

Update from All Saints'

Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn

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What a lovely day it was today—I think our whole neighbourhood headed out walking at the same time. And then there were the people shopping at the Grocery stores. I suspect that cabin-fever is certainly settling in.

Here is the **Bulletin for tomorrow** morning's service: <https://www.allsaintswestboro.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/5-April-2020-Palm-and-Passion-Sunday.pdf>. The first part of the service is of course the Palm procession portion. If you have some greenery around the house or out in the garden, I invite you to join in. Those of you who received Palm crosses in the mail this past week please hold them out.

The video is up online, and I am pleased that Edith was able to join in the worship as we now move into Holy Week services. You may have to control the volume a bit more on this recording to compensate for the difference between the spoken portions and the singing. Jarrett joined me to provide the reflection. So, click on the link and it will take you to the video:

<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/835895846819737/>

As we move into **Holy Week**, there are plans for several services this week and I will keep you up to date as we go along. We will have a service for Maundy Thursday, for Good Friday and for Easter morning, of course.

I know that Barbara is also preparing something for the families and children because we will not be able to physically gather for the very special Children's Good Friday event. So, there is lots to come.

A number of you asked last night about the COVID-positive parishioner on the ventilator. The news today is that the Doctor reports a “slight improvement” and that the plan is to wean the patient off the ventilator over the next few days.

So, today's prayer is:

*God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

Many thanks for your ongoing patience with all my email communications. It is hard to believe that we have been doing this for three weeks.

Stay well and stay safe,

Chris