

Update from All Saints'
Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn
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Wear Red for Pentecost Sunday! That is right—break out those red socks, red shoes, red shirts—as we show our colours on Sunday morning.

I have posted the **Puppet Story video** for this week. The Puppets join in a discussion about the Spirit and Flying on the Wind. You will find the Puppet Video on our Parish Facebook page at this link: www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/2961917297389428

My congratulations to **Team Pantiggerson** on their successful score of 51 out of a possible 70 in last night's Trivia Challenge. I hear they are heading out to Dairy Queen tonight in celebration. On behalf of all those playing, I extend our appreciation to Simone and Debbie for all their hard work in setting this up; you really pulled it off!

Today, Simone and Peter Newlands are setting up **Apart but Together—A Heart of Prayer(s)**, in the Church Courtyard. Simone says that

Despite the current stay at home order, many must be out in our community because of their employment. Others may choose to get out and enjoy some fresh air and exercise. To remind folks that our faith community is still present, a new interactive prayer station has been installed in our courtyard. A plywood heart covered with a grid of nails has been lovingly crafted by our own Peter Newlands. Participants are invited to hold an intention—a person or a situation—in their heart, to choose an elastic according to the colour chart, and to place it on the board. The goal is to create a colourful witness to our community's prayers.

You can participate in this special project as you keep appropriate social distancing when you visit our Courtyard.

Morning Prayer is continuing, from Tuesday to Friday mornings at 9:00 am, using the same Zoom link each day. Join them using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8741442482?pwd=OEI4V090MjVhTmU3N1VkMysvTkdTUT09> (Meeting ID: 874 144 2482 & Passcode: 12345)

On Thursday June 10th, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, we invite you to **My Octopus Teacher: A Group Discussion**. Simone will lead an evening of discussion about the award-winning documentary called *My Octopus Teacher*. The documentary is about “a filmmaker [who] forges an unusual friendship with an octopus living in a South African kelp forest, learning as the animal shares the mysteries of her world.” This is a remarkable film that touches on relationship, sacrifice, healing, time, and nature. Please watch the documentary (available on Netflix) in advance of the evening. Hope you can join in!

Finally, as you prepare for the first long weekend of Summer and perhaps make plans for the cottage, our Truth and Reconciliation Team has prepared a short list of **books to dive in to** for all different age groups. The linked PDF: <https://www.allsaintswestboro.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Truth-Reconciliation-Summer-Reading-List-2021.pdf> provides information on books that group members have found very helpful and we hope that you will enjoy these as you learn more about Indigenous story-telling and culture.

A prayer for today:

Risen Christ, whose gift to us is the Spirit of truth: come, make your home with us, so that, keeping your commandments, we may dwell with you and the Father. Amen.

Enjoy the Victoria Day long weekend, but stay safe.

Chris