

Update from All Saints' **Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn** **7 February 2021**

Here we are on a Thursday once again and it is time for my usual weekly This Week at All Saints' email (all the others are strange editions and additions to the norm).

This week, we have Julie's **Church School video** up on the Parish Facebook page. Today Julie looks at the celebration of Valentine's Day, and Helen joins her to tell the story of The Selfish Giant. This week's craft is the making of Valentine's cards. So check out the video at this link: www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/332387834864215

In addition to our service this Sunday, which I will send the link for soon, we are also busy getting ready for the start of Lent. That's right, it comes really early this year! Next Tuesday is **Shrove Tuesday** and we are hoping that you will join in the **Zoom Pancake Dinner** between 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Make your own pancakes, cook up some bacon or sausages, and join Simone for a short dinner liturgy to mark the start of Lent. We'll set intentions for this holy season and have a craft for our youngest Saints (the craft packages are being delivered this weekend). If you don't already have your own traditional family Shrove Tuesday pancake recipe, Julie has kindly offered her own for us, which is in the latest edition of Bread for the Saints that you received last week. A reminder that the Zoom link for Tuesday at 6:00 pm is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8741442482?pwd=OEI4V090MjVhTmU3N1VkMysvTkdTUT09> (Meeting ID: 874 144 2482 & Passcode: 12345)

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. We hope that you will join us for the **Ash Wednesday Service**, at 7:00 pm, over Zoom. I will send out the link for that service soon along with a reminder. This year, we will not be doing the Imposition of Ashes, but we will mark the beginning of Lent with the Communities action of prayer.

Starting one week from today, Simone will be leading a **Service of Morning Prayer** each day from Tuesday to Friday and you are invited to join in over Zoom. The link will be sent out next week before the services, which start on Thursday, February 18th, at 9:00 am.

So, as we prepare for Lent and for Valentine's Day in a COVID Pandemic please remember that you are loved and appreciated. So, tonight's prayer:

Provident God, whose love enfolds the helpless, the needy, and those who mourn: give us strength through Jesus the Christ to be instruments of your compassion to those who are desolate and wounded by life. Amen.

Have a good evening,

Chris