

Update from All Saints' **Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn** **22 July 2021**

This week, the **Puppet Video** looks at the story of Jesus feeding a very large crowd of people with scarce resources. We have all heard the story a number of times, but perhaps revisiting it in a different way reminds us of the important message being shared in the Gospel story that all four Gospel writers record. You will find the Puppet video on our Parish Facebook page at this link: www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/3936736169770635

A reminder that **Morning Prayer on Tuesday and Thursday mornings** is at 9:00 am. Please contact the office if you would like to join (office@allsaintswestboro.com), and we will send you the link.

On Monday, I spent a couple of hours with our technicians from the Sound Company working on the problems with the Zoom sound that we have experienced these last two weeks. You will also be happy to know that Mark is back this coming Sunday. If you are planning to join us in the Church on **Sunday morning, at 9:30**, please **remember to register** by 12:00 noon tomorrow (Friday). You can register through the website at this link: www.allsaintswestboro.com/register-for-sunday-service/

Some “good news” today in the COVID-communique from the Bishop's Office. Starting on **August 3rd**, **the Diocese will move to “Yellow”**; this will mean two big changes. We will offer Communion in both kinds, bread and wine, using the common cup. I will explain this one more later. The other big change will be that congregation members will be allowed to sing if they are two meters away from other people and wearing their mask. So, we will return to “muffled” congregational singing. Some of us have missed being able to sing along. So, for the next two Sundays (July 25th and August 1st), we are still in the Amber stage, but we know when we are moving a bit further forward.

Today (Thursday) is the Feast of **St. Mary Magdalene**. Mary was called the Magdalene because she was a woman of Mag'dala, a village in Galilee. In the Gospels, it is said that Jesus cast seven demons out of her and that she was one of a group of women who followed him and used their wealth to provide for the rest of his companions.

So, the prayer remembers this apostle to the apostles:

Almighty God, whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body and called her to be a witness of his resurrection, forgive us and heal us by your grace, that we may serve you in the power of his risen life. Amen.

Take care and stay well,

Chris