

## Update from All Saints'

### Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn

**15 March 2020**

First, we did well this morning. There was only one person that did not get the message about the Closing.

So, this is where we are at now, as we head into this week. Unfortunately, we are basically ceasing all programs for the next few weeks. This includes the:

- The **Doctrine of Discovery** Program on Tuesday evenings following discussions with Wendy Wilker-Blakely and Sharon Moon are now cancelled.
- The **Wednesday morning Eucharist** in the Chapel is now cancelled for the next three weeks and we will not be gathering for refreshments afterwards.
- The **Wednesday Quilters Group** will not be gathering again until some time in April.
- The **Wednesday Bible Study** program for Lent is cancelled.
- The **St. Matthias Community Meal** scheduled for this coming Wednesday is cancelled (we are providing extra money to the Parkdale Food Centre to allow their staff to cook some special take away meals instead).
- The **New-to-You shop** is now closed until April, and we ask that you **not** deliver clothing donations to the Church until the store reopens. I know that you are all going to use this time for spring-cleaning.
- The **Movies with Meaning** Program scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup> is cancelled.
- The **Sunday Services** next Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, including **Adam's Liturgical Study** and **Evensong**, and on March 29<sup>th</sup>, are cancelled.
- The **Young Professionals** gathering on March 22<sup>nd</sup> is cancelled.

Having said all of that, I will be assisting at the **Westboro Region Food Bank** because they will be **OPEN** tomorrow and we will be keeping our normal hours this week. I have asked Lori to let me know where we stand with food supplies after tomorrow's distribution. The problem is that our Food Bank shoppers are having trouble competing with the mass of shoppers who are out there in the Grocery stores. I will let you know if there are emergency needs.

Finally, I announced last week the deaths of Lillian Couvrette and Margaret Klassen-Church. **Lillian Couvrette's funeral** will be going ahead at the Church on Wednesday at 12:00 noon (there is no reception). **Margaret Klassen-Church's funeral** service has been postponed until June.

So, I will be at the Church tomorrow, and the plan at this point is that the building will be open each day. There will be very little activity around the place, but you can certainly reach the office or myself if you want too.

Please let me know if you are shut-in, or in self-isolation for any reason, and if we can help to get Groceries to you. I have a number of people who have volunteered to help with that role.

Please stay healthy, both physically, mentally, and especially spiritually.

You are all in my prayers

Chris