

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

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If I write this email now it means I don't have to spend more time outside doing the yard work -- while it was a little cool out it was a good day to take care of a few chores but I think I have had enough.

So I received a couple of notes today to brighten my day with **news about spring**. First, the attached photo was sent to me by Helen Norman. She writes, "Spring shines in the midst of the darkest time - one of my mom's favourite plants is about to burst into colourful bloom."

The second note came from Julie Cross who takes care of the **Courtyard Gardens** at the Church. She reports, "the yellow forsythia bushes are in bloom in the Courtyard garden. The gardeners, Ellen and myself are interested in acquiring a second hand wheel barrow." So if you have a **wheelbarrow** that you can part with we need one at the Church.



To bring a piece of news full circle, I talked to our **Parishioner who was Covid-positive** and on a Respirator for 15 days. They have now been home for a week, recovering well and walking around the block. I thought you would appreciate the great news that this represents.

I learned yesterday about the death of **Gwen Brouse**, the mother of Susan Rowberry. Susan and her three sisters (Nancy, Jane and Margie) have been taking care of their mother at the mum's home for the past few weeks; this is not a Covid related death. Arrangements for a small family service are still being made. Please keep Gwen, Susan and all the family in your prayers this week. "Rest eternal, grant to her O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her."

Tonight's prayer:

*"God of hope, in times of trouble save us from blind despair and help us to wait in confidence for the bloom of new life which, in the darkness, we cannot imagine. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen"*

Have a good evening

Chris