

Friday, August 7, 2020

Hello St. Paul's,

I hope everyone in the parish has had a summer break, is having one, or is about to have one. I have certainly been refreshed by mine. I would like to warmly thank the Rev'd Debra Burleson for filling my role in challenging times--and thank our elected parish officers, staff, and volunteers for all their summer work. I have returned to my library desk to think and plan for the Fall; I'm grateful that the Rev'd Michael Tutton has stepped in as Priest-in-Charge 'till I return to my full duties on Thursday, August 13th.

Yours, Paul+

The safer church committee encourages you to observe all public health advisories. This includes those relating to physical distancing, masks and hand washing. This Friday we have been asked by the province to wear masks in public spaces. We have considered the instructions for that direction in light of all staff and volunteers. There are a few exceptions granted for team members but we encourage all participants to wear masks to St. Paul's. If you have a condition requiring an exception please contact the church office in advance for consideration.

Thanks for your ongoing patience and consideration of the health of self and others.

Patrick Hartling & the SafeR Church Committee

In the fourth video of our series on the Apostles' Creed, our Divinity Intern discusses the atonement, how the death and resurrection of Jesus reconcile us to God. https://youtu.be/_CGGKhyGvKA Be sure to check out the resource sheet (attached) for questions for reflection!

Yours, Ben

PARISH NOTICES

***Our Priest-in-Charge News.** The Rev'd Canon Dr. Jody Clark has been appointed Priest-In-Charge of the Parish of Hatchet Lake/Terence Bay along with The Rev'd Michael Tutton to assist in the interim, effective September 1st, 2020. Congratulations Rev'd Michael!

*In light of the recent provincial Public Health direction, we remind and encourage **all Parishioners to wear a mask** when attending services in St. Paul's. We have created social or Physical Distancing speaks within the Church building, and we have organized worship to be fully compliant with the current rules.

*Our **weekly video-taping of Sunday Services** now welcomes a congregation (up to 50). The office does need to know if you plan to attend and also you are reminded to LOG IN as per our current SafeR church practices. The next scheduled filming will be 7pm-8pm (approximately) Thurs., Aug. 13th (for Pentecost XI Sunday Aug. 16th BCP). Stay tuned for the following filming schedule, to be created when the Rector returns.

***Signing in.** Please log your in/out times in the newly placed LOG now on the Welcome Desk in the entry area (narthex). We are doing our best to be fully aware of all the comings/goings in our building as part of our commitment to practicing safe social distancing! All bookings must still go through the office as well. This log will help the office cross-reference, thank you.

***Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)** response to the disaster in Beirut: "PWRDF expresses our shock and deep concern for the all of the victims affected by the massive explosion in Beirut, Lebanon. We stand in solidarity with all of the people of Lebanon, and we pray for all who are responding to this disaster with compassion and care. We mourn for the victims and pray for their families." PWRDF has been working with Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) and ACT Alliance to support relief efforts immediately following the explosion. To continue this assistance to the victims, PWRDF is accepting donations from Canadians. Please visit the online donation page at <https://pwrdf.org/give-today/> and make your gift in Emergency Response, indicating Beirut explosion in the message box. OR: Call 1-866-308-7973 toll-free (please leave a message and they will return your call), or 416-822-9083 to speak immediately with someone who can process your donation over the phone. OR Write Beirut explosion in the memo field of your cheque and mail to PWRDF, 80 Hayden Street, 3rd floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2. Please pray for all who have been affected by this disaster, for our partners in the region as they work to save lives and care for the injured, and for those who have died. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for the work of PWRDF.

***Wednesday 11.00am Eucharists** continue with 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.

***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 continue to be offered weekly throughout the summer. Our on-line life continues via Zoom, YouTube, Website, Email and in physical forms on and off site, in keeping with regulations. The Rector and the SafeR Church Committee meet on an ongoing basis as do the Parish Executive and Parish Council. Given the Provincial announcement of assembly permission for up to 200 people, properly distanced, summer are being 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 change, so we need to bear that in mind. In any case, all of the alternate forms of meeting that 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. **Please remember to sign in and sign out.**

***Sunday Zoom Coffee!** Please join us for these connecting experiences that have given people a chance to first watch the pre-recorded video service (linked in our Sunday emails). All are welcome to join this weekly Zoom Coffee Hour at 11am (also linked in our Sunday emails).

***Our Summer Youth Group** meets weekly on Tuesdays from 7.00-8:30 pm. Meetings are 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 meets under the overall direction of Cathy Tutton our CYED, with Adriel Driver as the Parent Sponsor. The on-site leaders are Katherine Lee and Benjamin von Bredow. Please contact Gail in the parish office if you are interested!

***Ladies of St Paul's!** We continue to online-gather 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: Aug 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.

***RDF Wednesday Grocery Outing.** Our great Lunch Team (Ruth Hubbard, Ryan Stapells, Paul Smith, Paul Graham) continue to provide 'take-away' lunches for guests who frequent our Wednesday noon program while the Rector is away. The Wednesday grocery shopping that usually follows, will resume when Rev. Paul returns.

***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. The Diocese has created Introduction Videos on each candidate; you may view them via this link:

<https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/programs/our-structure/pages/nominees-for-bishop-of-the-diocese-of-nova-scotia-and-prince-edward-island>

*From the Parish Office about **Parish Offerings: Electronic funds transfer** through RBC 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!

***Flower Update:** To enhance the experience for Wednesday in-church services and our Sunday videos, we are once again welcoming flowers in our Chancel for all to enjoy (either in person or seen through the videos). If you would like to purchase flowers, we will acknowledge your contribution and in our Friday parish email! Please contact Diane in the office if you'd like to sign up. For the August 9th flowers are given to the glory of God & in memory of Reagh by Rose-Marie Dennis; also in memory of their parents from Siew Kim and Peter Secord.

***Our Parish Office Hours:** 9am-1pm, Mon.-Fri. are the hours until the building re-opens to the public (9am-4pm resumes Sept. 8th). Gail (Tues., Wed., Thurs.) and Diane (Mon., Fri.) continue to share the week. Gail checks emails/phone messages remotely during other hours until our 'full days' resume. The Office reminds you to keep pace with the most recent Public Health regulations while in our parish buildings or on our parish property.

***Summer Interpretive Guides.** Helen Hillis and Liam Patrick Hagerman are here for three more weeks. The in-house hours for our guides this year have been random and, as is everything else, dependent on the unknown scheduling that COVID places us in. For now, their time is being split between being in the building and working remotely from home with their assigned projects that are directly related to preparing for our 275th Anniversary (2024/25). They have come up with some great ideas. With our building being closed to the public, no 'guiding' is yet necessary, however should our doors unlock at some point this summer, Helen & Liam will be ready!

The Week-and-a-bit at St. Paul's: 7 – 16 Aug 2020

Friday 7 August

9.00 am Zoom Matins

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

Saturday 8 August

9.00 am Zoom Matins

Sunday 9 August Pentecost X (*Genesis 37.1-28; Psalm 85; Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33*)

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 10 August

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 11 August

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, gathering on site

Wednesday 12 August

9.00 am Hybrid Matins (Zoom & in-house combined) and Discussion

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

11.00 am Parish Eucharist (on-site), please let office know if you are attending

12.00 pm RDF Take-away lunch offering

(hosted by the Lunch Team, no gift cards distributed until Rector's return)

Thursday 13 August

9.00 am – Rector returns

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 taking a summer break until Sept. 13th

4.00 pm Joint SafeR Church/Executive Zoom Meeting

7pm Pentecost XI Sunday Video Recording Nave, Chancel, Memorial Chapel, Vestry

Friday 14 August

9.00 am Zoom Matins

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

Saturday 15 August

9.00 am Zoom Matins

Sunday 16 August Pentecost XI (*Genesis 45.1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11.1-2a, 17-36; Matthew 15.21-28*)

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