

BREAD FOR THE SAINTS

All Saints' Westboro

August 22, 2021



IN-PERSON SERVICES CONTINUE

Now that the Diocese has moved to Yellow Stage, we are permitted to have up to 80 people in Church for services. To attend a Sunday morning service at 9:30 you do need to register in advance and the best way to do so is to fill out the online form on the All Saints' website <https://www.allsaintswestboro.com>, starting the week before on the Monday after 9:00 am and ending at 12:00 noon on the Friday. If you do not have computer access, then you can register by calling the church office. Please make sure to leave a voicemail, indicating that you would like to register, as well as the day and time of your call.

We are gathering for worship on Wednesday mornings in the Church at 10:30 a.m. You do not need to register for this service, but your contact information will be collected at the door.

For all our services, social distancing, the use of hand sanitizer, and the wearing of masks are required.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

We invite everyone to register and bring their special family pets to the service on Sunday, October 3rd. Following the 9:30 service we will gather in the Courtyard with appropriate social distancing and wearing masks and meet with

First United for an opportunity to celebrate all our special pets.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Julie Newlands

The second year of virtual summer Church School is drawing to a close. We have spent the past three months listening to creation stories from different cultures, including Canadian Indigenous, Australian Aboriginal, China, our own Genesis story as well as other stories of care for creation and God in creation. I would like to thank all the guest readers, including Simone, Evelyne and Isabelle Hurkmans, Steve Sibbald, Ayla Taguchi, Jamie Turtle, and Carolyn Newlands.



On September 12 we plan to begin a modified in-person Church School. Our Diocese has moved into Yellow and so we are able to have 10 people in a room, masked and distanced. Should there be a change in our Diocese status I will send out an email to update you.

The JK/SKs will meet in the room off Steacy Hall and the other grades will come to either 5/6 or 7/8 where there will be tables set up

with various crafts. Over the last 3 weeks of September, we will be making our own version of Creation, borrowing from themes explored during the summer program. Grades 7+ are invited to either create or assist the younger children.

I am hopeful that in October the Diocese will move us to **Green** and we can return to a regular Church School. With this in mind, I would love to hear from anyone who would like to teach a session (4 to 5 weeks). We have lessons, activities, and craft supplies. If you have any questions or just want to learn more about Church School, contact Julie.

I will be preparing a schedule and will send it out in September for you to choose your level and dates. Everyone working with children will need to have a Police Records Check. It is done on-line and Helen, in the office, will provide the link, the letter and the parish will reimburse any expense you incur.

Please join me in welcoming the children back!

COLLABORATIVE BOOK STUDY

The Diocese of Ottawa Collaborative Book Study will begin on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm starting September 22nd. It will run for six weeks and will use Barbara Brown Taylor's, *An Altar in the World*. Please watch the Parish Emails for the Zoom link.

ADULT LEARNING RESOURCES: SEASON OF CREATION 2021

Patricia Bays

The Season of Creation: Christians around the world are invited to observe the Season of Creation every year from Sept. 1 to Oct. 4, the Feast of St. Francis. The practice was adopted by General Synod in 2019 to be a time of prayer, education and action by congregations and individuals. The need to care for the environment seems more urgent this year as climate change brings fires, droughts and floods, and as we respond to the report from the UN panel on climate change.

To check out: *For the Love of Creation* <https://fortheloveofcreation.ca> is a national

initiative of faith bodies and organizations to work for climate justice. The Anglican Church of Canada is part of this initiative. Their website contains background information, conversation guides, videos and a blog. Watch for the upcoming one-day fall symposium October 30 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Workshops, speakers and registration information to be announced.

To read: *The Story of More: How We Got to Climate Change and Where to Go from Here* by Hope Jahren is a concise and clear look at the history and science of climate change, and some practical suggestions for action: examine your values, gather information, pick one change you can make and record your actions, make your personal investments consistent with your values. (7 copies in OPL)

Prayer resources: Check out Primate's World Relief and Development Fund's (PWRDF) Season of Creation resources at <https://pwrdf.org/celebrating-food-and-faith-together/> Designed as a worship service, there are prayers and video clips exploring the theme of responsible stewardship of creation.

THE READING CIRCLE



The Church Reading Circle meet on July 28th. After a year of ZOOM meetings people were happy to meet outdoors and the weather cooperated.

CELEBRATING WITH SIMONE

On Sunday, June 27th the Parish said farewell to the Rev. Simone Hurkmans as she celebrated her final service with us at All

Saints. She became the Incumbent of St. Alban's, Ottawa, on August 1st. Many parishioners took the opportunity to drive by and say thank you.



GRADUATION QUILTS



Devin was one of several recipients of the lovely quilts prepared by parishioners for those leaving high school and moving on to the next part of their lives.

IN-PERSON VILLAGE FAIR 2021 OCTOBER 16TH A VERY VIRTUAL VILLAGE FAIR NOVEMBER 13TH TO 16TH

The pandemic continues to affect parish life including our annual bazaar. While we cannot yet return to having a big sale at the church in November, we are planning a hybrid event that will combine a small in-person event with a reprise of last year's very successful virtual sale in November. This plan is, of course, dependent on provincial rules and diocesan protocols permitting outdoor events.

The in-person **Village Fair** is planned for Saturday, October 16th. This sale will feature baking, used books, knitting, and preserves using the courtyard, chapel and perhaps other areas.

The **Very Virtual Village Fair** will be held from November 13th to November 16th. We will sell preserves, frozen meals and soups, crafts and collectibles. Because the software we use for the online store does not support bidding, we will sell "silent auction type" collectibles and other items for a set price. Items will be sold online with a pick-up date at the church later in November.

We are grateful to Debbie Holzman, our parish webmaster, for the many hours she spends developing the online store. Because the listing and photographing of the items for the online platform takes time, we would appreciate early notice of any items that you may wish to donate for sale. Names of specific items for sale need to be sent the office by early October and will need to be at the church for photographing and organizing just after Thanksgiving (October 11th). A catchy write-up suggesting how to use the item really helps to promote sales.

Stay tuned to *Saints Alive* for updates.

The following is a selection of what we have been discussing. More ideas are always welcome.

All Saints' Originals (Crafts) - Crafters have continued to produce "All Saints' Originals" for the virtual bazaar. These items are always popular with shoppers. To add an item to the on-line bazaar please contact Kathy Leedom

Baking - Baked goods are hard to resist and this baking always sells out. We are encouraging everyone, who is able, to bake so we will have lots to sell. Lemon and fruit breads, scones, cakes, squares, pies, tarts, cookies, and homemade bread or rolls are all popular. Christmas baking - plum puddings, mince tarts, shortbread -- always sells well. Please contact Susan Garnham if you are planning on baking as she will have packaging instructions.

Books, Books, Books - If you are looking forward to once again browsing through tables of books, Peter Robertson and Ted Cherrett have accumulated a collection of gently used books for your reading pleasure. As many of us have been reading more in the past year, we are hoping for donations of current novels and nonfiction titles. As well as adult titles, we sell children's picture books and puzzles for all ages. Please contact Peter or Ted through the office if you have books to donate.

Treasures and Collectibles - Items that might have been part of the Silent Auction, china, silver, or linens will be sold on our online platform. If you have found a vintage item in your lockdown decluttering or pottery, corning ware, Pyrex, Pewter, brass or other unique pieces, please contact Sharon, Diane or the church office. You may suggest a price or leave the research to us but the more information you can provide, the easier it will be to sell the item.

Jewellery and Accessories - Although it is not practical to have a jewellery table at the in-person sale because of the challenges of social distancing, we are interested in special pieces that could be part of the virtual sale.

Knitting - Some of our knitters have been whiling away the days of lockdown creating sweaters baby clothes and other knitted pieces, which we will be selling in person on October 16th.

Open Kitchen - The success of this new feature last year has led us to bring this back for November 13th. Julie Newland will be heading a team of cooks to make delicious soups and frozen meals.

Preserves (All Saints' Kitchen) - Our well-stocked preserve table will be back with a selection of pickles, chutneys, marmalades, and jams. Donations of preserves are welcome provided they have been processed in a water bath. We are looking for salsa, red pepper jelly, and chutneys as well pickles and jams. Advance ordering is possible. Please contact Diane or the church office. We are grateful for the many donations of empty jars and fruit that we have already received and hope to receive more.

Diane Bays

Sharon Chop