

Friday, September 25th, 2020

Good afternoon St. Paul's:

It's the last Friday of September, the tropical storm heading our way thankfully lost a lot of its punch before it arrived, and fine weather has returned. Our Sexton, Samuel, was heard to say, "Summer has returned!" And we're glad it has, though we know Autumn has officially arrived.

For those able to come to worship at 10.00 on Sunday, we'll be joined by musicians and readers and prayers and other volunteers. For those not able to join us this coming Sunday morning, a video of the 'Service of the Word' filmed on Sunday Morning during the Eucharist, will be available via Parish Email on Sunday afternoon, along with the Sunday leaflet. *If you feel you can't be on site in public spaces, please let the Rector know and he will make sure that parish communion is brought to you from St. Paul's.*

Can I encourage you to read the *attached parish messages and parish calendar* for next week? They're just a click away, at the top of your screen.

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P.S. If you haven't yet returned to on-site worship ... The *Sunday Morning Worship Q&A* follows directly below again, but with new information for those of you who will be arriving for worship by car, ***looking for parking.**

St. Paul's Sunday Morning Worship Q & A

1. ***Do the Wardens have any advice for those arriving by car on Sunday for the 10.00 am service?** Besides currently available street parking and area lot parking, there is space for cars **in the circle** in front of St. Paul's, and for some **behind Parish House on Sundays only**. ***Or, thanks to the Wardens, if you clearly display your St. Paul's volunteer card or get one from Jackie at the Welcome Desk or from the Office you may park, Sunday Morning Only in the lot next to Parish House on Argyle and the upper lot of the parking area opposite St. Paul's (the "Old Birks' Building" site), below Barrington, accessible from Granville – also on Sundays only.** If you park in the circle, you might consider entering through the Barrington Gates which are wider and easier to enter than the Argyle Gates. This will work if we are all patient with each other :)
2. **Will entering the church for worship this Sunday look or feel different?** Yes, a little! With **masks on**, worshippers will enter by the **Ramp Door** only. If you've forgotten a mask, a disposable one can be provided. Samuel, **our Sexton**, will invite you in **by socially spaced households**. If the weather is good, **volunteers** will immediately **lead children** to our **outdoor children's programme** and return them to their **parents' pew for communion**. If not, children will **stay with their parents** throughout worship. The members of any **household arriving in stages** would join each other in their **shared pew**.
3. **What will happen next?** You'll stop briefly in the Narthex in front of **Jackie at the Welcome Desk** so she can put you in the Sunday Guest Book. Once inside the Church, **Chris our Junior Warden** will direct you to one of the many spaced '**bubble pews**' for your household, whether there is one or two of you, or more. If you're coming with an **offering in hand**, you can drop it in the box on the way to your pew.
4. **Will washrooms be available for use during the service?** Yes, as always. But signs will be posted with Public Health protocols to follow.
5. **How will worshippers participate in worship?** In many ways as before, **though masked**. They'll be invited to stand or be seated or kneel, to offer responses and participate in hymns and song.

6. **How will worship leaders, including the celebrant, participate in worship?** In many ways as before, **masked** when not speaking or singing; **unmasked** (in keeping with Provincial protocols) when speaking or singing at a safe distance. Sanitizer will be used at many stages.
7. **How will communion work?** There will be **no common cup**; the celebrant and assistants will drop bread in your hand and pour wine in your cup. **Communicants** will be invited to come forward by **distanced households**; follow signs and instructions to enter and exit the chancel; pick up **disposable cups** on the way up, and deposit them on the way back; open their hand and lower their mask to receive bread and drink wine; and follow signs and instructions to return to their pews.
8. **How will the service conclude?** With parish notices, but without coffee. Worshippers will be asked to leave by spaced households. If the weather is good the invitation will include the encouragement to chat outside in the Parade, at a safe distance, before heading away.
9. **Won't this all feel a bit strange? We've already begun; and** it has of course felt different. But I has felt good to be worshipping together again, safely.
10. **What if I'm out of town or won't be able to be at the service?** A copy of the Sunday Leaflet will arrive on Sunday afternoon, and with it a link to a video version of the Sunday service will be provided.

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A-WEEK-AND-A-BIT AT ST. PAUL'S: 25 September- 4 October 2020

Weekdays Parish Office open 9-4; Church Doors opened for duties and events only.

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER
 9:00 am Hybrid Matins *Chancel & Zoom*

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER
 9:00 am Matins *Zoom*

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER Pentecost XVII
 *Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 78(1); Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32
 10.00 am On-site Sunday Eucharist (Public Health protocols in place)
 10.00 am On-site Sunday School Programme (Public Health protocols in place)
 1.00-4.00 Sunday Leaflet and Ante-Communion Video emailed to parish list

MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER
 9:00 am Matins *Zoom*

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER
 9:00 am Matins *Zoom*
 12:00 pm Noon Theology *Zoom*
 6:30 pm St. Paul's Home Board *Zoom*
 7:00 pm Youth Group *Nave/Parish House*

WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

9:00 am Matins *Zoom*
11:00 am Eucharist *Chancel*
12:00 pm Rector's Lunch (Take-out) *Coffee Zone*
12.30 pm Grocery Outreach *North Street Sobeys*

THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER

9:00 am Matins *Zoom*
9:30 am Women's Bible Study *MacPherson Residence*
2.00-4:30 pm AST: Ang. Theo. Roots & Branches (*Zoom: Rector's Office*)

FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER

9:00 am Hybrid Matins *Chancel & Zoom*
2:00 pm Requiem Eucharist *Nave & Chancel*

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER

9:00 am Matins *Zoom*

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER Pentecost XVIII

*10:00 am Parish Eucharist *Nave & Chancel*; 1.00 pm Ante-Communion *Video*
*Exodus 20.1-21; Psalm 19; Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-46

PARISH NOTICES

FUNERAL FOR THE LATE VERNON TOOLE: The family of our dear friend Vernon would like to invite his fellow parish members to his Requiem Eucharist service on Friday, Oct. 2nd at 2pm. We ask that all guests observe the current public health requirements as you help to remember the life and witness of Vernon in the hope of the Resurrection.

MUSIC LINK: We are happy to share this music with you featuring our parishioner Ann Denny on voice, and our Music Director Andrew Killawee on piano – please click the link to enjoy Ave Maria (Schubert) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a8Rv5i9KUCs>.

OUR NEWLY ELECTED BISHOP SANDRA FYFE is a graduate of Queen's College, St. John's, Newfoundland; is currently the Rector of Horton (St. John's, Wolfville); and is a person of deep faith. She was ordained a deacon in 2000, and a priest in 2001. On Monday, 30 November 2020, *Deo volente*, will be consecrated in All Saints' Cathedral, Halifax, as the 17th Bishop of NS & PEI, the oldest Anglican diocese outside of Britain.

OUR FISH COFFEEHOUSE TEAM supported by our Property Chair, Sexton, and other volunteers is continuing their wonderful job of redecorating, refurnishing, and preparing Parish House for a Coffee House reopening in October, *d.v.*

YOUTH GROUP NEWS. Our parish summer youth group will be meeting this Tuesday. If you're interested, speak to Benjamin von Bredow, Katherine Lee, or Adriel Driver, or contact them through the parish office

PARKING: Thanks to the City of Halifax & SONCO, we now have 2 more areas for parking: 9:30-11:30 on Sundays for both lots: a) next to 1718 Argyle/beside Parish House AND b) the upper part of the lot at the corner of George and Barrington (the entrance on Granville is gated but the gate will be up on Sundays). *Long time Halifax residents will know this as the Birks lot.* You **MUST** sign-in for a **St. Paul's Parking pass**, however, and have this pass **CLEARLY** displayed on your dash to avoid ticketing/towing. Please see the Wardens or office to sign up for your pass. Current parking pass holders can use those & do **NOT** need another pass.

ZOOM NOON THEOLOGY has reconvened on Tuesdays. If you're interested in joining in our weekly **Tuesday 12.00-1.00 pm** discussions please let the parish office know you want to be on the Zoom list. We're currently reading Rowan Williams' *Holy Living: The Christian Tradition for Today*.

FROM THE OFFICE. Please log your in/out times in the LOG on the Welcome Desk in the entry area (narthex). All bookings **must still go through the office** as well. It is important that we all adhere to the regulations. Please LOG your activity in Parish House also. Office hours have resumed to Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm daily! Feel free to contact Gail (*Tues, Wed, Thurs*) or Diane (*Mon, Fri*) with any questions; you will be responded to during office hours.

WEDNESDAY 11AM EUCHARISTS & 9AM FRIDAY MATINS Continue on site within protocols established by our SafeR Church Committee. These services will keep pace with changing Public Health Regulations. Parishioners are warmly invited to join in; just sign in at the Narthex Welcome Desk when you arrive.

MANY THANKS GO TO THOSE who remembered parish picnics of old and encouraged one Sunday, September 13th. Thirty parish folks brought along their household food and chatted from their blankets scattered around the bandstand at the Dingle. It was very informal; there were kites and slack-lines and more, including a new parish tradition of six-person, intergenerational, co-ed badminton. There is already talk of another parish picnic next year...

THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY is meeting at the home of Isobel MacPherson, throughout the fall, on Thursdays from 9:30-11:30am. Due to the need for social distancing, the number of women who may attend each week is limited. All women from the parish are welcome, and if you'd like your name to be included in the rotation, contact Adriel Driver (adrieldriver@gmail.com) or Isobel (fisobelmacpherson@gmail.com).