



ALL SAINTS' PARISH— Our Family

An edited version of a presentation made on 4th August 2009 in preparing to serve during Teen Discovery.

All Saints' Anglican Church was founded in 1846. This church has been a spiritual foundation for many of us, and for those who come here to worship and praise Our Father, it is our family parish. God, Our Father, is the head of this family,. God is Spirit, as Jesus in John 4:24 explains to the Samaritan woman that they who worship him must worship him in Spirit and in Truth. It is only by the power of His Spirit that can we worship him as He really is.

I am very privileged to be a member of this parish from my early childhood. **I was fortunate to reap and enjoy the fruits from a harvest from which I did not labour.** For this I am eternally grateful.

Over the years our family at All Saints' parish has provided a wide range of programmes for its parishioners. The very young to the very old embraced the opportunity to fellowship during the week. Members would come here on week days to continue studying the Holy Scriptures, sharing

the Good News and organizing for charitable events. All this was possible under the leadership of Canon Howe, who was the priest in charge of the parish at the time during of my youth. Canon Howe and his wife lived on the church compound in the very same house that Canon Berkley and his family now occupy.

Apart from Sunday School for the young ones, the Brownies was also an activity well patronized by girls between the ages of 7-10 years.

The fact that the Brownie meeting and the Mothers Union meeting both took place on a Monday evening, made it very convenient for mothers and daughters to attend their respective meetings. The youth at this parish were kept busy. There was a Young Communicant Guild for young persons after obtaining the Sacrament of Confirmation. I know that I do not speak only for myself when I say that being a member of this group contributed in a positive way to my adult life. The person in charge of this group was Miss Carmel Mason. Although she was a disciplinarian, the young men and women attended the

meetings in their full numbers every Friday at 5:00 pm.

The highlight of our activities took place during the July/August school vacation. We would venture to Nelson Island for about ten (10) days, under the kind, but strict supervision of Miss Mason together with some of the mature women of the parish. we (the youths) admired and appreciated the time, talent (cooking) skills of the older folks. They were like our own mothers looking after our every needs. Thank you God for them. All Saints' parish was like home away from home to me.

Today I am a member of the Prayer Group **still reaping from the harvest.** I try daily to journey with God. I encourage my brothers and sisters in Christ to prepare the soil for our young ones, and sow the seeds, so that in the harvest time, we would all share in and join with those who reap in the season. All glory be to God, the Father, God, the Son and God, the Holy Spirit.

LYNETTE JOSEPH

THANK YOU, LORD

Happy Birthday Blessings to Vernice Lespierre 1st September and Ingrid Wooding 20th September 2007

REMINDER

20th September 2009

Prayer Group Corporate Communion 7:30 am service

UPCOMING EVENTS

15th September 2009

Prayer Group 37th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service 5:00 p.m.

25th—27th September 2009

Prayer Group/Life in the Spirit/ Spoken Word
Marian Helpers Retreat, Caroni. \$200.00
Teacher/Facilitator Fr.An6thony Mowlah-Baksh

LEADERSHIP

On July 28th, 2009 the All Saints' held its biennial election of Core Group. Betsy Peterson did not offer herself for election as Leader and Odette Mason did not offer herself for election as Core Group member.

The Core Group now comprises
Horace Grannum – Leader
Lynette Joseph—Secretary
Jackie Richards, Mavis Niles, Ingrid Wooding, Betsy Peterson and Dora Rajman.

We thank the previous Core Group for its service and ask your prayers for our new Leader, Secretary and Core Group as they seek to do God's will and further the Kingdom of God.

ANNUAL RETREAT

From **Friday 25th September – Sunday 27th September 2009** our annual retreat will take place. **Fr. Anthony Mowlah-Baksh** will be our Teacher/Facilitator for the weekend. The theme of the retreat is **"Those who have ears to hear Listen !"** Mark 4:9. This is a planned time of spiritual refreshment.

By attending the retreat we are agreeing to spend generous amounts of time in the presence of God and to be open to His grace and guidance. Please encourage persons you know who recently completed the **Life in the Spirit** or **Alpha Semi-**

nars to attend. If you have not previously attended the annual retreat or have not done so recently please make every effort to attend.

The retreat will take place at the **Caroni Retreat Centre**. The cost is **\$200.00**. This sum should be paid to **Jackie Richards** or members of the Prayer Group. If you have any dietary requirements please let Jackie know at the time of payment. The day before the Retreat is a public holiday - Republic Day.

Remember Fr. Mowlah-Baksh and his family in your prayers. Fr.Mow-

lah-Baksh is well known for his humility and his obedience in being used as God wills. He has testified to the power of prayer in his life and to God's hand of protection over his life and that of his family. We are happy that he is able to spend this significant weekend with us.

Every retreat provides another opportunity to acknowledge that we are divinely created to serve and worship God, and to be encouraged in utilising our gifts. There will also be an opportunity to meet with Fr. Mowlah-Baksh during the retreat for spiritual direction and prayer.

PRAYERS FOR THE NATION

This prayer is part of the **Great Litany** and can be found at **pages 90-91** of the **Book of Common Prayer**:

For all people according to their needs

Teach us to use the resources of the earth to your glory, that all may share in your goodness and praise you for your loving kindness.

Hear us, good Lord.

Enlighten with your spirit all who teach and all who learn.

Hear us, good Lord.

Help and comfort the lonely and the aged, the bereaved, the overworked, the exploited and the oppressed.

Hear us, good Lord.

Support and encourage all who are in poverty, unemployment or distress; protect those whose work is dangerous, and keep in safety all who travel.

Hear us, good Lord.

Keep fathers, mothers and children united in their family life, and give them wisdom and strength in times of stress.

Hear us, good Lord.

Heal the sick in mind and body; strengthen and preserve all women in childbirth and all young children.

Hear us, good Lord.

Defend and provide for the widowed and the orphaned, all migrant workers and refugees, the homeless and victims of strife; have pity on prisoners and all who live in fear.

Hear us, good Lord.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

Hear us, good Lord.

The responses on italics may be omitted