

## **Update from All Saints'** **Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn** **18 June 2021**

As we arrive at the first weekend of summer, expectations continue to rise with the increasing number of second Covid vaccine shots. I received mine last Sunday, and I know that Simone has also received hers. But we do still need to be cautious.

In this week's **Puppet Story Video**, the Puppets realize that it only takes a spark to change the things that are going on around us and the people that we meet. Join in and sing along; you will find the video on our Parish Facebook page at this link: [www.facebook.com/allsaينتwestboro/videos/311603707282433](https://www.facebook.com/allsaينتwestboro/videos/311603707282433)

On Sunday, at 9:30 am, in addition to marking the first official day of Summer, we will hold our **Indigenous Day of Prayer Service**. The service will be over Zoom, as usual, but we will be seeing a number of different clips prepared by the All My Relations Circle of the Diocese of Ottawa. I will send you more details on Saturday.

A reminder that next week, from Tuesday to Friday, Simone will lead **Morning Prayer** services at 9:00 am. You can join in using this Zoom link each day: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8741442482?pwd=OEI4V090MjVhTmU3N1VkMysvTkdTUT09> (Meeting ID: 874 144 2482 & Passcode: 12345)

Next Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 pm, I hope that you will join us for a **Trivia Night Redux**. Simone and Debbie have organized a second evening of trivia! Participate on your own or as a team. Invite friends or family to join your team and come up with a team name. Team members can be physically in the same room with you or can join Zoom via a different location. We'll have quiz questions for every age, level, and interest. Here is the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8741442482?pwd=OEI4V090MjVhTmU3N1VkMysvTkdTUT09> (Meeting ID: 874 144 2482 & Passcode: 12345)

My thanks to the 32 people that responded to the **Shape of Parish Ministry Consultation** questions, and to the 30 people that participated in the Town Hall last evening. I, and the Wardens, will be meeting with the interviewers from the Diocese on Sunday afternoon to share some of our thoughts. You will hear more on this in the fall.

Finally, an update on the **Westboro Region Food Bank**. This week, I received a letter from Lori Crawford to say that she will be stepping down from the position of Coordinator of the program at the end of this month; she is planning to return to her previous career. I know that those who have met Lori and or worked with her will feel the deep sense of loss that this represents, but we wish her well in her new endeavours. In the coming days, I plan to make an announcement about her successor in the program.

A prayer for this evening:

***God of grace, you invite the despised, you touch the unclean, you lift up those who are brought low: give us that hope for a world transformed through Jesus Christ, the mercy of God. Amen***

Take care, stay safe and enjoy the summer weather.

Chris