

July 30, 2021

Hello everyone,

Some of us may be watching the athletes of the summer Olympic games (or the next morning replays!) in this summer of 2021. We may marvel at their abilities and physical ambitions. Our homilist last Sunday, Bill Lord, reflected on the theme of ambition in our readings, and noted how it is transformed as the Holy Spirit flows through a Christian community. “St. Paul pursued his God-given goals in the company of friends. They ate together, worked together, prayed together, wept together and ministered together. The fire of ambition can serve God’s purposes, but we also see how friendship sanctifies ambition and checks its soul-destroying potential,” said Bill.

Indeed, as we enter the 10th Sunday of Pentecost, we might well reflect on how our common worship and prayer channels our vigour into the Holy Spirit. Let us come together again in our Eucharist this Sunday and Wednesday, ever grateful for the gift of being inspired, together, in God’s presence. Also, during this week, the Friesen family asks that they be remembered in prayer, as Paul conducts Heinrich Friesen’s (his father’s) funeral at 2:00 p.m. this Sunday in Orillia, Ontario, at Hillside Bible Chapel, and as the family commits Heinrich into the Lord’s keeping at Maxwell Union Cemetery on Tuesday at 10.30 am.

Your Associate Priest, Michael+

Please remember to click on the revised notices, attached as always, to keep updated. Videographer/Warden Ashley works this Sunday. The 1st August 2021 Eucharist video will be emailed as soon as is possible via the parish email list.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: 30 JULY – 8 AUGUST 2021

MON-THURSDAYS PARISH OFFICE OPEN 9AM-4PM & FRIDAYS 9AM-NOON;

CHURCH DOORS OPENED FOR DUTIES AND APPOINTMENTS ONLY

FRIDAY 30 JULY

9:00 am Matins *Zoom*

SUNDAY 1 AUGUST Pentecost X

*10:00 am Eucharist & Children's Prog. *Chancel & Parish House*

Afternoon: Ante-Communion *Video emailed*

**II Samuel 11.26-12.13; Psalm 51; Ephesians 4.1-16; John 6.24-35*

2:00 pm Heinrich Friesen Funeral *Hillside Bible Chapel, Orillia, ON*

WEDNESDAY 4 AUGUST

9:00 am Matins *Zoom*

11:00 am Eucharist *Nave & Chancel* *Rev'd Ranall Ingalls celebrant*

12:00 pm Rector's Lunch *Coffee Zone*

FRIDAY 6 AUGUST

9:00 am Matins *Zoom*

SUNDAY 8 AUGUST Transfiguration Sunday,

Rev'd Michael Tutton celebrant

*10:00 am Eucharist & Children's Prog. *Chancel & Parish House*

Afternoon: Ante-Communion *Video emailed*

**Daniel 7.9-14; Psalm 99; II Peter 1.16-19; Luke 9:28-36*

PARISH NOTICES

RECTOR'S HOLIDAY: The rector would like to thank the *Rev'd Debra Burleson* 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. The submission deadline is Tuesday, August 3rd.

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 or Margaret at briarwoodbob@aol.com for Zoom links if you would like to join us; all ladies are welcome!

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.

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) and Katherine Lee (katherinelee@dal.ca), and feel free to ask any questions you might have.

B. PARISH PARTNER NOTICES

NEEDED ASAP! A clean, pet and smoke-free love seat or couch for a resident moving out of the Holly House. Contact Adriel Driver or Kate Newton. 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.

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.)

THE SEASON OF GINNY: Sacred Teachings: The Season Of Ginny is the 7th 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

NATIONAL ANGLICAN INDIGENOUS PRAYER:

(visit 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



(left: honouring the 4 directions)