

Update from All Saints'

Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn

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Merry Christmas everyone. It was lovely to see those who were able to physically join us for worship over the past two days, and to be able to wave to many of you on Zoom from those services. If you were unable to join us for these services here are the **links to the different service videos** that are now posted on our Parish Facebook page. Each of the services is a little different -- check them out and see which one you enjoy the most!

Christmas Eve at 4:00 Service with the Hume Family Singers and the assistance of a number of our young people:

www.facebook.com/216316785068516/videos/431588467887361/

Christmas Eve at 10:00 Service with Stephen Rouble on the Violin, a variety of Cantors, and Sarah singing Away in a Manger solo:

www.facebook.com/216316785068516/videos/224364402569600/

Christmas Morning Service on a quieter note:

www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/431588467887361

Julie has prepared the latest **Church School video for the First Sunday of Christmas**. She tells the story of what happened to Jesus and the Holy Family after that first Christmas Eve; they became perhaps the world's most famous refugee family. The little craft page to make the mobile is in one of the PDF attachments to this email. I invite you to watch Julie's video on our Facebook page using this link:

www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/424741855345975

So tomorrow we shift in to the new reality of our Diocesan Red Protocols and the Provincial "Lock downs" which mean that people will not be joining us at Church for in-person worship. We will be putting the service up on Zoom at 9:30 as is our normal practice; the PDF with the bulletin in it is attached to this email. You can join us for the **First Sunday of Christmas Service using this Zoom link** tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89584884619?pwd=VUIkZlgzTHhJM3FZenJjSjh5bFBCQT09> (Meeting ID: 895 8488 4619 & Passcode: 061771)

Because tomorrow's service is a simple Service of the Word there will not be communion, and there will not be Drive-in communion.

While the secular world worships today as "Boxing Day" it is in the traditional Christian calendar the **Feast of St. Stephen** who was the first Christian Martyr. Many will realize that this is the day to sing Good King Wenceslas. So the prayer for St. Stephen:

"Grant us grace, O Lord, that like Stephen we may learn to love even our enemies and seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen"

So as we continue in this Christmas Season, I wish you all the blessings of this lovely time and the hope that it represents to all of humankind.

Chris