

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

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As I write this week's email I realize that it is time for another Synod of the Diocese of Ottawa -- but it is so different this year. We will gather on Zoom, and vote on Zoom, Saturday morning. It will be strange not to be in the large room with all the other Synod members, and to connect with others from across the Diocese. I suppose I will see some of them on the computer screen but....

Oh well, these are strange and different times for all of us.

I have been asked by those who are organizing the **Very Virtual Village Fair** to let everyone know that we are no longer accepting any donations for the event. Thank you to everyone who has contributed and to all those working behind the scenes to bring this together. All the articles and baskets that have come in have been photographed and the "Virtual Store" is now being set up. You will receive more instructions in the coming weeks about how to get on-line to see the store. The sale runs from November 7th to 10th.

I am looking for some feedback from people on whether it is time to restart the **Mid-Week Eucharist on Wednesday**. This would follow the Amber Guidelines and would be held in the Church at 10:30 a.m. not 10:00 a.m. There would be no fellowship time afterward and people would need to enter just before service time, sit where assigned, and leave right after the service. Does that make sense to everyone -- is it something that you would like to attend?

We are also going to try something new this Sunday and I will mention it again when I send the link to the Sunday service. For those that attend the Sunday morning worship service by Zoom we are going to start offering **Drive-up Communion after the service**. If you would like, you can come to the Madison Avenue parking lot between 10:40 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning and either Simone or I will be there to give you communion. Please drive facing east (looking

towards Churchill) pulling in to the parking lot, stay in your vehicle, roll down the window and we will come to you. You will first have your hands sanitized, then receive. We are hoping that this is helpful for those who feel that they can not do in-person worship.

So a prayer for today:

"Gracious One, you satisfy the need of every living creature. Fill us with gratitude for the abundance of the earth and for the bonds of love and care that unite all creation into one family. May our thanks be the soil in which dreams of justice grow and thrive; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest. Amen"

Take Care and have a safe weekend.

Chris