

St. Mary's Anglican United Church

Sorrento, BC

"Keeping in Touch" -- November 4, 2021



PRAYER LIST

Peter Grout	Anabel Strand
Karen Grout	Dave Nitsche
Michael Shapcott	Ted Strand
Joan and Keith	Reuben Pauls
Ida Webb	Len Lidkea
Mandy Gravells	

This space will be for those in our community who we would especially like to remember in prayer. If you are requesting prayers for someone other than yourself please make sure that the person is comfortable with their name being sent out to others ... then email the information to Kathy (kwk4141@gmail.com).

A MESSAGE FROM THE REV. GEORGE FLEMING

I Love The Feast of All Saints

In the Dr. Seuss classic- Horton Hears a Who – Horton the Elephant hears voices coming from an inconspicuous little speck of dust. No one else seems inclined to hear – or care. But Horton does. And he says these powerful words. "even though you can't see or hear them at all, a person's a person, no matter how small"

Nov. 1 is **All Saints** – and I would suggest to you that "even though you can't see or hear them at all, a saint is a saint, no matter how small"

I love **All Saints**, when we celebrate the saints among us, both those we have loved and lost, and those who still surround us.

As we call out the names of those who have died in the faith during the last year, we have powerful memories of each person whose name is called, memories of stories and experiences and prayers we shared — holy moments.

I love **All Saints** because it is the church's way of announcing to the world that there is a glorious hope, and that Jesus is the light to lead us there.

I love **All Saints** because as we gather around the Lord's Table, I am keenly aware of the phrase "I believe in the communion of saints," and I am once more acutely conscious of being surrounded by that great "cloud of witnesses" cheering us on.

I love **All Saints** because it reminds us that we all have a future, an eternal hope, because God has claimed each of us as his own and given us the title of saint.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ministry Schedule A huge Thank you to Rev. Heather for assuming the responsibility for the ministry schedules. Be sure to let her know if you would like to be included in one of our scheduled ministries or if you will be unavailable for a period of time.

The Safe House: Thank you to everyone who donated items for The Safe House. We have received a thank you from Jaylene Bourdon, the Residential Coordinator. The donations were greatly appreciated.

Collecting WARM WINTER clothing: this collection will take place on Nov. 7 and 14 at the church service. Arrangements have been made that The Salvation Army in Salmon Arm will receive this donation. Men's, Women's and Children's clothing would be appreciated (in that order). Items of special need are warm socks and underwear. For further information contact Verna at 250-675-4900

Dr. Ralph Milton, said to be one of the best known religious communicators, has written another book. Well Aged: Making the Most of Your Platinum Years, deals with what it's like to be "old, old..... the best /worst time of your life." It is available at bookstores or online now. For further interest check out Youtube: Well Aged-Ralph Milton.

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE IN-PERSON

10AM

SUNDAY MORNINGS

AT ST. MARY'S, SORRENTO

Covid safety protocols include wearing a mask

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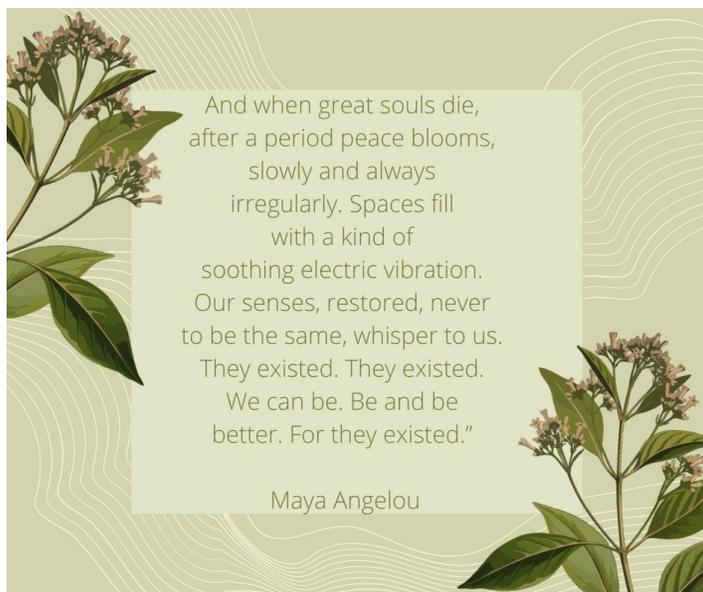
On All Saints' Day, it is not just the saints of the church that we should remember in our prayers, but all the foolish ones and wise ones, the shy ones and overbearing ones, the broken ones and whole ones, the despots and tosspots and crackpots of our lives who, one way or another, have been our particular fathers and mothers and saints, and whom we loved without knowing we loved them and by whom we were helped to whatever little we may have, or ever hope to have, of some kind of seedy sainthood of our own. Fredrick Buechner

OUR VIDEO LIBRARY

The video archive of the St Mary's on-line showcase can be browsed here:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/8252414>

The next "Keeping in Touch" newsy-letter will be emailed on Thursday, November 18th. Please send any news items to Kathy (kwk4141@gmail.com) no later than that morning to be included.



C. S. Lewis wrote, in the final paragraph of his classic Narnia Chronicles:

"And for us this is the end of all the stories, and we can most truly say that they all lived happily ever after. But for them it was only the beginning of the real story. All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read: which goes on for ever: in which every chapter is better than the one before."

