

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

Today is the Feast of Pentecost, and we celebrate the “birthday” of the Church; though many will argue and discuss when the Church actually began.

I have posted this morning’s **Worship Service Video** on the Facebook page. The clergy looked fancy in red, but you do not see all the Zoom participants decked out in their red outfits as well. You will find the video at this Facebook link: [www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/996784127796140](https://www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/996784127796140)

On Wednesday (May 26<sup>th</sup>), at 7:30 pm, you can join in an interfaith study session entitled “**Looking to our Texts for Courage in Times of Struggle.**” Starting a new clergy position often entails learning the customs of a community, getting to know the congregational family, settling into a new home, etc. For Rabbi Daniel Mikelberg and the Rev. Gary Van Der Meer, Rector at St John the Evangelist Anglican Church, their new beginnings also included a global pandemic!

The unique challenges of “going virtual” have been trying at times, both have had to look to faith for strength—faith in one another, themselves and the Eternal. One year in, let’s learn about the traditional textual sources that have given them hope and grounding. Rabbi Mikelberg and the Rev Van Der Meer prepared a clip to offer a taste of the exciting interactive study!

Check it out here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5thzMoy9pcs>. Mark Holzman has more details.

Linda Privitera is offering a course that begins on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 pm, and runs for seven weeks. **Poetry, Portraits and Personalities in Pentecost** is an offering of St. John's Episcopal Cathedral in Jacksonville, Florida, co-led by Linda Privitera and Joe O'Shields.

They will look at some Biblical characters who have some of the Spirit's flame during this Pentecost season. They will begin with Eve then move to Hagar and include a group of women in conversation with the apostle Paul. These sessions will include some depth and also some light-heartedness; everyone is welcome via Zoom. Each evening is self-contained, so no need to attend all. The Zoom link is the same for each of the seven weeks: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8741442482?pwd=OEI4V090MjVhTmU3N1VkMysvTkdTUT09> (Meeting ID: 824 7672 0880 & Passcode: 477347)

A reminder that Simone will continue to offer **Morning Prayer**, from Tuesday to Friday, at 9:00 am, until her move to St. Alban's, Ottawa. The Zoom link is the same each morning: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8741442482?pwd=OEI4V090MjVhTmU3N1VkMysvTkdTUT09> (Meeting ID: 874 144 2482 & Passcode: 12345)

We hope that people are making plans to watch **My Octopus Teacher**, in preparation for the evening of discussion on Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

So, a pray on this Feast of Pentecost:

***Holy God, pour out your Spirit to the ends of the earth, so that your children may return from exile as citizens of your commonwealth and our divisions may be healed by your word of love and righteousness; for with the same Spirit and the Word incarnate you are one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

Take care and enjoy the rest of the long weekend.

Chris