

## **Update from All Saints' Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn 20 February 2021**

On this cold Saturday, our adventurous **All Smaller Saints** are starting to head out on their walks in support of Coldest Night of the Year and the Cornerstone Women`s Housing program. At this point, there are 23 people on the team who are walking, and they have raised \$4,600. Have a great walk everyone!

On the First Sunday of Lent, we hear the conclusion of the story of Noah and the Ark; so you know that the puppets just have to sing about the experience! You can sing along when you find this week`s **puppet story** at this link to our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/486583449397591](http://www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/486583449397591)

Tomorrow, Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate the **Service of the Word for the First Sunday of Lent**. Here is the link to the pdf copy of the bulletin: <https://www.allsaintswestboro.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/21-February-2021-First-Sunday-of-Lent.pdf>. You will be able to join us for worship over Zoom at 9:30 tomorrow morning using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89319589991?pwd=UVQzMnlwbm1mOWZwR3JqRitUWDBQUT09> (Meeting ID: 893 1958 9991 & Passcode: 869594)

This year, the First Sunday of Lent also falls on what the Church calls **Freedom Sunday**; a time to remember and pray for all victims of trafficking and exploitation, and in Canada to pray for all the Missing and Murder Indigenous Women and Children. Today's prayer then prepares us for this occasion tomorrow:

***Creator God, accept all we offer you this day: our prayers for your vulnerable children; our grief for you beloved Indigenous women and girls; our hope in your healing love and cleansing justice. Through your mercy, work the healing of our souls That we can be strengthened in your mission, for all your creatures to flourish in peace and joy. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.***

Take care, and if you are out walking enjoy the sunshine. Chris