

# Update from All Saints' Email to the Parish 23 September 2021

Good morning,

Hope you are enjoying this first Thursday of Autumn, even if it is a bit of a rainy one.

There is still plenty of space available for our service on Sunday (September 26<sup>th</sup>)—This will be Bishop John Chapman's last time leading a Sunday service on this 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. If you would like to join us on Sunday morning for **in-person worship**, please register 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/)

School-aged children who come to church will be invited to join us in the hall (if you are bringing children, please indicate, in the notes section of your registration form, whether they will be attending church school). **Please note: The Nursery is not yet open, so any children who are too young for school will be permitted in the hall; however, their parents may be asked to stay with them.** 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.

Last night, the first session of the **Diocese of Ottawa Collaborative Book Study** was held and was a success! Over 60 people joined the conversation! The book study will continue to run for next five weeks, on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, using Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Altar in the World*. If you signed up to be a part of the study, we will have already sent you information, including the Zoom link for the sessions, and will send you more. If you would like to be included in the study or would like more information, email me in the office at [office@allsaintswestboro.com](mailto:office@allsaintswestboro.com).

This week “we honour Saint Matthew, a disciple and apostle of Christ who is traditionally believed to be the author of the first Gospel in the New Testament.”

So, prayer for today:

***Almighty God, who through your Son called Matthew to be your apostle and evangelist, free us from all greed and selfish love, that we may follow in the steps of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

Stay safe, stay well, and stay dry!

Helen