

## **Update from All Saints'** **Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn** **17 February 2022**

These are tense times in our city as we all watch and wait. There is a lot of “hot air” coming out of the House of Commons but, in the end, the issue for all of us is the peaceful resolution of this occupation of our city.

Perhaps as a distraction, but mostly because we want to provide the children with a wonderful story, I have posted Steve Sibbald's reading of “**The Shoemaker's Dream.**” You will find it on the Parish Facebook page at this link: [www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/1278672525954239](https://www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/1278672525954239)

On Sunday, we will celebrate the **Seventh Sunday after Epiphany** at 8:00 and 9:30 am. I am pleased that the Rev. Canon John Wilker-Blakley will be back with us to preach at both services as we continue to hear Luke's story of Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. This week, the Diocese has changed some of our COVID Protocols, so we will be able to sing together in Church once more—wearing masks of course. Come along and join in the singing at 9:30 am.

Tomorrow morning, join Helen and Julie for **Morning Prayer** at 9:00 am. There will not be Morning Prayer on Monday morning next week because of the Family Day holiday, but it will return next Friday. For more information, including the Zoom link, contact Helen in the office at [office@allsaintswestboro.com](mailto:office@allsaintswestboro.com).

On Monday, at 7:30 pm, the Diocese of Ottawa will continue its **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lecture Series** with a panel discussion over Zoom and on YouTube. The Diocese is bringing together three experts (Jacob Crane, Dr. Stewart Elgie, and Dr. Robert Gifford) to educate and inspire action on climate change. To register for the *Signs of Hope in the Fight Against Climate Change Panel Discussion*, go to <https://tinyurl.com/5d78vsae>.

If you have not read the latest issue of the Diocesan **Crosstalk** Newspaper, you will find it on our website at <https://www.allsaintswebstboro.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/February-2022-Crosstalk-v2.pdf>

Finally, a reminder that next weekend, on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, our All Smaller Saints Team will be walking in the **Coldest Night of the Year** in support of Cornerstone Housing for Women. If you would like to donate or to join us, click on: <https://secure.e2rm.com/registrant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=970442&langPref=en-CA> to go directly to our team page.

A prayer for today for our country:

***Lord, keep this nation under your care. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance; and from every evil course of action. Bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. Amen.***

Take care, stay safe, and remember to pray,

Chris