

**Update from All Saints'**  
**Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn**  
**1 October 2021**

Well, dare I say I am back. My Thursday email is on Friday this week because today is my first day back in the office.

My thanks to Bishop John, to Bishop Michael, to Helen, Peter, Paul, and Julie for all their hard work in keeping things running while I was off tripping around the country. For those that do not know, Blanche and I travelled with our dog Zoe down to the Atlantic Provinces—including two weeks in Newfoundland. I am sure that you will hear more about that over time.

So, this Sunday, you will have the opportunity (I hope) to meet Zoe in person at our annual **Blessing of the Animals Service**. We begin with the celebration of the Eucharist at 9:30 am, and pets are most welcome to join us at the service (they qualify as part of our “bubble”). After the service, we will meet with First United, outside in the Courtyard at 10:45 am, for the Blessing of the Animals. This is always fun if not a bit of a “zoo.” Registration is not necessary for the outside service at 10:45, but please remember that you do need to register to attend the 9:30 service and can do that until noon today using this link: [www.allsaintswestboro.com/register-for-sunday-service/](http://www.allsaintswestboro.com/register-for-sunday-service/)

I am pleased to announce that we will hold our first **Jazz Vespers Service** on Sunday at 4:30 pm. It has been a long time! You must enter by the Richmond Road doors for the service in the Church (the Chapel is too small); and, while registration is not required in advance, we will be collecting names and contact information at the door. Masks must be worn throughout the service as is our practice. Join us as we hear the music of Ginny Simonds on piano, Charles Shadeed on bass, and Lu Frattaroli on percussion.

A prayer for today:

***God of the earth, all creation awaits your gift of new life. Prepare our hearts to receive your Word so that it may grow within us and yield a hundredfold harvest; through Jesus Christ, the Sower. Amen***

So, I hope to see many of you this weekend—take care.

Chris