

Update from All Saints' Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn 21 February 2021

As we continue our Lenten Journey, here are the links to this morning's service and some other things that are coming up this week.

In today's **worship Service for the First Sunday of Lent**, we hear the story of the promise made to Noah and Mark's very brief account of Jesus being led into the wilderness. This is also Freedom Sunday, and we pray for all victims of human trafficking and the murdered and missing indigenous women and children here in Canada. Those who joined us live by Zoom this morning, will be pleased to see that Mark has cleaned up some of the "technical glitches" that we had—I no longer drop my bulletin to the floor or have microphone problems. So, the video is now posted on our Facebook Page at this link: www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/242597940680004

This week, Simone will continue to offer **Morning Prayer**, at 9:00 am, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. You can join in using this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8741442482?pwd=OEI4V090MjVhTmU3N1VkMydvTkdTUT09> (Meeting ID: 874 144 2482 & Passcode: 12345)

You can also join Michael Norman for the **Earth Gospel Evening Prayer**, at 5:00 pm, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The link to the Evening Prayer service is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6130506404> (Meeting ID: 613 050 6404)

And a reminder that next Sunday, February 28th, at 11:15 am, we ask that you join us for our **Annual Vestry Meeting** by Zoom. You will have recently received the Annual Vestry Report in an email from me.

If you have lost track of that document, you will find it on the Parish Website at <https://www.allsaintswestboro.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Web-Version-of-Vestry-Report-2020.pdf>.

I will send the Zoom link for the meeting later this week.

Barb Fisher asked that I remind you to watch for your **2020 Income Tax Receipt**. She has started to send them out by email. If you do not receive yours in the next few days, please check your junk folder on your computer. If you do not find it, then please contact the office (office@allsaintswestboro.com).

Today's prayer is the prayer of commendation for this **Freedom Sunday** as we remember all the many murdered indigenous women and children:

God of all compassion, we ask you to grant eternal rest to all victims of hatred and oppression, especially the murdered Indigenous women and children, your beloved ones. May light perpetual shine on them. Give rest, O Christ, to your children with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting. Give comfort to their families and communities, to mothers, fathers, grandparents, aunties, uncles and children of those missing and murdered. Amen.

Stay well and stay safe everyone,

Chris