

Friday, June 26, 2020

It's the last weekend of June, and it's really feeling like summer, and it's looking like a few more Public Health limits on assembly are being rolled back. ***Please scroll down to see updated sections of last Friday's Parish Email.***

Q. What will summer look like at St. Paul's?

A. In many ways like any other summer, some programmes and committees and groups ceasing, some continuing, and some new initiatives--but with Sunday videos in lieu of Sunday on-site liturgies, as developed since mid-March.

Q. Given changing Public Health regulatory changes, what about summer on/off site activity at St. Paul's?

A. This will be carried out within those regulations, including the restarted Wednesday 11.00 am Eucharist, a new summer Children's programme and a new summer Youth programme. ***The Rev'd Debra Burleson may be celebrating, on-site, a second July Wednesday Eucharist in the evening and/or a Sunday evening service of Compline. Please contact the office for details.***

Q. The Rector will be taking a summer break and postponed study leave ***starting July 1<sup>st</sup>***; who will be Priest-in-Charge?

A. The Rev'd Debra Burleson, 1-30 July and ***the Rev'd Michael Tutton 31 July-13 August***, with the usual wonderful support of the Parish Executive, Parish Staff, and Parish Volunteers...***and our Divinity Intern, Benjamin von Bredow assisting for 30 hours per week in a diocesan summer training programme.***

Q. When, God willing, will Sunday morning worship resume?

A. A late-summer, early-fall date will be announced in mid-August, working with the newest Public Health allowance of 200 safely spaced persons, and all other protocols for indoor events. At that time St. Paul's Sunday worship videos will become videos of the pre-communion part of resumed on-site Sunday liturgies, distributed the same afternoon. They will look much like our current Sunday Worship Videos.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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## PARISH NOTICES

*St. Paul's is alive as a congregation and responsive to our Nova Scotia Situation. Thank you for your input on the matter of changing Public Health regulations and the use of our buildings. **The Sunday Videos will continue to be offered weekly throughout the summer. Our on-line life will continue via Zoom, YouTube, Website, Email and in physical forms on and off site, in keeping with regulations.** The Rector and the *SafeR Church Committee* will be meeting and reporting on an ongoing basis to the Parish Executive and Parish Council, and to the congregation as things become clearer. **Given the Provincial announcement yesterday of assembly permission for up to 200 people, properly distanced, summer weeks will be used by our SafeR Church Committee and Parish Executive to consider and plan for the beginning of Sunday morning liturgies in late summer/early Fall. However, worship videos in a slightly different form (based on those Sunday Morning liturgies) will continue to be sent to all parishioners. The Public Health situation may of course reverse, so we need to bear that in mind: and in any case, all of the alternate forms of meeting St. Paul's has developed since mid-March will remain available to us into the Fall.***

*St. Paul's buildings remain closed to the public, but used by the parish. The Parish Office is logging the names of parishioners who use our properties at certain times for a variety of matters. Signs indicating on-site protocols are being posted. It is important that we all adhere to the regulations.*

*Sunday Zoom Coffee!* Please join us for these connecting experiences. Our intention is to give people a chance to first watch the pre-recorded video service, so we are inviting people to join this weekly Zoom Coffee Hour at 11am. *A link will be provided in the Sunday morning email that delivers our parish videos.*

*A Summer Youth Group* will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 7.00-8:30 pm, beginning June 30<sup>th</sup>. *Meetings will be on-site at St. Paul's and meet the most recent Public Health regulations about maximum numbers and physical distancing* and other protocols established by our SafeR Church Committee. The group will meet under the overall direction of Cathy Tutton our CYED with Adriel Driver as the Parent Sponsor. The on-site leaders will be Katherine Lee and Benjamin von Bredow. Please contact Gail in the parish office if you are interested!

*Wednesday 11.00 Eucharists* resumed on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June, including physical distancing, maximum numbers, and other protocols established by our SafeR Church Committee. This Eucharist will keep pace with changing Public Health Regulations. All who wish to participate should let Gail know by the Tuesday afternoon prior, before 4.00pm.

*Ladies of St Paul's!* We have set up a regular twice-a-month virtual meeting for anyone interested. The meetings are via Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, from 7-8:30pm. You can join every meeting, come once a month, or visit whenever you can, depending on your summer plans. (Dates: every 2 weeks on Wed, until Sep 30, 2020: Jul 8, 22, Aug 5, 19; Sep 2, 16, 30). New comers are always welcomed! *If you're not on the Women's Group email list, please let the parish office know, and you will be invited!*

*Our Sunday School Outdoor Summer Garden Program* began Sunday, June 14th at 10am. Contact Cathy Tutton (CYED) for more information.

*The Episcopal Electoral Synod* is adjourned to 12 September 2020, and if a quorum not be present at that time, a further adjournment shall occur to a date to be determined. The Episcopal Search Committee has nominated the following Clergy for the office of Diocesan Bishop: The Rev. Katherine Bourbonniere; The Rev. Carl Fraser; The Rev. Sandra Fyfe; and The Rev. Elliott Siteman.

*From the Parish Office about parish offerings:* We are now set up for electronic funds transfer through RBC. This gives people another easy option, along with our PAD (pre-authorized donating) for assisting financially to our various outreach programs as well as to the expenses of running and maintaining the church. All you need to do is add our office email (office@stpaulshalifax.org) to your 'recipients' list in your 'e-transfer' section of your online banking. Feel free to contact the office if you have questions!

*Finance:* We acknowledge with gratitude the contributions from our congregation to our Outreach appeal promoted through the VOICES from St. Paul's fundraiser. To date we have received over \$4,000 and have made the following disbursements:

	<u>Voices</u>	<u>Other Monthly Gifts</u>	<u>Funds Disbursed</u>
RDF	1,000	500	1,500
SS/WV	468		468
Holly House	750		750
FISH	500		500
St. Mark's Food Bank	240	60	300
Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Ctre.	500		500
PWRDF	<u>400</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>600</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,858</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>4,618</b>

We are grateful for all of God's blessings, including our many volunteers and contributors who allow us to address the opportunities provided at St. Paul's and share our gifts with others.

*Our Parish Office Update:* 9am-1pm, Mon.-Fri. will be the 'new normal' hours until the building re-opens to the public. Gail (*Tues., Wed., Thurs.*) and Diane (*Mon., Fri.*) will share the week. Gail will still be checking emails/phone messages remotely during other hours. *The Office reminds you to keep pace with the most recent Public Health regulations while in our parish buildings or on our parish property.*

*Assistant Director of Music News* Mark Flowerdew will be concluding his one-year covenant with St. Paul's and by the beginning of September will be considering new initiatives. We would like to warmly thank Mark for all of his volunteer efforts over the years, and for his year as Asst. Director of Music. And we wish him and his wife, Emma, God's rich blessing as they head further into their first year of marriage and into a new community of faith.

*Summer Interpretive Guides* We have welcomed back *Helen Hillis* and *Liam Patrick Hagerman* as our 2020 Summer Interpretive Guides until Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>. The in-house hours for our guides this year will be random and, as is everything else, dependent on the unknown scheduling that COVID places us in. For now, their time will be split between being in the building and working remotely from home with their assigned projects that are directly related to preparing for our 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (2024/25). With our building being closed to the public, no 'guiding' will be necessary, however we anticipate that our doors will unlock at some point this summer at which time Helen & Liam will be ready!

## The Week-and-a-bit at St. Paul's: 26 June – 5 July 2020

### Friday 26 June

9.00 am *Zoom* Matins

9.00 am-1.00 pm Parish Office open *on-site* (Building closed to the public)

11:30 am Pentecost IV Sunday *Video* Recording *Nave, Chancel, Memorial Chapel, Vestry*

### Saturday 27 June

9.00 am *Zoom* Matins

### Sunday 28 June Pentecost IV (Genesis 22.1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6.12-23; Matthew 10.40-42)

7.00 am Sunday *Video* and *Zoom* Parish Coffee Hour *Link* distributed via parish email

10.00 am Sunday School Outdoor Summer Garden Program

11.00 am Sunday *Zoom* 'Parish Coffee Hour'

### Monday 29 June

9.00 am *Zoom* Matins and Discussion

9.00 am-1.00 pm Parish Office open *on-site* (Building closed to the public)

4.00 pm SafeR Church Meeting *Zoom*

### Tuesday 30 June

9.00 am *Zoom* Matins and Discussion

9.00 am-1.00 pm Parish Office open *on-site* (Building closed to the public)

7.00 pm Summer Youth Group, first gathering *on site*

### Wednesday 1 July - **Canada Day Statutory Holiday**

### Thursday 2 July

9.00 am *Zoom* Matins

9.00 am-1.00 pm Parish Office open *on-site* (Building closed to the public)

12.00 pm Noon *Zoom* Theology

**Friday 3 July**

9.00 am *Zoom Matins*

9.00 am-1.00 pm Parish Office open *on-site* (Building closed to the public)

11:30 am Pentecost V Sunday *Video Recording Nave, Chancel, Memorial Chapel, Vestry*

**Saturday 4 July**

9.00 am *Zoom Matins*

**Sunday 5 July Pentecost V** (*Genesis 24.34-67; Psalm 45; Romans 7.14-25; Matthew 11.16-30*)

7.00 am Sunday *Video* and Zoom Parish Coffee Hour *Link* distributed via parish email

10.00 am Sunday School Outdoor Summer Garden Program

11.00 am Sunday Zoom 'Parish Coffee Hour'