Fri., Oct. 16, 2020 email

Good afternoon St. Paul's,

I'm very appreciative that the parish gave me leave last week to visit my father, whose health was ailing. He was ready for my visit. He had difficulty speaking but could communicate his love, and he could hear me as I spoke of Janet and the girls and our love for him. I prayed with him and read Scripture, and a few hours after my fourth and final visit with him, he died in the faith. The funeral will be in his home church, Hillside Bible Chapel, Orillia, Ontario--no date yet has been set because of various complications, but perhaps it will be before or just after New Year's day.

I'm back in Halifax, and have taken up my parish duties in keeping with our out-of-Atlantic Bubble-and-return isolation policy. On site services have been trusted into the hands of the Rev'd Debra Burleson and Rev'd Michael Tutton, and our Divinity Intern, Benjamin von Bredow, though the plan is for me to appear as the preacher this Sunday. *According to Provincial communications my fourteen-day isolation allows me to leave my home and return to St. Paul's on Thursday 22 October.*

It's the third Friday of October, and if you missed it the last 2 weeks, here again is a link to the video from our new Bishop-Elect: https://youtu.be/cuu1mmkn--U

For those able to come to worship at 10.00 on Sunday, we'll be joined by music 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 office know and we will make sure that parish communion is brought to you from St. Paul's.*

Can we encourage you to read the ***attached parish messages and parish calendar*** for next week? Lastly, if you haven't yet returned to on-site worship ... The ****Sunday Morning Worship Q&A*** follows directly below again, including information for those of you who arriving for worship by car, ****looking for parking**.

Your pastor,
Paul+

**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/Anne/Mary 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 happened next?** You'll stop briefly in the Narthex in front of **the Welcome Desk** where you can add your name to 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 household**s; 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 it 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.

A-WEEK-AND-A-BIT AT ST. PAUL'S:
16-25 October 2020

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

FRIDAY	16 OCTOBER
9:00 am	Hybrid Matins Chancel & Zoom
SATURDAY	17 OCTOBER
9:00 am	Matins Zoom
SUNDAY	18 OCTOBER
*10:00 am	Parish Eucharist Nave & Chancel; afternoon email with Ante-Communion Video
	** Exodus 33.12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 ; Matthew 22.15-22*
MONDAY	19 OCTOBER
9:00 am	Matins Zoom
TUESDAY	20 OCTOBER
9:00 am	Matins Zoom
12:00 pm	Noon Theology Zoom
4:00 pm	SafeR Church Zoom
5:30 pm	SDC & LPG Zoom
7:00 pm	Youth Group Parish House 1
WEDNESDAY	21 OCTOBER
9:00 am	Matins Zoom
11:00 am	Eucharist Chancel
12:00 pm	Rector's Lunch (Take-out) Coffee Zone
3:00 pm	275th Committee Zoom
4:30 pm	OBG Board Meeting Memorial Room
THURSDAY	22 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 Home
FRIDAY	23 OCTOBER
9:00 am	Hybrid Matins Chancel & Zoom
SATURDAY	24 OCTOBER
9:00 am	Matins Zoom
6:00 pm	FISH Team Meeting Parish House 1
SUNDAY	25 OCTOBER Pentecost XXI
*10:00 am	Parish Eucharist Nave & Chancel; afternoon email with Ante-Communion Video
	**Deuteronomy 34.1-12; Psalm 90; I Thessalonians 2.1-8; Matthew 22.34-46*

PARISH NOTICES

ST. PAUL'S JOURNAL has 3 great articles already submitted and looking for a few more to create a full document that meets minimum content worthy of printing. The parish office looks forward to receiving your input. You may be surprised at the inspiration you initiate in others with your thoughts and reflections, favourite poems, artwork … they might be just the right word at the right time for a seeker.

OUR NEWLY ELECTED BISHOP SANDRA FYFE will be consecrated on Monday, 30 November 2020, Deo volente, in All Saints' Cathedral, Halifax, as the 17th Bishop of NS & PEI, the oldest Anglican diocese outside of Britain. Be sure to watch her video (link https://youtu.be/cuu1mmkn--U). Owing to Covid-19 restrictions, the 149th Session of the Diocese met in eleven locations throughout the two provinces to conduct the election. She was voted in on the 3rd ballot. The Reverend Sandra Fyfe is currently the rector of the Parish of Horton, St. John's Church, Wolfville, where she has served since 2009. A graduate of Queen's Theological College, St. John's, NL with her Masters of Divinity, she was ordained deacon in 2000 and priest in 2001. Others places where she has served have been: curate at St. Thomas Church, St. John's, NL; rector at Christ Church, Shelburne; and, priest-in-charge of the parishes of St. James Church, Kentville, and Lockeport-Barrington. She was Archdeacon of the South Shore Region until 2009 and Archdeacon of the Valley Region until 2017.

OUR FISH COFFEEHOUSE TEAM supported by our Property Chair, Sexton, SafeR Church Committee and other volunteers is continuing their wonderful job of redecorating, refurnishing, and preparing Parish House for a Coffee House reopening now intended for December 2020. Renovations usually take longer than anticipated, and the welcoming space for FISH has been no exception.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS. Our youth meet on Tuesday evenings (7-8:30pm) in Parish House. If you're interested, speak to Benjamin von Bredow, Katherine Lee, or Adriel Driver, or contact them through the parish office. All youth are encouraged to join us!

OUTREACH REQUEST: Holly House is in need of art and craft supplies of all kinds, for a sale they are preparing for in November. If you have any spare supplies to donate, please speak with Adriel Driver or Kate Newton, who will be delivering them to the House over the next few weeks.

PARKING: Thanks to the City of Halifax & SONCO, we 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 and do NOT need another pass.

ZOOM NOON THEOLOGY is 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.

ALL VISITORS MUST SIGN IN: Please remember the importance of signing in to the LOG at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex ANY time you enter the church; and please log your time in/out of Parish House as well and submit to the office. Thank you.

WEDNESDAY 11AM EUCHARISTS & 9AM FRIDAY MATINS Continue on site within protocols established by our SafeR Church Committee. Parishioners are warmly invited to join in; just sign in at the Narthex Welcome Desk when you arrive.

THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY continues to meet through the fall on Thursdays from 9:30-11:30am at the home of Isobel MacPherson. 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*).

FAITH SHARING: A few of us at St. Paul's have been meeting for some time to engage with the diverse spiritual disciplines that our tradition offers us, and to help one another in the effort to embed them in our daily lives. This group is part faith sharing, part accountability team, and part fellowship, and it's been wonderful, especially during these troubled times. We would like to invite our fellow parishioners to express their interest in joining us -- we have room for up to 9 people. Call or email Kate Crane: katy.r.crane@gmail.com / 902-579-7028

THE ST. PAULS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2020/2021: There has been a scholarship programme at St. Paul's Church since 1961 when a scholarship was established through the Isherwood Foundation to support theological students preparing for ordained ministry. In 1996 the terms of reference were broadened to provide an opportunity for non-theological students worshipping at St. Paul's Church to apply for a St. Paul's Scholarship. Applicants are asked to reflect on how their spiritual lives integrate with their scholastic pursuits and to present their understanding of the connection in their application submission. More details as well as the application form sample are posted on our Notice Board. Please email the office for the electronic version and then also to submit your application (note the deadlines below). If anyone has questions re: the St. Paul's Scholarship, please speak to Dr. Margaret Bateman Ellison, Emeritus Member of the Scholarship Committee. After 10 years of service, Margaret retired as a voting member of the Scholarship Committee in 2020. Since membership on the Scholarship Committee is anonymous, she agreed to serve as its public face and contact person. All written parts of submissions must be sent electronically to the Parish Office. All must include the Cover Page with their submission and meet the required deadlines:

1. Call for applications November 17, 2020
2. Submit intention to apply by January 15, 2021
3. Submit application including form/cover page provided by Mar.15'21
4. Committee review completed by April 30, 2021
5. Award recipient{s} announced by May 1st, 2021.