

Update from All Saints' Email to the Parish from The Rev. Simone Hurkmans

June 9, 2020

Hello everyone,

A quick note to pass along a couple of updates we've received from our Diocese on two critical issues facing our church today.

First, despite yesterday's provincial announcement that houses of worship can open as early as this Friday, Anglican Churches in the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario shall remain closed until at least September to protect those most vulnerable among us. This was outlined in Archbishop Anne's letter I shared with you last week. You can read Bishop Shane Parker's statement on this below:

<http://www.ottawa.anglican.ca/images/COVID-19/categories/Covid-19-Day-to-day-operations-June-9-2020.pdf>

Second, Bishop Shane has written a letter commending the national church's statement on racism. You can find Bishop Shane's letter here:

<http://www.ottawa.anglican.ca>

And the national church's statement here:

<http://www.ottawa.anglican.ca/images/Notices/Statement-on-Racism.pdf?type=file>

I will leave you with a short verse from our friend St. Paul on this lovely cool spring (yes still spring) evening:

Do not seek your own advantage, but that of the other. (1 Corinthians 10:24)

Take care,

Simone+