

Update from All Saints'
Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn
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Our city has been rocked and disrupted by the loud and unhelpful Truckers Occupation. If you are having difficulty because of the protest either in getting to work or because you live in the area, please remember that you are not alone. I also ask that you pray this week for the impact that it is having on those who make use of our Diocesan Community Ministries, especially Cornerstone housing for women.

This is World Interfaith Harmony Week; and, in the **Church School Video** this week, Aaron shows us how all the major religions of the world share a common concern for charity. He invites all our All (Smaller) Saints' to join in the walk for Coldest Night of the Year on February 26th, in support of Cornerstone. Aaron is a wonderful and passionate teacher, and I am sure that everyone will enjoy his discussion of this topic. You will find the video on our Parish Facebook page at this link: www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/245603921084810

If you would like to support the **The All (Smaller) Saints' Westboro team**, to walk virtually and raise money for Cornerstone Housing for Women on February 26th, use this link: <https://secure.e2rm.com/registrant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=970442&langPref=en-CA>

We will gather in-person, at 8:00 and 9:30 am, on Sunday morning for our Eucharist on the **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**. We will, of course, be providing the 9:30 service on Zoom and it will be recorded for later participation. If you are joining us in person, please remember that we will be required to wear masks throughout the service, except when taking communion, (we encourage the use of three-layer, medical, or N95 masks).

We will be requiring Vaccination Certificates/Passports to our Sunday services and physical distancing (except for members of the same household) must be maintained at all times. There will be no congregational singing at this time.

We will have both a Children's Story at the beginning of the 9:30 service and a return to **in-person Church School**. This week, Sarah Brown and Julie will be working with the children on the call to be Fishers of people.

On Sunday, at 4:30 pm, we will hold **Jazz Vespers** in the Church. I am pleased that Peter Brown (Piano) and Chris Breitner (Bass) have been able to provide the music for this return on such short notice. Please remember that we will be checking Vaccination status at the door.

We return to holding our **Mid-week Eucharist on Wednesday** at 10:30 am. This service does not require proof of vaccination status, but we will have to keep all the other COVID guidelines.

On Wednesday, at 7:30 pm, you can join the All Saints **Reading Circle** over Zoom. This week the book is Andre Picard's, *Neglected No More*. The Reading Circle will have a guest, Grace Welch, a long-time advocate for improved long-term care in Ontario to share a reflection.

A prayer for today:

Mighty God, strong, loving and wise, help us to depend upon your goodness and to place our trust in your Son. Amen.

Stay well, stay safe, and take care

Chris