

## Update from All Saints'

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

**20 March 2020**

I hope you had the opportunity to step outside today, after the rain stopped, and to enjoy the spring temperatures. Hard to believe that it is going to drop from the high of +15 degrees this afternoon to -10 tonight. Must be Canada; it must be Maple Syrup time.

- I was at the Church today as we largely **shut down the office**. In fact, Helen actually picked up the Church Computer and took it home with her. As we settle in to these new realities, I suspect we are in it for the long haul.
- Our volunteers were present for the **Open Kitchen** program, but there were no guests coming from the Motel to use the facilities. My thanks to Julie and Julie for persisting—we will see what happens next week.
- I was asked today what **Adam Brown's status** is going to be. The Bishop has decided that Adam will be staying at All Saints' Westboro, as the Assistant Curate, until the end of September. That means that he will continue to work with Simone and Jarrett during the time of my Sabbath/Sabbatical Leave. That is right, Blanche and I are still planning to be away from June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, Of course, that may mean we are not travelling far, but we are still hoping.
- So, I have posted another video to the All Saints' Westboro Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/>): I call it “**A Puppet Story for the Covid era.**” I must say though, that it is very hard to do one of these stories without the children in front of me to talk back and answer questions. You can check it out at:  
[https://www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/2581048182171936/?hc\\_ref=ART9zm1YN6RcpplkvnlypjVpgs5mev6lDj12g4s0V9WQECnVXoRxO0Zjf\\_kRx9K50Q4&fref=nf&\\_tn\\_ =kC-R](https://www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/2581048182171936/?hc_ref=ART9zm1YN6RcpplkvnlypjVpgs5mev6lDj12g4s0V9WQECnVXoRxO0Zjf_kRx9K50Q4&fref=nf&_tn_ =kC-R)

Finally, another of the prayers that were recommended to me by Patricia Bays:

*Almighty and merciful God, you are the only source of health and healing; you alone can bring calmness and peace. Grant to us, your children, a consciousness of your presence and a strong confidence in your love. In our pain, our weariness, and our anxiety, surround us with your care, protect us by your loving might, and permit us once more to enjoy health and strength and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.** [OSA, p. 401]*

God bless each of you this night—stay well.

Chris