

## Update from All Saints' Email to the Parish 16 September 2021

Good morning,

Hope you are enjoying this lovely, sunny (if somewhat chilly) day!

Last Sunday, Julie held the first **in-person Church School** of the season. It was a small group, but we hope that as people become more comfortable with the new “normal,” we will see more children. Julie filmed the session, so if your kids weren’t able to attend in person, they can see the lesson here: <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/380845836830584>

School-aged children who come to church will be invited to join us in the hall. Julie (and her helpers) will be finishing the Creation theme that began in Summer Sunday School. **Please note: The Nursery is not yet open, so any children who are too young for school will need to remain in the pews with their parents.** As the children won’t be permitted to gather at the back of the church during the service, we will try and keep them engaged in the hall until just before Communion.

There is still plenty of space available for our service on Sunday (September 19<sup>th</sup>)—Bishop John Chapman will be leading the service for this 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. If you are going to join us on Sunday morning for **in-person worship**, please register (if you are bringing children, please indicate, in the notes section, whether they will be attending church school) by tomorrow (Friday) at 12:00 noon using this link: [www.allsaintswestboro.com/register-for-sunday-service/](http://www.allsaintswestboro.com/register-for-sunday-service/)

The **Diocese of Ottawa Collaborative Book Study** will be starting next Wednesday (September 22<sup>nd</sup>) at 7:00 pm starting. It will run for six weeks and will use Barbara Brown Taylor’s, *An Altar in the World*. If you signed up to be a part of the study, we will be sending you more information, including the Zoom link for the sessions. For more information, email [office@allsaintswestboro.com](mailto:office@allsaintswestboro.com).

“Today we celebrate the memorial of Ninian, a fifth-century bishop who was the first to preach the gospel in western Scotland.” So, prayer for today:

***High Sovereign of all creation, grant us grace to follow your holy servant Ninian in surmounting every wall of prejudice, that the glad tidings of Christ may be heard and accepted in every language, culture, and community throughout the whole wide earth. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

Stay safe and stay well!

Helen