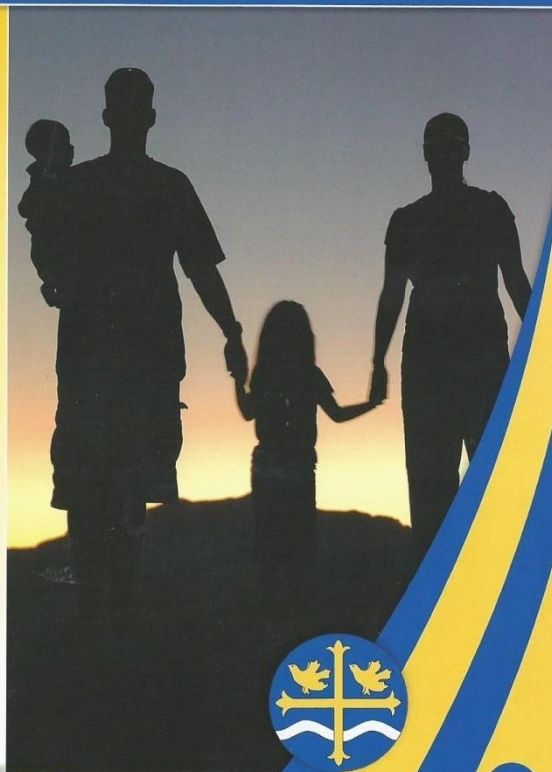
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establish an endowment fund that continues their annual giving to their parish. Others leave the residue to the church – the amount left over after all other taxes and bequests. A very few leave everything to their parish or the Diocese, as Margaret Lewis did in 2003.

The cost of will preparation is worth bearing because it is important to get this document right. Even uncomplicated estate administration can be difficult when the will is improperly drafted. You don't want to create a situation where expensive litigation and legal problems prevent your Executor from concluding your estate process in a timely manner.

Consult your legal representative when drafting bequest clauses. Examples are available on the Diocese of New Westminster website. A Power to Vary clause is recommended when a bequest is given. It provides the Church the power to use your gift for a different purpose in the event that the original purpose is no longer possible and/or necessary.

If you have appreciated securities that are not in your RSP or RRIF, it is a good idea to specifically authorize your Executor to use appreciated securities to fulfill bequests to the church and other charities. Your estate will save the capital gains tax normally paid on appreciated securities.



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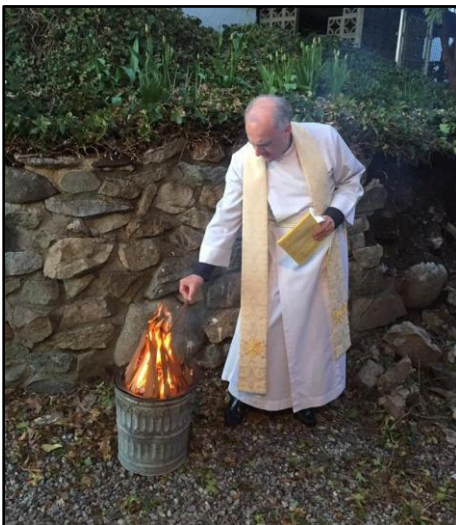


Maundy Thursday saw 46 in attendance from All Saints Anglican, St. Andrews, Gladwin Heights and Trinity Memorial United Churches. We shared a simple supper of a variety of soups, bread and fruit.

During Communion we passed the cup and bread and served each other.

It was a beautiful and meaningful Service.

A New Commandment I Give Unto You, that You Love One Another as I have Loved You!



The Great Vigil of Easter

We began the service with a bonfire and lighting of the Pascal Candle and proceeded into the Church where we had a service of Readings, Prayers and Hymns and Ringing of Bells as we sang the Alleluia!!!

The Service was followed by a Reception with Hot Cross Buns and Cider.



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Alleluia He Is Risen



SUNDAY MAY 14

Motherhood is more than a stage—
it's a lifelong calling from God.
With it He gives us hearts that love deeply,
hands that serve tirelessly, and vision to see
His blossoming image in the precious ones
entrusted to our care.



SUNDAY JUNE 18

A truly rich man is one whose children
run into his arms when his hands are
empty.



The sound of a baby is as powerful
as a choir anthem. It means the
Church is Alive!

~ Sam Reiner ~

Remembering the Teas, Bazaars,
Frolics & Socials hosted in Mission
by the Churches and attended by
members of the community.



*Mission City
Home of the
Big Red
Strawberry*

All Saints Anglican Church is hosting a **Strawberry Social**

Saturday, June 10
1pm to 5pm

33077 Second Ave. at James Street, Mission

Enjoy a free Strawberry
dessert and a tea or coffee.

View the historical displays
- funded by Mission 125



Food! Fun! Fellowship!

Church Potluck

A colorful cartoon illustration of various food items. On the left is a blue bowl filled with yellow soup or mashed potatoes, with a blue spoon. Next to it is a clear plastic bottle of brown liquid with a pink label. In the center is a red cooking pot with a blue lid and a red handle. In front of the pot is a purple rectangular dish containing a pie. To the right is a green bowl with red stars, filled with golden-brown bread rolls, and a yellow and green checkered cloth.

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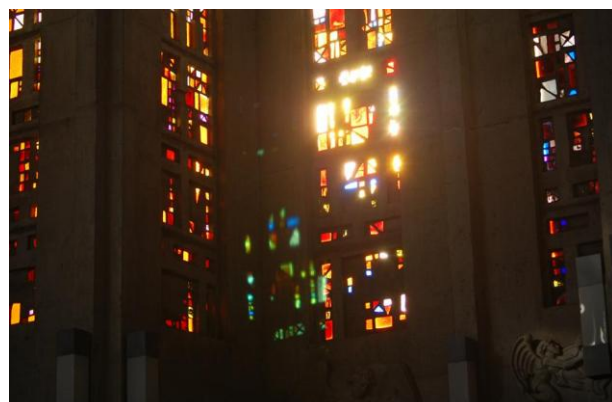
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Happy 80th Birthday Heather Stewart.

Photos of a small gathering of family and friends celebrating Heather's birthday.



Evenings of Sung Prayer

Sunday - April 30th 7:30

St Matthew's Anglican Church
Abbotsford 2010 Guilford Dr.
A beautiful hour of sacred space,
stillness & sung prayers.

Saturday - May 27th 8pm

Westminster Abbey, Mission
34224 Dewdney Trunk Rd.

A very special annual service held at
the Benedictine monastery in Mission. I
will be joined by the boys of the
seminary high school, Father Peter on
harp & other wonderful musicians.

Music inspired by Taize, Iona, J.Philip
Newell & Cathy AJ Hardy

Where has the time gone!

Two of our long-time parishioners, John Connor &
Colleen Keil, are planning to attend their 70th High
School Reunion in June.





Our Healing Prayer ministry has been launched – Allelulia! Prayer team members were commissioned and prayed for on Palm Sunday and the first team was available for prayer during Communion on Easter Sunday. We follow the Healing Prayer guidelines of the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer: “Christian healing is Jesus Christ meeting a person at his/her point of greatest need. Jesus does the healing, not us.” And “Christian healing involves the well-being of the whole person: body, mind, and spirit.” We invite you to bring your need to Jesus, be it for yourself, loved ones, or the world. No prayer is too small. Healing prayer time is also an opportunity to give thanks. Prayers are

Stewardship
sharing the gifts we have been given





Truth and Reconciliation



The Truth and Reconciliation Subcommittee of the Outreach Committee met in March to continue to discern ways we can help bring about reconciliation between ourselves and Canada's Indigenous peoples – First Nations, Inuit and Metis. Committee members are our Metis elders Rene Inkster and Sam Green, and the Reverend Paul, Jim Wilson, Jan Openshaw, Margaret Blades, Rose Bennett and Susan Truman.

To support learning the truth about Canada's racist history, we discussed a workshop series rather than a book study as earlier suggested. The series could focus on what the Anglican Church has been doing towards reconciliation, study of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the TRC Commission recommendations and the Doctrine of Discovery and its historical consequences. We could also use an exercise called Dialogue of the Spirit from a book called Racial Healing which aims to heal the harm done by racism to both victims and perpetrators. In addition Mission School District's SiwalSi'wes Aboriginal Education Department has a video of two St. Mary's survivors talking about their experiences. Plans for the workshops will be worked on at our next meeting on April 28th. We think that the workshops will afford us an opportunity to find out what our parishioners think we should be doing towards truth and reconciliation.

On Sunday, June 4, a group of Langley churches will be walking to the site of St. Mary's Indian Residential School in Mission as part of their work on truth and reconciliation. This is their 2nd year walking. Paul has been in touch with Paul Guiton, retired Anglican priest who is very involved in the group. They discussed a number of ideas: asking the school district drumming group(s) to drum for the walk at Mission, arranging a meeting between All Saints and the group, and forming a Fraser Valley Anglican TR group to share what each church is doing. Paul will be in touch with Joe Heslip, District Principal of SiwalSi'wes to enquire about the drumming group and to see how we can be involved with their work.

We will celebrate the annual Aboriginal Day of Prayer on Sunday, June 18th. The following Wednesday, June 21 is National Aboriginal Day. Watch for information in the bulletin and on our website on local celebrations and consider attending. The Mission Friendship Centre usually has an event that the community is invited too. There is food, drumming and dancing. Attending is a way we can connect and contribute to reconciliation.

A reminder about how to work towards healing of relationships with indigenous peoples from the Primate's Commission on Discovery, Reconciliation and Justice:

- Pray – for Indigenous people and make space for Indigenous voices, teachings and ceremonies in worship
- Learn – the truth about Canada's racist history and learn through talking circles, book and Bible studies and videos to be open to Indigenous voices and world views
- Build relationships with Indigenous peoples
- Act – make a commitment to act in the interests of Indigenous people

Education, relationship building and action all take time, but prayer is something we can all do right now, so we ask for your prayers for our National Indigenous Bishop Mark, for the Indigenous people of the Anglican Church of Canada, for all First Nations, Inuit and Metis people, for all non-indigenous people and for our committee. We welcome anyone who would like to join us. *Please contact Susan Truman.*



Ongoing Outreach



Harvest Bags

Pre-Order and pay \$5.00 each bag by 2nd Friday of each month and pick up on 3rd Thursday of each month at ***Mission Community Services Food Centre***, between 11am and 1pm.
32646 Logan Avenue

Our international giving goal is achieved through your donations of refundable bottles and cans. Bottles and cans may be put in the wooden chest underneath the stairs outside the hall



TRIM Care Home Ministry at The Residence

We offer the residents and opportunity to receive the sacrament, worship and fellowship once a month. Please speak with Deacon Glen for more information



Did you know we have a tin for your dead batteries to be recycled?

Ed will take them to the recycling depot.

Help keep our Environment Clean!



Pies are coming!

The Holy Rollers will be gathering to make fruit pies on May 3rd and 10th, with pies ready for distribution on Sunday May 14th. We are always looking for sources for fruit to keep the cost of the pies down. If you have access to fruit, including rhubarb, apples and berries please let Susan know. This year, the Rollers will be whipping up a few mincemeat pies, too!



Pancake Breakfast 8:30 - 9:20am

1st Sunday of the Month

Pancakes \$4.00 (\$3.50 Senior/Child) with coffee, tea, juice and fruit

Bacon & Sausage .50 each or 2/.75

Scrambled Eggs 2/\$1.75

New Item: French toast 2 slices \$5.00

😊 Ticket draw for a free breakfast the following month 😊



As of April 1 there are changes in our recycling program in Mission. No longer will glass jars, glass bottles, or plastic bags be accepted in blue bags or bins. New black bins are being delivered to put your washed glass jars and bottles in for weekly pickup. Plastic bags will be acceptable at grocery stores and the recycling depot by the Westcoast Express parking lot. If you have a few jars, bottles or bags and forget to take them yourself do not put them in the garbage. We have a black bin at the church, beside the wooden box under the 2nd Avenue stairs. Plastic bags and returnable bottles and cans, for our outreach program, can be put into the wooden box. This ad is supported

by our Wardens, our Environmental group, our Janitor, our recyclers, and anyone who wants to keep our landfill free of usable stuff.

A Little bit of History 1932

Fraser Valley Record

Nov. 25, 1932

Ministers Exchange In Two Churches

The arrangement for ministerial exchange between the Rev. H.H.K. Greene of All Saints Church and the Rev. F.W. Anderson of St. Andrews church was carried through last Sunday with splendid effort and mutual capacity congregation in St. Andrews church and he delivered a very effective message on the ideals and appreciation on the part of both pastors and people of the two congregations.

Mr. Greene was welcomed by a work of the "Oxford Group Movement". While making usual announcements to the congregation Mr. T. J. Cox spoke words of cordial greeting and good wishes to Rev. Mr. Greene expressing the appreciation of all present for the many manifestations of friendliness enjoyed during the period of his ministry in Mission City.

In All Saints Church the ritual of the Anglican church was read by the Vicar's Warden, Mr. Dean Freeman, while the Rev. F. W. Anderson read the lessons and preached to the people a message of encouragement and inspiration on the subject "Kingdom Christianity". A very fine impression has been made on both congregations and the community generally by this gesture of good will.

My dear friends from the Bible Study Group,

I was delighted to find that my write up on 'Lord Bishop Sahib - Colonial times and the Gospel of Christ' has been published in the March issue of the 'Topic'. If you do not subscribe to the magazine, please go to the website:

1. 'Topic - Diocese of New Westminster'
2. March 2017 issue, click on the link to download high resolution PDF file.
3. Scroll to page 8 -11.

You can always enlarge the font to your reading comfort level.

You will notice there are a couple of references to our Bishop, but I did seek her permission, graciously granted, before including her as a reference. I was a little apprehensive because 'Topic' has never published such a lengthy write up before, but Randy Murray was very kind, and in fact added a few photos on his own, in addition to the ones I had sent to him - a picture as you know is worth a thousand words.

I hope you enjoy what I have written about this disciple of our Lord, his great faithfulness and sacrifice even at the cost of his life.

Blessings
Gilli McLaren

Church Humour

A man walked into the ladies' department of a Large Retail Store ...

... and said to the woman behind the counter, "I'd like to buy a Baptist bra for my wife, size 36B."

"What type of bra?" asked the clerk.

"Baptist," said the man. "She said get a Baptist bra, and that you'd know what she meant."

"Ah yes, now I remember," said the saleslady. "We don't sell many of those. Mostly our customers want the Catholic type, the Salvation Army type, or the Presbyterian type."

Confused, the man asked, "What's the difference between them?"

The lady responded, "It is all really quite simple... the Catholic type supports the masses, the Salvation Army type lifts up the fallen, and the Presbyterian type keeps them staunch and upright. Then there's the Baptist type." "What does that do?" asked the man.

She replied, "It makes mountains out of molehills."



One day Jesus was out for a walk, strolling near the walls surrounding heaven, when he heard an old man's voice call from the other side.

"Hello? Hello?"

Jesus replied, "Who is it?"

"Just a poor, old carpenter searching for his son," the old man replied.

Jesus' heart leapt with joy and he called out,

"Joseph?"

The voice answered back, "Pinocchio?"

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

Now I lay me down to SLEEP
I pray the Lord my soul to
KEEP.. if I should die before
I wake.. I pray the Lord my
SOUL to take.



After a hectic week a momentary lapse in concentration resulted in Pastor Doug confusing his kid's bedtime prayer with the offeratory prayer.



On Pentecost in many Episcopal parishes, there really will be a birthday cake for the church during coffee hour.

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of religious service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled, "Stop - Acts 2:38!" (..turn from your sin...) The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you." "Scripture?" replied the burglar, "She said she had an AXE and two 38's!"

The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

Little Saints of All Saints

A New Wind Blowing



Theme: The Holy Spirit. (Pentecost Sunday)

Scripture: When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:1-4 (NIV)

How many of you like to fly kites? It is great fun to watch a kite soaring high into the sky. What is it that keeps the kite up there? It is the wind, isn't it? How many of you have ever seen the wind? That was a trick question! No one has seen the wind. We can't see the wind because it is invisible. Well, if we can't see the wind, how do we know that it is there?

One way we can know the wind is there is that we can hear it. When I wake up in the morning, I sometimes turn on the TV to see what the weather is doing. There are some mornings that I don't even have to look at the TV to know that the wind is blowing because I can hear it! I can hear it whistling through the trees, down the chimney, and around the windows and doors. We can't see the wind, but we know it is there because we can hear it.

Another way we can know that the wind is there is that we can see it moving things. (Take some bits of paper in your hand and blow them into the air.) We can see it moving the leaves on the trees and blowing bits of paper around. We can't see the wind, but we know it is there because we can see what the wind is doing.

Still another way we can know that the wind is there is that we can feel it. Blow onto the back of your hand. Did you see anything? No, but you could feel something, couldn't you? We can't see the wind, but we can feel it blowing against our faces and blowing through our hair.

Today, many churches celebrate a special day called Pentecost. It was on the day of Pentecost that God sent his Holy Spirit to the church. The Bible tells us that the apostles were all gathered together when suddenly there was a sound like a mighty, rushing wind. Then, it says, they were filled with the Holy Spirit. God's Holy Spirit is like the wind, we can't see him, but we can know that he is there, just like we can know that the wind is there.

We can know that the Holy Spirit is there because we can hear him. The Bible says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, and if any man hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him." (Revelation 3:20) We can't see the Holy Spirit, but we know he is there because he speaks to our hearts.

Another way we can know that the Holy Spirit is there is that we can see him moving people to do God's will. The Bible says that the Spirit of God moves his people to speak and to do things for him. (2 Peter 1:21) We can't see God, but we can see people doing things that God's Holy Spirit has moved

them to do.

We can know that the Holy Spirit is there because we can feel his presence. The Bible says, "I will fear no evil for Thou art with me." (Psalm 23:4) The Bible also says that "if we love one another, God lives in us." We can't see the Holy Spirit, but we know he is there because we can feel his presence in our life.

Father, thank you for sending your Holy Spirit. Even though we can't see him, we are thankful that we can hear him speak to our hearts, feel his presence in our daily lives, and see him moving us to do your will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

