

Update from All Saints' **Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn** **1 May 2021**

I have to say that I was a little surprised, or was it shocked, to see the snow last evening. I know that we are now in May, but it must be because I moved the snowblower to the back of the garage and brought the lawnmower to the front. That is right, you can blame it on me!

This week Sharon shares the story of “Lily and the Paper Man” as the **Church School Video** theme this week looks at growing, changing, and accepting each other's differences. In this week's craft, Sharon demonstrates creating a lovely bunch of paper grapes. You will find the video on our Parish Facebook page at this link: www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/449759269457438

Tomorrow (Sunday, May 2nd), we will gather over Zoom for our Worship **Service for the Fifth Sunday of Easter**, starting at 9:30 am. I hope that you will join us by clicking this Zoom link tomorrow morning: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81644965151?pwd=RWN0MytLMXdYL1F0bUJGdTBmMmpQUT09> (Meeting ID: 816 4496 5151 & Passcode: 204793) Here is a link to the service bulletin: <https://www.allsaintswestboro.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2-May-2021-Easter-5.pdf>

Today the Church recalls two Apostles **St. Philip and St. James**. In tomorrow's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear about the work of Philip who is said by tradition to have settled in Asia Minor and lived to a ripe old age.

James is often referred to as James “the Less,” or “the Younger,” to distinguish him from two other disciples of the same name; Mark says that James “the Younger” watched the crucifixion with his mother Mary and the other women.

So today we pray for Philip and James:

Almighty God, you gave to your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to the truth. Grant that we, mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Take care, stay safe and well,

Chris