

Update from All Saints'

Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn

14 January 2021

We have now moved in to the period of further restrictions in the Province. What does that mean for us at All Saints' Westboro and the Westboro Food Bank?

The **Church building is once again closed** and everyone is working from home except in a few short time periods. You can continue to drop off mail in the mail slot on Richmond road and we will receive it but we cannot do in-person visits of any kind. The Westboro Food Bank is still up and running with a great deal of extra precautions in place. This includes the fact that we can only have a certain number of people present for the Food Bank at any one time.

We will continue to have our **Service on Sunday morning over Zoom** from the Church but we are restricted to having only five people in the building to make that happen. That means that a number of elements of the service will be done over Zoom from people's homes, and that those five in the Church will have to wear masks at all times (once again this means masks when we are preaching or singing). We continue to look at things that we can offer in the way of educational opportunities and other worship services as we go forward.

This week Barb Robertson joins Julie Newlands for the **Church School video**. Barb tells the story of Samuel hearing God calling his name. How do we hear from God and about God? How do we respond in adoration? Check out the video on our Facebook page at this link:

www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/272192964238883

I mentioned last Sunday at the end of the **Coffee Hour** that I was looking at shifting the time of Coffee Hour to earlier because of the shortened service. Unfortunately we are not going to be able to implement that because once we have finished the service over Zoom we will be required to leave the building quickly so that First United can move in to lead their virtual service. I will then drive home, as will Simone, and join you by Zoom for *Coffee Hour at 11:15* -- more on this on the weekend.

We had planned to have **Albert Dumont**, Spirit Wind, join us for the service and the Coffee Hour on Sunday January 24th. Unfortunately we have had to cancel this plan and we are looking to reschedule at a date that allows us to have a healthy and wholesome conversation with Albert.

So a prayer for today: *"Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your image in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen"*

Please, stay well, stay safe, stay home, and keep in touch.

Chris