

Update from All Saints' Email to the Parish 28 September 2021

Hi everyone! Another special Tuesday update, as there are a number of time-sensitive events happening this week. There's quite a bit to tell you, so bear with me.

First of all, the technical difficulties we experienced last Sunday (September 19th) have been addressed. Thanks to Mark and Nick, we were able to broadcast the service on Zoom; and, if you missed it, you can watch the **service from Sunday, September 26th**, using this link to our Facebook page: <https://fb.watch/8iOVkRT2R7/>.

Julie, with help from Steve Sibbald, held the last of the **Summer Sunday School series** (with the Creation theme), which included origami and a story about "How a Turtle Carried the World." We encourage our young people to join us for these more informal sessions, as we transition back to in-person Church School. However, if you are not yet ready to do so, you can watch the video, hear the story, and learn a new craft: <https://fb.watch/8iP0vcspJ0/>

Tomorrow (**Wednesday**) at **10:30 am** Bishop John will be leading an in-person **Eucharist** (for the last time, as Father Chris returns on Sunday). The focus of which will be the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, which occurs the next day (Thursday, September 30th). There is no requirement to register for this service, but you will be asked to come in through the Richmond Road doors, check in, and follow COVID protocols.

Also on Wednesday, at 7:00 pm, the second session of the **Diocese of Ottawa Collaborative Book Study** (discussing Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Altar in the World*) will be held. The Zoom link for the study will be the same for every evening, and you are to welcome join even if you missed the first session or have not read the chapters (two and three). For more information or if you would like the link, please contact me at office@allsaintswestboro.com.

On Sunday (October 3rd), we will be having a **Blessing of the Animals**, in the Courtyard. We invite everyone to register and bring their special family pets to the service—please tell us in the comments if you plan to bring your pet. 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.

And finally, **Jazz Vespers** is back in-person for the first time since March 2020! On **Sunday (October 3rd) at 4:30 pm**, the Ginny Simonds Trio will be performing in the Church. The musicians will be Ginny Simonds, piano, Charles Shadeed, bass, and Lu Frattaroli, percussion. There is no need to preregister, but you will be asked to sign in, wear a mask, and stay distanced from anyone outside your family group. As is the case with our Wednesday Eucharist, you will be asked to enter and exit by the Richmond Road doors.

Stay safe, stay well, and enjoy the sunshine!

Helen