

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

29 May 2020

It has been a strange sort of day. Putting the finishing touches on a few things and realizing I will not be doing many of these things again for a while. We taped the service for Pentecost morning and then I taped my final Puppet story for a while. I wonder whether the puppets will miss me over the summer?

I received a note this morning from **Eric Bays**. Eric writes, "*Thank you for this letter of recognition of the 60th anniversary of my priesting. It was thoughtful of you to remember, and to connect the day with Augustine of Canterbury. You may recall that Augustine was a reluctant missionary whose evangelical method was simply to live the monastic life with his little community in Kent as best they could. The king, with his Christian wife, was so impressed by the quality of life they saw in Augustine's community that the king became a Christian. From that start the Roman style of the faith began to grow in the south of England until it met up with the Celtic Christians in the north. I think that model, of simply living in a vigorous community of faith still has evangelical power today, and I believe All Saints is a good example of that. Patricia and I have been happy to be part of this parish for the past 22 years.... I would be grateful if you would express my thanks to all those parishioners who shared their good wishes with me over the past few days.*" Thank you Eric.

So you will find the puppet story, a celebration of all of the wonderful gifts in God's creation, on the Parish Facebook page at this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/280350659673288/>

I learned today of the death of **Monica Hewitt**, the aunt of Cory Greenidge and great-aunt of Makayla. Monica lived in Toronto but Cory says she was very much like a mother to both he and his sister. They suspect that her death is related to the Corona Virus. Please

keep Cory and all the family in your prayers this weekend. "Rest eternal, grant to her O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her."

Tonight's prayer:

"Remember us, gracious God, when we are lonely and depressed, and support us in the dark night of grief and despair, for your love is faithful and you do not forget your broken ones. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen"

Stay well and have a wonderful weekend,

Chris