

Update from All Saints' Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn 24 February 2022

Our concerns and prayers are offered for the people of the Ukraine, and we pray for peace in that area of the world and an end to aggression from their neighbours.

This morning, I have posted the third in our series of Church School book readings prepared by Steve Sibbald. This week he shares the wonderful short story, "**The Sea and I.**" You will find the video on our Parish Facebook page at this link: www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/1152884015458133

Tomorrow morning, and on Monday and Friday mornings next week, join Helen and Julie for **Morning Prayer** at 9:00 am. Contact Helen in the office (office@allsaintswestboro.com) for more information and the Zoom link.

On Saturday morning the **All Smaller Saints' team** will gather at 10:30 am, in the Courtyard to walk the two or five km route in support of Cornerstone Housing for Women on the "Coldest Night of the Year." The team has surpassed their original goal, but you can still donate by clicking on this link: <https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=970442&langPref=en-CA>. You will be taken directly to our team page. Press the "Donate" button and fill in the amount (no amount is too small). You will receive your tax receipt immediately. Please help us to continue to support our neighbours at Cornerstone and thanks to all the members of the team.

On Sunday morning, we will gather for in-person worship at 8:00 am and 9:30 am. on the **Last Sunday after Epiphany: Transfiguration Sunday**. We will have the **baptism** of one of our newest members, Georgia, at the 9:30 service. We will of course be Zooming the service for those who can not join us in person. For the Sunday service, at 9:30 am, we will use our usual Sunday morning Worship link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83689498396>

Our **Annual Vestry meeting** will take place on Sunday. Please use this Zoom link for the meeting at 11:15 am: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89155678086?pwd=eWJmV3UrTWZYcWJlb05KRfZkeXFqZz09> (Meeting ID: 891 5567 8086 & Passcode: 851821)

Next week, we head into the season of Lent; and, in preparation, we will gather virtually for our **Pancake Supper** on Tuesday, March 1st at 6:00 pm. I invite you to prepare your pancakes and enjoy them while we hear the origins of Shrove Tuesday and offer a brief worship on this occasion. The link for the Pancake Supper on Tuesday is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85265913181?pwd=alhuR2ovVUNQRjdEdHgZrZl4TWttQT09> (Meeting ID: 852 6591 3181 & Passcode: 305682)

Ash Wednesday services next week are at 10:30 am and 7:00 pm, in the Church, and will only be available for in-person worship.

Our prayer today is the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of the Church of England's **prayer for the Ukraine**:

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Take care,

Chris