

**Update from All Saints'**  
**Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn**  
**5 November 2021**

Well, it has been a busy week. Our friend, Tex, arrived from North Carolina tonight, so we have been doing some catching up on how things are going south of the border!

On Tuesday evening, we held the consultation on changing the **COVID protocols for worship**. My thanks to all those who participated in the Zoom, and the many people who emailed me thoughts and questions before and after the Town Hall. I must say that I have had to walk a very fine line in all of this. It is important to show compassion and acceptance to all parishioners regardless of their opinions or feelings on this matter. But I also have had to deal with the fact that many of our parishioners who are in the pews are vulnerable seniors for whom exposure to COVID could be devastating.

So, here is the end result:

Starting this **Sunday (November 7<sup>th</sup>)**, we will have both an **8:00 am** and a **9:30 am service**. You **will not be required to register** in advance for either of these services, but **everyone coming to the services will need to show proof of vaccination** (receipt or passport) and appropriate photo identification. Because we do not have to pre-register and do need to show proof of vaccination. there is no limit on the number of people allowed into each of these services if they meet the requirement for proof of vaccination.

At both services, we will be continuing all of our other COVID protocols. We will be gathering contact information at the door; you will need to wear a mask at all times while in the Church; you will need to use hand sanitizer; we will continue to receive Communion in the way we have been doing so recently; and we strongly encourage you to socially distance as much as possible. There will not be a seating chart, and you can choose your own seat remembering to stay within your own social bubble.

On **Wednesday mornings, at 10:30 am**, we continue to hold our mid-week Eucharist in the Church and it will be open to everyone. Because the numbers are small, we will not need pre-registration. We **will not be requiring proof of vaccination** for the Wednesday service. However, we will be gathering contact information and everyone will be sitting separately, wearing masks at all times, and maintaining social distance.

Our Sunday services this week will mark **All Saints' Day and Remembrance Sunday**. If you are not joining us in-person, we will of course be sharing the 9:30 am service on Zoom and the recording will be posted on Sunday evening.

On Sunday at 4:30 pm, we will hold **Jazz Vespers** in the Church. Once again, you will not need to pre-register for this service, but **everyone coming to the services will need to show proof of vaccination** (receipt or passport) and appropriate photo identification. The musicians this week are Elise Letourneau (voice and piano) and Tim Bedner (guitar).

On Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, the **Reading Circle** will gather on Zoom to discuss this month's book, *Neglected No More* by Andre Picard. If you would like to join in, please contact the Parish Office.

We will be launching this year's **Very Virtual Village Fair** next week. The link for the online store will be on the All Saints' website (<https://allsaintswestboro.com>). The store opens at 9:00 am, on Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup>, and closes at 5:00 pm, on Tuesday November 16<sup>th</sup>. Please tell your friends and neighbours and share with your social media contacts.

So that is a lot of information for today; sorry for the length of this email. Now a prayer for today:

***Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do to each other, we do to you; make us quick to help and slow to hurt, knowing that in our neighbour it is you who receive our love or our neglect. Amen.***

Take care and have a wonderful weekend, Chris