

Friday, May 7th, 2021

Good afternoon everyone:

It seems a strange thing perhaps, but quite likely true, that the weather affects an adult's frame of mind even more than a child's. In any case blue skies have returned, drawing ourselves, or at least our eyes out of doors; how could any one of any age object?

There is so much to object to, isn't there? The infections, the illnesses and deaths, and the social isolation and all that it has brought, have not let up, even though we know they will. You know of course I'm about to say that there is much more to be grateful for, so I'm going to say it, and I do mean it. It is in fact our role as members of one Church family to both hear and feel each other's pains and anxieties and to share our gratitude to God by living gratefully, and helpfully, next to those who need us, in any way we can.

It's also our role as members of one Church family to think along with our 275th parish Committee (looking back to our foundation in 1749-1750 and ahead to our marker, 2024-25). An important part of that right now is to better understand the pains and anxieties (and serious injustices) done to the Indigenous people of Nova Scotia, in which our spiritual ancestors were entangled upon arrival.

Could I ask that you read the repeating parish notice (attached) calling for feedback about the History Placards, especially the first one, at the back of St. Paul's? The response form is attached to this email, if you don't have time to contact the parish office requesting it. **And...could I ask** you to 'click and read' this wonderful summary of the national Reconciliation process, in our national Anglican Journal, (edited by one of our parishioners, Matt Townsend) written with the help of our National Indigenous Archbishop, Mark MacDonald and our National Reconciliation Animator Melanie Delva, both of whom our 275th Committee has been consulting—it's not long, and I think you will find it very helpful:

<https://www.anglicanjournal.com/five-years-after-the-trc-report-reflections-on-reconciliation/>

Your Pastor,

Paul+

Please remember to click on the notices, attached as always, to keep updated. The Sunday video for 9 May 2021 will be produced again by a team of five at St. Paul's at 10.00 am that morning, and released as soon after as possible via the parish email list. All other liturgies, groups and committees are being conducted electronically. On-site volunteer work groups and staff are working within Public Health requirements.

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

7 - 16 May 2021

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

FRIDAY
9:00 am

7 MAY
Matins *Hybrid*

SATURDAY
9:00 am

8 MAY
Matins *Zoom*

SUNDAY
***10:00 am**

9 MAY *Easter VI*
Worship Video Production & Remote Children's Programme
*Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

MONDAY
9:00 am

10 MAY
Matins *Zoom*

TUESDAY
9:00 am
12:00 am
4:00 pm

11 MAY
Matins *Hybrid*
Noon Theology *Zoom*
Executive Meeting *Zoom*

WEDNESDAY
9:00 am
12:00 pm

12 MAY
Matins *Hybrid*
Rector's Lunch (Take-out only) & Grocery Outreach *Sobeys*

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

13 MAY
Matins *Hybrid*
Women's Bible Study *Zoom*
Parish Council *Zoom*

FRIDAY
9:00 am

14 MAY
Matins *Hybrid*

SATURDAY
9:00 am

15 MAY
Matins *Zoom*

SUNDAY
***10:00 am**

16 MAY *Ascension Sunday*
Worship Video Production & Remote Children's Programme
*Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

A. PARISH NOTICES

LPG/SDC MEETING: *Tuesday, 11th May from 5.30-7:30 pm on Zoom*, the Liturgy Planning Group and the Spiritual Development Committee volunteers will be meeting to plan ahead, share updates and help to keep us on track.

PARISH EXECUTIVE MEETING: *Tuesday 11th May from 4.00-5.30 pm on Zoom*, in preparation for our next Parish Council, *Thursday 20th May from 7.00-8.30 on Zoom* will have a full agenda. Thanks for understanding as we rotate time slots to distribute 'convenience/inconvenience' ;)



(above: cover of 'thank you' card designed by Katy)

ISHERWOOD SCHOLARSHIP: This Trust was created at the St. Paul's Church Annual Parish Meeting of 22 January 1962 in honour of the much-loved Canon Isherwood, Rector of St. Paul's, 1948-1955, as a living memorial to his ministry. The St. Paul's Scholarship, targeting late High School and Post-Secondary students, inspired by the Trust, has been offered annually, as you likely know, and funded for some years out of our annual budget. The original Trust itself allowed for bursaries to be granted to St. Paul's members in training for full-time ministry. At its 22 April 2021 meeting, St. Paul's Parish Council reviewed the Isherwood Trust constitution, constituted itself as the Trust, and awarded a scholarship to Benjamin von Bredow of this parish. In his thank you note Benjamin said: "Katy and I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude...The bursary will significantly reduce our financial stress as I am in Clinical Pastoral Education [a required, unsalaried summer internship] and as the baby comes." Congratulations, Benjamin!

THE ST. PAUL'S MARITIME PSALMS PROJECT! Edited recordings are available to listen to, enjoy and contemplate along with at: www.soundcloud.com/voicingpsalms If you would 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. 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. Stay tuned for more developments in the Maritime Psalm Project ... we warmly welcome your involvement.

THE BISHOP'S ARRIVAL IS APPROACHING: God willing (and we really don't know God's will on the health rules in advance...) on Sunday, 23rd of May, (Pentecost!) our Youth Confirmation Candidates will be presented for confirmation to Bishop Sandra Fyfe, who will be our preacher at our 10.00 am Eucharist.

THANK YOU FOR THE MEALS! Adriel Driver continues to organize meals for the Kim and Crane-Townsend families as they assimilate in to the roles of ‘baby makes 3’. Please contact Adriel if you'd like to provide a meal (adrieldriver@gmail.com); and many thanks to those who have already offered.

TUESDAY YOUTH GROUP will begin meeting again once it is safe to gather in person, so likely in June. In the meantime, if you know a young person, from the parish or elsewhere, who might be interested in joining the group when it re-starts, please put them in touch with Ben von Bredow (benvonbredow@gmail.com) and Katherine Lee (katherinelee@dal.ca), and feel free to ask any questions you might have. We'll keep people up-to-date not only about the resumption of weekly meetings, but also special summer programming.

THE NOON ZOOM THEOLOGY GROUP has reconvened its discussion of Rowan William's *Anglican Identities: Tuesdays 12.00-1.00 pm*. Chapter 7, “John ‘Honest to God’ Robinson”. We launch into our next book on 25 May: G.K. Chesterton's *The Everlasting Man* (1925). If you're interested in joining in this next series of conversations just let the parish office know so you can be added to the email list.

THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP Due to Covid restrictions, our Thursday meetings are currently via Zoom (9:30am to 11:30am). Contact Mary at dempstermary@gmail.com or Margaret at briarwoodbob@aol.com for Zoom links if you would like to join us. We have just finished our study on Philippians and will be continuing with a study of another of St Paul's epistles.

HISTORY BOARD FEEDBACK: Currently, we are working on the ‘first panel’ (on your left as you enter the Nave) of our History Boards, which has been covered & labelled ‘under review’. Below is the text on that first panel which was accompanied by a large reproduction of a painting of Colonel Cornwallis and a reproduction of a town plan: “1749 The Founding of Halifax. From the very beginning Halifax was a planned community. Founded by decree of the British government, Halifax was to be its stronghold in the ongoing European contest for possession of the North American continent. The Founder: Edward Cornwallis In May 1749, thirteen transports with over 2,500 settlers sailed from the River Thames in England, led by Colonel Edward Cornwallis, soon to be appointed Captain-General and Governor of Nova Scotia. Cornwallis' ship Sphinx first entered Chebucto harbour June 21, 1749 and work began clearing land and laying out the townsite and fortifications.” We are looking for your responses on properly redesigning this panel. *If you're in the church on church business please use the forms found on the glass display case under the panel to submit your thoughts and return to the office (use office mailbox if closed); and we are attaching the form to this email as well so you can electronically send your responses to the office!*

OFFICE HOURS ADJUSTMENTS: Our Administrative Assistant Diane will be in the office Mondays weekly from 9am-4pm. Our Office Manager Gail will be in the office Tues.-Thurs. 9am-4pm and Fridays 9am-noon. Once the building re-opens to the public, Friday afternoon office hours will be revisited.

HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR ALL: Please remember the importance of *always signing in* 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. We ask that **EVERYONE WEAR A MASK** while on site.

THE FLOWERS ON THE PEDESTALS IN THE SUNDAY 9TH MAY VIDEO were given to the glory of God and *in memory of Rear Admiral Hugh Pullen and Mrs. Heln Pullen* by their daughter Tinker of this parish. 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. Most weeks, altar flowers are taken after the service to shut-ins or persons celebrating special events by the rector or members of the Chancel Guild.

B. PARISH PARTNER NOTICES

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.

AST EVENTS! The Nicholson Lecture this year, at the Atlantic School of theology, is relevant to discussions we've been having as a church. The title is *Decolonizing Theology*. Visit this link to learn more and see how you can participate: <http://www.astheology.ns.ca/con-ed/2021.html>

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 St. 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.)



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HONOURING EARTH DAY EVERYDAY. In partnership with other churches and faith-based organizations, The Anglican Church of Canada (ACC) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) are part of the **For the Love of Creation** initiative (www.fortheloveofcreation.ca) that provides resources for Canada-wide education, reflection, action and advocacy for climate justice. Addressing the climate crisis requires commitment and action from each of us. “We give thanks for the ways that you carry love of creation and the needs of the earth into your worship, prayer, and study of scripture. Together we have the power to effect the real change necessary to preserve a future for generations to come.” Please visit the link above for more information and/or see the document printed at the back of the Nave to take home your copy of this important announcement and learn how you can continue to participate post-earth day!



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