

Friday, Oct. 9, 2020

Good afternoon St. Paul's:

It's the second Friday of October, and after all the excitement of the electoral synod on September 12, the Diocese reached out and asked Sandra Fyfe to record a short pre-consecration message to everyone. If you missed it last week at the end of notice, here 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. There will also be an opportunity for you to share a special '**Thanksgiving Donation**' to one of our outreach programs as well (and a toonie/loonie bucket for the 'young-at-heart'). 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? They're just a click away, at the top of your screen.

Our Rector is home from Ontario and taking up his duties from his laptop in mandatory Public Health, out-of-province-return in 'home isolation' for the next two weeks. On site services have been trusted into the hands of the Rev'd Debra Burlison and Rev'd Michael Tutton, though the plan is for Rev. Paul to appear as the preacher on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October. Our divinity intern, Benjamin, was previously scheduled to give the Gospel Story on this Thanksgiving Sunday. Thank you to each of them for filling in while Rev. Paul abides by the provinces' requirements.

Lastly, 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.**

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### ***\*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 happen 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 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 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:**

9 - 18 October 2020

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

FRIDAY	9 OCTOBER	Hybrid Matins Chancel & Zoom
9:00 am		
1:00 pm		Arnet/Healy Wedding Rehearsal Nave & Chancel
SATURDAY	10 OCTOBER	Matins Zoom
9:00 am		
SUNDAY	11 OCTOBER	Thanksgiving Sunday, All-Ages Service
*10:00 am		Parish Eucharist Nave & Chancel; afternoon email with Ante-Communion Video

\* Deuteronomy 20.1-15; Psalm 107; Philippians 4.4-9; John 6.25-35

MONDAY	12 OCTOBER Thanksgiving Holiday
All day	Parish Office Closed
9:00 am	Matins Zoom
TUESDAY	13 OCTOBER
9:00 am	Matins Zoom
12:00 pm	Noon Theology Zoom
7:00 pm	Youth Group Nave/Parish House
7:00 pm	Parish Council/Memorial Room
WEDNESDAY	14 OCTOBER
9:00 am	Matins Zoom
11:00 am	Eucharist Chancel
12:00 pm	Rector's Lunch (Take-out) Coffee Zone
THURSDAY	15 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	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

## PARISH NOTICES

**THE RECTOR HAS RETURNED** after visiting his father, in frail health, in Ontario, and is now in mandatory home isolation until 22nd October. He will continue, without a priest-in-charge, throughout this period via electronic means, and can be contacted at any time; on-site liturgies have been put in the care of the Reverends Debra Burlison and Michael Tutton, to whom the rector continues to offer warm thanks.

**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** 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. Be sure to watch her video (link <https://youtu.be/cuu1mmkn--U>)

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

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS.** Our parish summer meets 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.

**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.

**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. 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. There is already talk of another parish picnic next year!

**THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** has started meeting again at the home of Isobel MacPherson. We will continue to meet through 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](mailto:adrieldriver@gmail.com)) or Isobel ([fisobelmacpherson@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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