

Update from All Saints' **Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn** **30 June 2021**

So, there are a number of mixed feelings around about Canada Day this year and that is certainly understandable. This year it will be a time for serious reflection on our History and, with the release of news this evening of another school with unmarked graves, a time to seek serious reconciliation.

In this week's **Puppet Video**, the Puppets look at Canada Day through different lenses and a new version of an old song. You will find this video on our Parish Facebook page at this link: www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/222773186334704

On Sunday, July 4th, we will gather for worship over Zoom at 9:30 am, but the Diocese has now indicated that, effective Tuesday, July 6th, we are **moving back into Amber**. This means that after a little over six months, we can return to in-person Worship. We will still need to do things in the same way that we did them up until Christmas time, so that means that we will have registration for a limited number of people to attend in-person starting on Sunday, July 11th. Registration for the Sunday service on that date will open on Monday morning, at 9:00 am, and close on Friday, July 9th, at 12:00 noon. I will give you more details on this on Sunday.

So, coming up next week, I will be celebrating the **Wednesday Eucharist at 10:30 am**, once again in the Church. Registration is not required ahead of time for the Wednesday services, but all Covid protocols are in place. You will need to register at the door, you will be seated with social distancing in place, and there will not be any refreshments after the service. But it will be nice to have this little Wednesday crew back together again.

On Wednesday, July 7th, at 7:00 pm, I hope that you will join me for **Bible on Tap**. We will be discussing the readings of the week, and I can send those to you in advance if you let me know.

Join us on Wednesday for Bible on Tap using this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84465658760?pwd=bkV5OEIzM0pGbGtNVctJRVIHMk9JQT09> (Meeting ID: 844 6565 8760 & Passcode: 471531)

We have had a request from Peter Newlands, Coordinator of the **Westboro Region Food Bank**, for certain personal care items to provide to our neighbours. These can be dropped off on Monday at the Madison Door, between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm, or can be brought to the Church Service starting on July 11th. We are looking for the following items in particular: toothpaste, toothbrushes (adult and child sizes), shampoo, conditioner, denture cleaning tablets, hand soap, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products, nail clippers, Band-Aids, combs, and deodorant.

So, a prayer for Canada Day:

Almighty God, whose wisdom and whose love are over all, accept the prayers we offer for our nation of Canada. Help us to remember our First Nations people who have inhabited this land from time immemorial, and seek more than words in these challenging days. Give integrity to all those who call Canada home and wisdom to those in authority, that harmony and justice may be secured in obedience to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Stay well, stay safe during this holiday, and take care

Chris