

Friday, April 16th, 2021

Good afternoon everyone!

This is the last Friday Parish email that I will introduce (for now) as our Rector returns from his Study Leave tomorrow.

As always, there is plenty of great information in the attached notices. May I add that our Wardens are in discussions with the City of Halifax to address the location of the cement barricades on Argyle Street, which are making the turn in to our parking circle a bit difficult for many. If you find the Barrington St. entrance/exit a suitable option ... you may prefer to go that route for now until a resolution is found.

Warmly,
Gail

A-WEEK-AND-A-BIT AT ST. PAUL'S:

16 - 25 April 2021

Weekdays Parish Office is open 9am - 4pm;
Church Doors opened for duties and appointments only.

FRIDAY
9:00 am

16 April
Matins *Zoom*

SATURDAY
9:00 am

17 April
Matins *Zoom*

SUNDAY
*10:00 am

18 April *Easter III*
Parish Eucharist Nave & Chancel
(Preacher: **Rhonda Britton** - Celebrant: Rector)
Afternoon: Ante-Communion Video emailed
*Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1John3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

MONDAY
9:00 am

19 APRIL
Matins *Zoom*

TUESDAY
9:00 am
12:00 am
5:00 pm
7:00 pm

20 APRIL
Matins *Zoom*
Noon Theology *Zoom*
St. Paul's Home Board *Zoom*
Executive *Zoom*

WEDNESDAY
9:00 am
11:00 am
12:00 pm
3:00 pm
4:00 pm

21 APRIL
Matins *Zoom*
Eucharist *Nave & Chancel*
Rector's Lunch (Take-out) & Outreach *Coffee Zone*
275 Committee *Zoom*
OBG Board *Coffee Zone*

THURSDAY
9:00 am
9:30 am
5:00 pm
7:00 pm

22 APRIL
Matins *Zoom*
Women's Bible Study *MacPherson Residence*
Confirmation Review Classes *Parish House*
Parish Council *Coffee Zone*

FRIDAY
9:00 am

23 APRIL
Hybrid Matins *Chancel/Zoom*

SATURDAY
9:00 am

24 APRIL
Matins *Zoom*

SUNDAY
*10:00 am

25 APRIL *Easter IV*
Eucharist & Children's Prog. *Chancel & Parish House*
Afternoon: Ante-Communion Video emailed
*Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1John3:16-24; John 10:11-18

PARISH NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM WELCOME to our preacher this Sunday, one of our neighbours, the Rev'd Dr. Rhonda Britton, Senior Pastor of New Horizons Baptist Church. Pastor Rhonda is the first female pastor of New Horizons since it was established in 1832. She joined New Horizons in 2007 after serving in New Glasgow. She is a native of Florida, and lived in NY and NJ prior to being called to NS. She holds a B. Admin. from Baruch College, a Masters in Communication and Information Studies from Rutgers University, a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Acadia University. She was ordained in 2002 at St. Phillips Baptist Church, Staten Island, NY.

ST. PAUL'S CHORISTER CONCERT! May 15th, 7:00pm Emmanuel Solomon will perform his Dalhousie music graduation recital here at St. Paul's. (This will be a live presentation of the original recital, which was conducted "virtually" for adjudicators). Admission is free, but capped at 100 attendees, so please pre-register by emailing the church office. Emmanuel will also be sharing a solo piece at this Sunday's Service during our Eucharist!

WE ARE EXCITED THAT OUR BISHOP IS COMING on Sunday, 23rd of May (Victoria Day Weekend)! Our Youth Confirmation Candidates will be presented for confirmation to *Bishop Sandra Fyfe*, who will be out preacher. If any adults wish to be confirmed they should contact the parish office so the rector can make arrangements. Two confirmation review classes will be held the last two Thursdays of April. April 22nd (*Parish House*) and 29th (*Memorial Room*), 5.00 to 6.00pm at St. Paul's.

BABIES, BABIES! Aaron & Ella Kim are the proud parents of baby Grace (*born at 1am on Tues., Apr. 13th*). Matt Townsend and Kate Crane are also settling in to the role of baby Winifred's parents! And Adriel Driver continues to organize meals for both couples for their first month. Please contact Adriel if you'd like to provide a meal! adrieldriver@gmail.com.

TUESDAY'S YOUTH GROUP convenes in the Memorial Room. If you're interested in being added to the youth group e-list, you can contact Benjamin von Bredow, Katherine Lee, or Adriel Driver. Now on a short break, the Youth Group will continue on May 4th. All youth are encouraged to drop in!

THE RECTOR'S LUNCH: take-out, safe-distance sit down lunch and Grocery outreach continue to be offered weekly to many of our at-risk neighbours by a dedicated crew of volunteers. The Rector also thanks all those who contribute to the budget that allows this programme to run.

THE NOON THEOLOGY GROUP will reconvene on Tuesday 20 April with a discussion of Rowan William's *Anglican Identities* beginning with a discussion of Chapter 4, 'George Herbert'.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE: On Thursday March 11, the new Parish Council met and considered business related to Parish Life, Property and Finances: 1) Members approved a study to report back to the April meeting on the way to encourage reflection and update history panels. These history Panels are at the back of the Church and have proven to be a powerful method of explaining the history of the Church to the many visitors we receive annually. Members of Parish Council would be pleased to provide further details. 2) Wardens have sent a note to Gordon Flowerdew thanking him for his contribution to the AGM regarding the need to revisit and review the content of the historical panels in the church. A review team has been established, and made recommendations through our 275th Committee to Parish Council which has voted to accept them. The Cornwallis panel has been covered and congregational input desired. Copies of the 275th Committee's recommendations can be picked up at the back of the Nave (glass display counters) 3) Members considered matters related to access to the Grand Parade and approved the approach being taken to advance our interests.

ALL VISITORS MUST CONTINUE TO 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. These logs are sent to the Diocese monthly.

ALWAYS NEEDED: The Holly House is continually transporting furniture for women who are setting up house in Dartmouth and Halifax. But they don't have any reliable way to transport said furniture! Does anyone know an able-bodied individual with access to a truck who might be willing to act as a volunteer from time to time? If so, he/she can contact Adriel Driver at adrieldriver@gmail.com or the church office.

THE ZOOM MATINS GROUP continues to meet on-line, Monday to Saturday at 9.00 and we are hybrid (*on-line & in-person*) during Friday Matins when the Rector is in-house! Please feel free to join those who pray and read Scripture together at 9.00am, whether daily, weekly, occasionally, or with some other pattern.

PWRDF MESSAGE: At PWRDF, our vision for a truly just, healthy, and peaceful world is ever more important as Covid-19 continues to affect the lives of millions of people. We pray the day will soon come when vaccines will have been given to everyone, including those most at the margins. We hope for greater investments in public health, in preparedness for the next pandemic or other disasters that know no borders. We pray for a fair sharing of the world's resources, entrusted to us by God. At Saint Paul's we give thanks for the ongoing prayer and financial support of PWRDF in our congregation. For information on details of PWRDF's responses to Covid-19 in communities around the world please visit PWRDF on <https://pwrdf.org/> . (Donations can be made on-line via this web address.)

IT'S REALLY OK TO ENTER ST. PAUL'S CHURCH but ... when you are leaving could you remember to pull the outside doors tightly shut behind you? During the fall and winter seasons it is easy to leave our swollen wooden doors not quite completely latched on exit and leave the building at risk.

THE ST. PAUL'S MARITIME PSALMS PROJECT! As a collective expression of faith, several artistically inclined St. Paul's parishioners have embarked on a group psalms project. This involves capturing audio recordings of many members of our parish (of all ages!) as they read aloud selected psalms. Phase one has begun this month, and edited recordings are available to listen to, enjoy and contemplate along with at:

www.soundcloud.com/voicingpsalms

Would you like to read one or several psalms for this developing online archive? Please send a note to: *voicingpsalms@gmail.com* We also welcome your feedback about listening to the psalm recordings and stories about your favourite psalms. Thank you for sharing the link with those in our community who will draw spiritual strength from hearing these readings. This project is the vision of Rev'd Debra Burleson and she is assisted in carrying it out by Chorister Ann Denny. Phase two of the project will include musical recordings in collaboration with our music director Andrew Killawee, St. Paul soloists, and choristers. This project is made possible through private donors and the generous support of the Sacred Arts Trust of the Anglican Foundation of Canada. We are grateful for this support, the first of its kind awarded from the Trust to a Maritime Anglican Diocese. Stay tuned for more developments in the Maritime Psalm Project (*like links to the recordings on our website, coming soon*), and we warmly welcome your involvement.

ST. PAUL'S HISTORIC AND MODERN facilities and amenities are blessed by the dedicated work of our Property Chair, David Preston, who is using his considerable engineering project management skills on our behalf. What is happening at Parish House, the new Archives' Room, and elsewhere with the help of a variety of parish volunteers is exciting, helping us as a parish to engage in our worship, life, and outreach. David, or the Wardens, would be pleased to update you. Thank you to Ross Evans and his team for the beautiful transformation in the Gallery. New industrial-strength flooring has been laid in the new Archives spaces and on April 23rd our team begins to relocate/install the shelving in the rooms!

FROM OUR PRAYERWEB CO-ORDINATOR: It really does not matter who or what the need is, what matters is that in our quiet times, we are interceding on their behalf through prayer. In Job 5:8 we hear him say, 'But, if it were I, I would appeal to God, I would lay my cause before him.' That is what we do through intercessory prayer; we look for and find the hope, the beauty and the love. We're linked by email and pray over shared intercessions in our own home. If you'd like to join us, please contact our Rector, Paul Friesen (rector@stpaulshalifax.org) and me (fisobelmacpherson@gmail.com). We would love to welcome you into our prayer web. Blessings, Isobel MacPherson.

ALTAR FLOWERS AT ST. PAUL'S: We sincerely appreciate all the donors who remember a loved one or a special occasion with flowers. Having altar flowers every Sunday for 52 weeks, however, does not just happen. Over 50 people are needed annually to pledge flowers. We thank those who do pledge year after year but new donors are needed and welcome to support the Flower Programme. A single order is \$50.00 and a double order is \$100.00. Special dates to be remembered can be selected on the Flower Calendar at the beginning of the year. Or, preferably, at least three months in advance. Is this something YOU would like to do? The names of donors and people remembered appear in the weekly leaflet the week that the flowers are on the altar and are visible also when we are in 'virtual mode' in the pre-recorded Sunday Videos, as well as on Facebook and our website. For more information, please contact Diane in the office!

THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP is into their study of Philippians. We meet in-person from 9:30-11:30 at Isobel MacPherson's apartment. Contact Mary at dempstermary@gmail.com or Margaret at briarwoodbob@aol.com if you'd like to join us!

PROVINCIAL HEALTH: Until further Public Health notifications: Office Hours as usual, outer doors locked. Open for staff/parish volunteers on parish business. Masks on/off per P.Health protocols on site. All parish committee and group meetings and events by Zoom or electronic means, under the direction of the staff/volunteers already leading them, or in the Nave/Memorial Room at 6ft. distancing (*pre-booked*). Wed. 11am Eucharists have resumed (*no need to pre-register with 100-person maximum*). Wed. take-out lunches/grocery trips as usual. Guests eat their bag lunch properly spaced or immediately leave with lunches and/or for Sobey's if on the list for the week. Take-out soup also available.

- Sunday Eucharists in St. Paul's, have resumed while maintaining the 100-person maximum.
- Sunday School has resumed in Parish House with proper distancing when we're at our tables and masks when we move around.

THE SAFER CHURCH COMMITTEE monitors the COVID situation carefully and tries to keep all parishioners informed. With thanksgiving for all of God's goodness, at all times, and in all places—and with thanks to you, our Lord's servants ... and in prayer for those in frail health, physical and mental, *The Rector & Wardens*

SPRING FOR ALL AGES! There are visible signs that the seasons are changing all around us. Days are getting warmer, longer and brighter and walks are becoming more and more colourful as flowers reappear. Maybe you've spotted spring flowers blossoming, birds singing, bugs returning or people and other animals coming out of hibernation? We'd love you (*children and 'children at heart'*) to get in touch with us about what's going on this Spring wherever you are. Send us any pictures you have taken whilst out in your garden, around your neighbourhood or on your daily walk, and we may include it in the weekly email and Sunday leaflet. For example, our CYED reported that on March 22nd it was the first day she'd seen the honey bees in her garden, "The crocuses have been out for several weeks now and I was starting to get worried that we wouldn't have bees this year." Here is a photo of one of her favourite signs of the changing seasons (right).

We look forward to your submissions!



HOW SHALL WE FORGIVE?

Re-discovering The Way Through

A 5-week Eastertide series on forgiveness and reconciliation featuring the Most Rev. David Edwards, Archbishop of Fredericton and Metropolitan of Canada; and the Most Rev. Mark MacDonald, Canada's first Indigenous Anglican Bishop.

**April 19-May 17 – Monday nights at 7 p.m. on Zoom
Q & A follows each presentation. All are welcome.**

April 19

Creation and the Fall (the human offence) and its effects.

May 10

The new life: applying 'forgiveness principles.' Doing things differently: seeking the truth as the way forward.

April 26

God's answer in Christ; His Atonement; and the effects of the Resurrection.

May 17

The new life: applying 'forgiveness principles.' Living differently in creation. What does it mean to have 'dominion?' Viewing creation as a gift - living with gratitude.

May 3

The new life and a different perspective. The offender, not just the offended, seeks reconciliation.

**Registration
Link below**

Presented by the Deanery of Shediac in the Diocese of Fredericton



Registration Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sPBXS7r5QMu1mw6L7YyKOA

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