

Update from All Saints' **Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn**

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Well I must say it was a lovely day, and I did get out in to the Rideau Conservation area for a while this afternoon exploring a new trail. While I did see some giant Snapping Turtles (sleeping under the water), some Mallard chicks with their mother, and an Oriole, the highlight was probably photographing a **Red Trillium**. Yes, there were a number of white trilliums but there were also some red ones.

So let me begin with an apology. I am sorry for all the technical difficulties this morning in trying to get the zoom **Coffee Hour** started. I was on before 11:00 and I was letting people join in but nothing was happening. Oh technology, thou doest annoy me!!! Thank you to everyone who persisted in waiting for me to sort things out at my end.

When you watched the video of this morning's service I am sure that you were surprised by the announcement out of the Bishop's Office about **Adam** moving over to the Church of the Ascension. I am attaching the letter to this email so that you can read what it says. I know that you will join me in wishing Adam well as he continues his Curacy. By the way, Adam actually had his Graduation this week from Trinity College in Toronto, so while you are telling Adam that you will miss him you can also congratulate him on now having MDiv. at the end of his title.

While I am on the subject of announcements, at Vestry I made everyone aware that **Barbara Robertson** was looking at retirement at some point this year. She has now decided that she will retire at the end of the Summer Sunday School season, which would coincide with the big final gathering on Sunday, September 6th (Labour Day weekend). We do know whether we will be able to physically gather on that occasion but Barbara and Peter are not going far so we will celebrate retirement with her at some point. In conjunction with this I am pleased to announce that **Julie Newlands** has agreed to take on

the role of Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator; she will begin in August.

Tonight's prayer:

"King of love, rule in the hearts of all people on earth through your Son Jesus Christ, that we may become one family and one kingdom serving you by serving each other. We ask this in his name. Amen"

Enjoy the brighter weather while physically-distancing; stay safe,

Chris