

**Update from All Saints'**  
**Email to the Parish from The Reverend Simone Hurkmans**  
**3 October 2020**

Hi everyone,

How are you holding up as we watch our city's COVID numbers creeping up? My prayer is for reason, caution, and calm to prevail as we continue to navigate this storm together. There are many things I want to share with you today, so please read on to the very end of my note.

To join in **live worship via Zoom** tomorrow morning, click on the link below about 10 minutes before the service begins at 9:30 am. Tomorrow, we will experiment with having those joining online being able to chat with each other from 9:20 to 9:30 before the service begins, and as Edith plays us out.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8741442482?pwd=eWc4QjRDLzVZdThDUkxWMVJQbGQzQT09>

Meeting ID: 874 144 2482

Passcode: 123456

Here is a pdf link to the bulletin: <https://www.allsaintswestboro.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/4-October-2020-Pentecost-18.pdf>. The service will be recorded and posted to our Facebook page tomorrow so that it can be viewed later.

Tomorrow, Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, we're going to have an **informal Blessing of the Animals** in the Courtyard after the service, starting at about 10:45 am. We ask that you bring your furry/feathery/scaly friends but that you wear a mask and stay distanced from those not in your bubble.

This year we won't have a formal liturgy and singing because of COVID restrictions, but we can still gather safely and offer thanksgiving for those pets who comfort us (or who have comforted us).

After our time with the animals you're welcome to stay on for the blessing of our **Prayer Flag Project** in the courtyard. We will be filming it, so that I can send a link to the recording along with the service recording tomorrow afternoon.

For our youngest Saints, here is a link to a **Church School video** produced by Julie and her grandchildren Ayla and Jamie: <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/673100396667139/>. Julie tells us about how to be good stewards of God's creation and shows us how to make a lovely coffee filter craft.

Bishop Shane's podcast is back after a summer hiatus. You can listen to the first episode of Season 2 here: <http://adonthemove.buzzsprout.com>

Lastly but definitely not leastly is that **Fr. Chris returns from his sabbath/sabbatical leave** this Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>! I know you are just as excited as I am to welcome him and Blanche back and hear about their COVID-time travel adventures.

Take care, and hope to "see" you tomorrow, either in-person or over the airwaves!

Simone+

*Then God spoke all these words: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery"  
(Exodus 20:1-2, NRSV)*