

Update from All Saints'

Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn

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On this wonderful Friday I hope that you had some time to get out and enjoy what they are calling the "last gasp" of summer. I had a couple of hours to walk around at Mud Lake this morning (before and afternoon Zoom meeting dragged me in doors). It was truly lovely to be out and to watch and listen to nature -- don't worry, I did have my camera with me. I was not able to find any new "subjects" to photograph but I caught the usual birds and ducks that are seen in the area.

Tonight I am sharing with you Julie Newland's latest **Church School Video** for Sunday, October 25th. She talks with the children about looking for peace and calm in troubling and "noisy" times. Have a look at the link to the Parish Facebook page and the video:

<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/404489120553166>

Tomorrow we have the annual meeting of our **Diocesan Synod** (that the business meeting for the Diocese). We will be doing this by Zoom so it will be interesting to see how many people are on for the morning. Please keep all those in our Diocese in your prayers as we take these extraordinary steps to try and gather in a new way.

Finally, today is the Feast day of **St. James of Jerusalem**, the brother of Jesus, the leader of the Church in Jerusalem, and an original witness to the resurrection. This is the prayer for tonight:

"Let your people, O God, continually cherish the memory of James, who was a pillar in your Church supporting its witness to the resurrection; and grant that, following his example in the work of reconciliation, we may bring all who are at variance and enmity to peace and perfect unity in your Son; who lives and

***reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen"***

Stay safe, stay well and take care of each other,

Chris