

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

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At the **Food Bank** this evening things were very quiet because it is the end of the month and cheques are out. I was deeply touched though by the number of people that left with their supply of food and kept saying "Bless you, God bless you". It is certainly nice to be thanked but I think it goes deeper than thanks -- people are genuinely touched by the fact that support services keep going. Lori and Sarah and all the Food Bank volunteers are working so hard to meet the need that we are seeing.

I had a note today from our **Truth and Reconciliation** team asking me to let everyone know that they have added new resources to our Parish website for you to look at and review to deepen your understanding of the issues that our society faces. Check out the webpage at: <https://www.allsaintswestboro.com/adult-education/#truth-rec>

So I had to smile today because I received a very special email about some children's artwork. Kayleigh and James have been going to their neighbour's home and drawing **chalk art messages** on her sidewalk because the neighbour was widowed in November and is now finding herself in isolation. Their mom Laurie says James and Kayleigh have written messages of "smile", "we are in this together" and the most



recent one which I've attached is "**You are my sunshine**". Thank you to both Kayleigh and James for sharing art that makes us smile!

Tonight's prayer:

"God of grace, when we are frightened and alone, help us to trust you and cast our burdens upon you, that we may be upheld by your saving strength. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen"

Take care and remember to smile -- the sun will come out!

Chris