

## Update from All Saints'

### Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn

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June is Indigenous Awareness Month and Pride Month. There are so many voices right now crying out for justice, for reconciliation, for love. As we enter into this time, we do so with a deep sense of unease. These are not easy days for Canadians, they are not easy days for our Indigenous brothers and sisters, and they are not easy days for those who wish to be accepted for their love of another. Each of us is called and challenged to hear the stories, to build awareness, and to seek new relationships.

This week, in the **Puppet Story**, we look at the upsetting story of finding the graves of 215 children in Kamloops and introduce the messages on little stones placed on Grandmother Rock in our Healing Garden. You will find the Puppet Story on our Parish Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/1291150561278934](https://www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/1291150561278934)

So, we have decided to mark our sorrow with **Stones of Lament and Contrition: Remembering the Missing Children of Residential Schools**. We have been shocked and saddened at the tragic discovery of the unmarked graves of over 200 children buried at a residential school in Kamloops, BC. A new installation in our courtyard aims to visibly remember and honour these children and lament our church's role in the larger residential school legacy.

Select a stone (no larger than your hand) and paint or draw on it with markers a message of hope, or lament, an image, or an abstract design. These could represent all the things these children never got to do—like swim, graduate, hunt, catch fish, snowshoe, canoe, kayak, marry, have families, learn to bead or tan hides, celebrate Christmas with their families, become jingle dancers or fire-keepers, water-keepers, drummers, teacher, lawyers, community leaders, etc.



Of course, Simone continues to lead **Morning Prayer**, from Tuesday to Friday, at 9:00 am. You can join in at any point along the way by using this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8741442482?pwd=OEI4V090MjVhTmU3N1VkMysvTkdTUT09> (Meeting ID: 874 144 2482 & Passcode: 12345)

So, a prayer for today:

***Generous God, whose life is freely given in Jesus Christ our Lord: as you have opened for us your house of many rooms, so may we make a place for the rejected and unloved, and share in the work of peace; through Jesus Christ the cornerstone. Amen.***

Please take care this week; be good to yourself and to all those around you.

Chris