

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

We are back to the lovely Fall weather - I took a little time down at Mud Lake again yesterday enjoying the crisp cool air but also appreciating the scenery and the birds.

I am off to the Opening Eucharist for this year's **Diocesan Synod** tonight. We will gather in person or over the internet for the service and then the meeting of Synod is actually on Saturday morning. If you would like to watch the Synod service at 7:00 p.m. this evening here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/christchurchcathedralottawa>

On Sunday morning we will celebrate the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost and All Hallows Eve with 5 **Baptisms**. The registration list for the service is full so it should be quite a lovely event. I will send a note again on Saturday with this week's bulletin and the reminder of the link to the service on Zoom.

This week we received word from the Diocese that because of recent changes in the Provincial Rules for Covid and how they are applied to Worship Spaces we can choose to change what we are doing now in terms of pre-registration and assigned seating for Worship services. I am inviting you to join me for a **Parish Town Hall Meeting** to discuss this very important change. Basically there are two options and a Hybrid model:

**Option one — no proof of vaccination required.** If we decide not to require proof of vaccination, we must continue to operate with capacity limits (currently 80 people), physical distancing, and masking, following all diocesan Yellow stage protocols as we have been doing. We would continue to collect contact information and to prepare assigned seating charts for the service.

**Option two — proof of double vaccination required.** Under the new rules for worship services announced by the province last

still required and we would gather contact information and check off that we have seen proof of vaccination. Those present can sit where they like and we would not restrict numbers.

**Option of a Hybrid** -- one service (8:00 a.m.) where no proof of vaccination is required but we would assign seats, mask, and social distance; and one service (9:30 a.m.) where proof of vaccination is required, masks must be worn, but there is no restriction on the number of people or where they sit.

Please join me for a **Town Hall on Tuesday, Nov 2nd at 7:00 PM over Zoom**. If you are unable to make it to the meeting I invite you to respond to this email with any comments or questions that you wish to share. The link for the Zoom meeting on Tuesday night will be:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86743275929?pwd=T2htU3dtMkxtcnJxWDZ6dHVucVFqQT09> (Meeting ID: 867 4327 5929 & Passcode: 204779)

Finally, next Wednesday, November 3rd at 7:00 p.m. I invite you to join me for **Bible on Tap**. We will discuss the readings for the following Sunday which in this case are the readings for All Saints' Day (and our Remembrance Sunday); please let me know if you would like me to send you the reading sheets and the Zoom link. I will send out the usual email to participants early next week.

Today the Church remembers **St. Simon and St. Jude**. A prayer for this evening:

*"Almighty God, we thank you for the glorious company of the apostles, and especially on this day for Simon and Jude. As they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so may we with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen"*

Hope you are ready for Halloween -- I have the candy hidden away.

Take Care

Chris