

Update from All Saints' **Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn** **19 December 2021**

Today, Blanche and I had the opportunity to get our Covid Vaccine Booster shots. We had our appointments at the EY centre, and we were in and out in 40 minutes—no fuss, no muss as they say. I hope that you are taking the opportunity to get your booster and stay ahead of this disease.

I have now posted the service video for the **Fourth and final Sunday of Advent**. This morning, the Rev. Canon John Wilker-Blakley returned to preach; and, as I admitted at the end of the service, the timing was very helpful to me. The candle is the candle of love. Unfortunately, this was also **our final in-person service** before we return to Red Protocols tomorrow, which means Christmas will be done on Zoom. You will find the video for Sunday's service on our Parish Facebook page at this link: www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/457857315854548

So the things that you need to know about this week:

- There will be **no Wednesday morning Eucharist** until further notice.
- The **New-to-You shop** is once again closed.
- I will be sending out **Zoom links on Thursday for each of our Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning services**. The only ones who will be actually in the Church are those who have assigned duties to help out with the service. I will be in touch with each of you this week to confirm that you are still able to help out.
- We will only have the **9:30 service next Sunday morning**, of course, and that too will be on Zoom for the celebration of the First Sunday After Christmas.

- The **Westboro Region Food Bank** will keep its normal hours of operation on Monday and Thursday this week as well as being open on Thursdays, December 30th, and January 6th. **The Westboro Region Food Bank will be closed on Monday, December 27th, and Monday, January 3rd.** At this point our Christmas Hamper program has helped about 160 households in our area.

A prayer for this evening:

Praise and honour to you living God; your coming will be like a thief in the night, like lightning flashing across the sky. Grant that we may be ready, and our hearts answer: Come Lord Jesus. Amen

In these strange times, we continue to prepare for and anticipate the coming of Christ.

Take Care

Chris