

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

July 14, 2020

Hello everyone,

Bishop Shane announced this afternoon that we will be moving from the **RED stage** to the **AMBER stage on September 1**. This means that barring any announcements to the contrary between now and then, **we will resume in-person worship on September 6**.

AMBER-stage worship will have many restrictions as outlined in the Diocesan Pandemic Plan I shared with you last week. Our Pandemic Planning Team met for the first time today by Zoom. This team is made up of myself as well as our wardens, Debbie Holzman, Julie Newlands, and Amy Castle; our parish administrator Helen Norman; and our Rentals Coordinator, Doug Fisher.

Please keep us in your prayers as we work diligently over the coming weeks to adapt the Diocesan plan to our particular situation here at All Saints'. For those unable to or who would prefer not to attend in-person worship, our plan is to livestream the service and record it so that it may be watched from home live or at a later date.

Our goal is make sure that our re-opening is as safe and smooth as possible. A huge part of this plan's success is how well we work together as a parish. Your collaboration in abiding by and being patient with the various rules set in place is essential. We can do this ASW!

I will continue to communicate developments via my weekly emails, but please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions and concerns at any time.

All the best,

Simone+

"Prepare your work outside, get everything ready for you in the field; and after that build your house." (Proverbs 24:27, NRSV)