

## Update from All Saints'

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

**2 April 2020**

There is not a lot to report on tonight, but I do want to start by wishing Paul Dumais, our custodian, a **Happy Birthday**. It is hard to celebrate birthdays in a time of physical distancing and restaurants that are closed, but we send Paul our best.

The family report that our Parishioner who is **COVID-positive** and on a ventilator was actually responding to the nurse today and indicated understanding. These are good signs, but as the family member says please keep praying—it is having an effect.

This afternoon I had a first-time experience; I was chairing the meeting of the Property and Finance Committee of the Diocese using Zoom as a meeting platform. I must say that there are real challenges with meetings that are not face to face in the physical sense. We are learning some new ways of being at this point.

The **Westboro Food Bank** this evening was relatively quiet, with cheques having just come out. We will not be making further food donation requests for the next while, because we are relatively well stocked going into next week. Thank you to everyone who has responded with donations.

Tonight, a prayer for all the medical staff and researchers that are working so hard:

*Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

All the best,

Chris