

Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 email

Good afternoon everyone:

Chris Oddy's sermon on Sunday, July 18th (Pentecost 7) drew out the theme of "resting in God's steadfast love" present in the lectionary's Scriptures. There was an email with a link sent that same afternoon from Ashley Stephenson, who so kindly and faithfully provides this ministry of sound and video, and I recommend this homily to you for viewing and contemplation in the summer weeks: (<https://youtu.be/QOHa0LiDuM>).

Perhaps you feel too busy, but that may be precisely the point. Chris spoke of how important it is to slow down, particularly when we feel the world is too much for us. "Rest" in the Christian conception can be a time of "re-creation and listening to God speak in the silence, and perhaps through the silence," as he so eloquently put it. It refreshes and, perhaps, reorients our good intentions.

In this light, we warmly invite you to once again join us in worship this Sunday, and through the week, to rest and renew yourself in this presence that gives us new life.

Your Associate Priest, Michael+

***Please remember to click on the revised notices, attached as always, to keep updated.*** *The video of the 25 July 2021 Eucharist will be emailed as soon after as possible via the parish email list.*

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# THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: 19 – 25 JULY 2021

MON-THURSDAYS PARISH OFFICE OPEN 9AM-4PM & FRIDAYS 9AM-NOON;  
CHURCH DOORS OPENED FOR DUTIES AND APPOINTMENTS ONLY

WEDNESDAY 21 JULY

9:00 am Matins *Zoom*  
11:00 am Eucharist *Nave & Chancel*  
12:00 pm Rector's Lunch *Coffee Zone*  
4:00 pm OBG Board *Nave*

FRIDAY 23 JULY

9:00 am Matins *Zoom*

SUNDAY 25 JULY St. James the Apostle Sunday

\*10:00 am Eucharist & Children's Prog. *Chancel & Parish House*  
Afternoon: Ante-Communion Video emailed as soon as possible  
\*Jeremiah 45.1-5; Psalm 7.1-7; Acts 11.27-12.2; Matthew 20.20-28

## PARISH NOTICES

**RECTOR'S HOLIDAY:** The rector would like to thank the *Rev'd Debra Burlison* and the *Rev'd Michael Tutton* for officiating at liturgies in his summer absence, 7 July to 7 August, and for those lay people who have accepted his invitation to support Sunday liturgies by offering homilies in his absence—and the congregation who has released him from his duties. He looks forward to his return!

**SAFETY PROTOCOLS:** With our capacity now raised to 150, Sunday worshippers are reminded to carefully note the markings on the floor in the narthex. *The Registrar will sign people in by asking names of those who enter and pause at the taped lines*, and then check off their names, or record new names, rather than having people come close to the desk to use a pen to sign in. ***Everyone must remain masked throughout the liturgy and respect the six foot distancing between bubbles. The only exceptions, and only when they are speaking/singing will be 1. The celebrant and 2. One designated cantor/psalmist.***

**MATINS:** (Morning Prayer) Has moved to twice a week – 9am Zooms on Wednesday and Friday - while the Rector is on vacation. If you would like to participate, and are not now receiving the Invitation and Order of Service, please let Gail in the Office know. She will add your name to the invitation list.

**GOOD NEWS!** After approval, and a search, St. Paul's Parish Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Benjamin von Bredow as St. Paul's *Parish Youth Co-ordinator, 2020-2021*. The job description was approved by PC and advertised through our Website and the Diocese.

**THANK YOU, IAN BENT** (*St. Paul's Musician-in-Residence*) for putting on the Music Director's shoes while he is heavily booked with his full-time employment; we are grateful for Ian's musical offerings during Sunday services (whether 'live' or pre-recorded)!

**PENTECOST 2021 ST. PAUL'S JOURNAL!** This journal welcomes any of your inspirations: written pieces, artwork, poetry, photography ... as our publication is intended to simply provide an interesting hard copy which reflects the personality of our multi-faceted congregation. We have extended the deadline (*now Tues., Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>*), in an attempt to have it available for Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**OUR FISH COFFEEHOUSE** is praying for a Fall opening. Thank you to the hard-working team who have been diligently moving through renovations to give visitors a positive experience when they enter this house of welcoming again on Saturday evenings!

**THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** has ended for this season and intends to resume in the fall. Contact Mary at [dempstermary@gmail.com](mailto:dempstermary@gmail.com) or Margaret at [briarwoodbob@aol.com](mailto:briarwoodbob@aol.com) for Zoom links if you would like to join us; all ladies are welcome!

**PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE:** In March, 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) Members agreed to send 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 275<sup>th</sup> 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.

**HISTORY BOARD FEEDBACK:** We continue to ask for your thoughts on the 'first panel' (on your left as you enter the Nave) of our History Boards, which has been covered & labelled 'under review'. Thank you to those who have submitted so far. 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 and thank those who have responded thus far. *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).*

**BOTNWG?** The 'Back of The Nave Working Group' are assessing the organization and use of the two spaces at the north end of the Nave. Both east and west sides have collected an array of items over the years and suggestions for thoughtful restructuring and a better use of space have led to the formation of this group. Stay tuned for updates as they come.

**SUMMER 2021 INTERPRETIVE ASSISTANTS:** Alison Kitt and Aidan Ingalls are in research mode for the 275 *Committee*, and are simultaneously preparing themselves for tourists should our doors open. Please introduce yourself if you happen to meet them (*you can see their photo on our Facebook page as well*).

**THE NOON ZOOM THEOLOGY GROUP** is now on summer break. If you're interested in joining in these conversations this fall, just let the parish office know so you can be added to the email list that provides the weekly Zoom link.

**INVITATION FROM THEODORA'S PARENTS:** Theodora Elizabeth Weatherly von Bredow, was born at 7:20am, June 30th weighing 7 lb 2 oz. Katy and I (Benjamin) would like to thank all of you for joining us in prayer last week when we and three other couples used the Book of Common Prayer to give thanks for the births of our precious little children. Now, we would like to invite you all to the next and most important step of welcoming Theodora into the church: her baptism. It will take place tomorrow, July 24 at 4:30pm. In conversation with our rector, Fr. Paul, it seemed like the best plan for a few reasons to have it out of doors and off-site, but the presence of our parish community is still an important part of properly honouring the sacrament Theodora is about to receive, and it would mean the world to us if you could join us. The baptism will be celebrated by Fr. Ranall Ingalls, with the assistance of Fr. Gary Thorne and Fr. Paul Friesen, and it will be recorded as happening "at" the King's College Chapel, where Katy worshiped until she joined me at St. Paul's at the end of the academic year. The baptism will be celebrated at a spot on the Frog Pond Trail not too far from the road. If you park in the Frog Pond Trail parking lot (there's a sign that says "Jollimore" in front), don't walk onto the trail head right there (unless you want a twenty minute walk around the pond the long way), but instead continue walking down Purcell's Cove Road just 100 metres or so until you find the trail going around the other side of the pond, and follow it for about four minutes. We'll make sure we have people there from about 4:00 on, so it shouldn't be too hard to find. For the exact location, put this location into Google Maps: 44.62562, -63.60295. There is no need to RSVP, since the current COVID gathering numbers for outdoor religious services are larger than we will need. However, if you are a choral person and want to be part of a little choir, I can connect you to the person organizing that. And please pray for Theodora:

*ALMIGHTY and immortal God, the aid of all that need, the helper of all that flee to thee for succour: We call upon thee for this Child, Theodora, that she, coming to thy holy Baptism, may receive remission of sin by spiritual regeneration. Receive her, O Lord, as thou hast promised by thy well-beloved Son, saying, Ask, and ye shall have; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: So give now unto us that ask; let us that seek find; open the gate unto us that knock; that this Child may enjoy the everlasting benediction of thy heavenly washing, and may come to the eternal kingdom which thou hast promised by him who is the Resurrection and the Life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**FROM THE BISHOP,** "I am pleased to inform you that they have approved the requested grant of \$5000 for the Post-Pandemic Youth Ministry project submitted by you on behalf of St. Paul's Church, Halifax. We hope these funds will provide practical assistance and encouragement as you move forward with this exciting initiative. We would like to commend you and the Parish for your desire to foster the spiritual and intellectual formation of young people at St. Paul's, to attend to their pastoral needs, and to assist them in forming a community of mutual friendship and support. This initiative has tremendous possibilities for missional outreach to other youth and teens in and beyond the Parish, recognizing the deep emotional, social, psychological and spiritual impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on young people. We also appreciate your intention to use these funds as seed money for a Youth Coordinator position. We look forward to hearing more about Post-Pandemic Youth Ministry as it unfolds. The Rev'd Ferrey, one of the Growth for Ministry Fund administrators, will be in touch with you later in the year for a report on your progress in meeting your goals and objectives. May God's Spirit guide and sustain your evolving ministries at St. Paul's, Halifax. Every blessing,"

*+Sandra (The Right Rev'd S. Fyfe, Bishop of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island).*

**TUESDAY YOUTH GROUP** will begin meeting again soon. 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](mailto:benvonbredow@gmail.com)) and Katherine Lee ([katherinelee@dal.ca](mailto:katherinelee@dal.ca)), and feel free to ask any questions you might have.

## B. PARISH PARTNER NOTICES

**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.)

**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](mailto:adrieldriver@gmail.com) or the church office.

**THE SEASON OF GINNY:** Sacred Teachings: The Season Of Ginny is the 7<sup>th</sup> season of the series. The very recent loss of the Executive Producer and heart and soul of the Sacred Teachings series has had a huge impact on their team. Ginny Doctor was a highly respected figure in the world of Indigenous advocacy and human rights. The season's first episode is now available at this link: [www.anglican.ca/im/podcasts](http://www.anglican.ca/im/podcasts)

**NATIONAL ANGLICAN INDIGENOUS PRAYER:**  
(visit [www.anglican.ca/im/nidp](http://www.anglican.ca/im/nidp) to learn more).

Creator God,  
from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name.  
You have rooted and grounded us  
in your covenant love,  
and empowered us by your Spirit  
to speak the truth in love,  
and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness.  
Mercifully grant that your people,  
journeying together in partnership,  
may be strengthened and guided  
to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ,  
who is our light and our life. Amen



(above: honouring the 4 directions)

