

Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Good afternoon everyone,

I'm sure it's equally gray, foggy, humid, and warm wherever you are in the greater Halifax area, and when it will end we're not quite sure. But let's keep in prayer those worst hit or who might yet be hit by Hurricane Larry over this weekend.

And let's keep in prayer our seven young confirmation candidates, our whole community of faith who will pledge to support them, and Bishop Sandra, as she joins us for the first time at our Sunday morning Eucharist at 10.00 a.m. in two days' time.

Your pastor,

Paul+

P.S. Our parish *SafeR Church Committee* has formulated an interim policy for public gatherings at St. Paul's in response to the Provincial announcement about 'Phase 5', to begin 15 September, and the uncertainties around the 'Fourth Wave'. You'll find the interim policy below in the notices. If you have questions direct them to SafeR Church via the Parish Office.

*Please remember to click on the revised notices, attached as always, to keep updated.* Auxiliary Warden Ashley Stephenson works shift-work regularly at his place of employment. We appreciate his skill and your patience, knowing that he will circulate this Sunday's Eucharist video and leaflet by email as soon as possible Sunday afternoon via the parish email list.

# THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S: 10 - 19 SEPTEMBER 2021

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

## FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

9:00 am Hybrid Matins *Zoom & Chancel*

## SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

9:00 am Matins *Zoom*

## SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER *Pentecost XVI* **Confirmations with Bishop Fyfe**

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

Afternoon: Ante-Communion *Video emailed*

*\*Proverbs 1.20-33; Psalm 19; James 3.1-12; Mark 8.27-38*

## MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

9:00 am Matins *Zoom*

## TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

9:00 am Hybrid Matins *Zoom & Chancel*

12:00 pm Noon Theology *Zoom*

6:30 pm Youth Group *Parish House*

## WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

9:00 am Hybrid Matins *Zoom & Chancel*

11:00 am Eucharist *Nave & Chancel*

12:00 pm Rector's Lunch & Grocery Outreach *Coffee Zone/Sobeys*

3:00 pm 275 Committee *Zoom*

4:00 pm OBG Board *Memorial Room*

5:00 pm Parish Council *Zoom*

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal *Nave & Chancel*

## THURSDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

9:00 am Hybrid Matins *Zoom & Chancel*

1:00 pm Sacramental Action (AST/Zoom Course) *Rector's Study*

## FRIDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

9:00 am Hybrid Matins *Zoom & Chancel*

## SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

9:00 am Matins *Zoom*

## SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER *Pentecost XVII*

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

Afternoon: Ante-Communion *Video emailed*

*\*Proverbs 31.10-31; Psalm 124; James 3.1-4.10; Mark 9.30-37*

# PARISH NOTICES

**WELCOME BISHOP SANDRA FYFE!** This Sunday morning we look forward to Bishop Fyfe being among us to preach the homily, confirm our youth, to absolve, and to bless us!

*The Rector & Wardens*

**AND WE WILL CONGRATULATE OUR CONFIRMANDS!** *Liviya Driver, Isabelle Hounsell-Gray, Louise Hubbard, Aaron Lane, Noah Surette, Luc Therien, and Skairy Vincent.* Let's keep them in our prayers, as they discover the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their lives for the good of the worship, life, and mission of the church.

**PARISH LIFE** In order to facilitate outdoor parish conversation and refreshments after the Sunday Eucharist, can we ask that all who park vehicles in front of the Church on Sundays respect the space marked out by safety cones, and not park against the steps on the Argyle side of the railing that runs down the centre of the front steps? *Thanks!*

**SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Each Sunday many parishioners step forward to support the smooth and efficient operation of our services. Thank you! We have two imminent needs for volunteers: **First**, we hope to return to the consistent serving coffee and refreshments (*subject to public health requirements and approval by Safer Church and PC*). The office will be seeking volunteers to provide weekly refreshments outdoors (*of course, weather dependent*). Please consider this opportunity to promote congregational affiliation and interaction! **Second**, we need more technical volunteers who can support: 1) Sound systems - monitoring the sound system by adjusting volume levels on various speakers. 2) Camera - recording the services for each Sunday. (*Ashley later uploads and distributes the recording to the Parish community.*) 3) PowerPoint - Forwarding the overhead slides from a laptop during the contemporary service. (*Volunteers follow the flow with the help of a printed script which prompts the operator.*) These roles are very important to our worship and community growth! Ashley or any of the Executive will be pleased to hear any questions you may have. Please do consider these opportunities; training will be provided for all. Thank you. *Patrick Hartling, Sr. Warden.*

**THE RECTOR THANKS PARISHIONERS** for their ongoing support of the *Rector's Lunch* which this past summer has served a growing number of guests and each week helps a number of households with their grocery purchases—\$60.00 now because of inflation. The Rector also thanks Ruth and her fellow Wednesday volunteers, and our Office Manager, and Sexton, for their warm and steady support.

**REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED ELDERS:** *David Redman's* family will be gathering with his St. Paul's friends at his deferred funeral, now set for *Friday 24 September at 11.00 am* at St. Paul's.

**MATINS** (Morning Prayer) is **Mon-Sat, Zooms at 9am** with **Tues-Fri** being also **hybrid** (*everyone welcome to attend in-person in the Chancel as well as on Zoom*). 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.

**THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** intends to resume soon. 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!

**CANADIAN CHURCH 2022 CALENDAR:** The cost is \$6/calendar. First come, first served!

**THE NOON ZOOM THEOLOGY GROUP** resumes Tuesdays by Zoom, 12.00-1.00. We'll be looking at the second section of GK Chesterton's classic, *The Everlasting Man* (1925); attempting to understand the argument of II.i 'The God in the Cave', appreciate it, and challenge it too. Contact the office to sign up!

**SAFETY PROTOCOLS** *The Registrar will sign people in by asking names of those who enter and pause at the taped lines. 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.*

**ST. PAUL'S INTERIM COVID 19 POLICY:** Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> draft - SafeR Church has been closely monitoring the Province's Covid Public Health Regulations. On Sept. 8, provincial officials confirmed that mask mandates and gathering limits will be removed effective Sept. 15, assuming the province reaches the 75% target for doubly-vaccinated residents. Oct. 4 has been set as the date when people must show that they are fully vaccinated to take part in non-essential activities. St. Paul's will continue its cautious approach. Over the next few weeks, the following rules will apply:

- Sept 12 - Bishop's Visit and Confirmation - Everyone, except the Celebrant and the Bishop when they are speaking, will remain masked, including the Choir for this BCP service.
- Sept 15 - St. Paul's will begin a "Transition Phase" - In addition to the Celebrant and one other person, everyone is to be masked. The Choir and the Music Team may unmask for singing only but will have to be positioned to respect social distancing.
- Sept 19 - BAS Service - Music Team will be unmasked for singing only.
- Sept 26 - BCP Service - Choir will be unmasked for singing only.
- Oct 3 - BAS Service - Music Team Unmasked for singing only.
- Oct 4 - Proof of double vaccination required for non-essential activities.
- Oct 10 and going forward - Proof of double vaccination will be required for anyone over 12 entering the building with recommended registration to assist fellow members of the community. Social distancing will remain in effect even with no limits to the number of people in the building. Masks are optional but strongly encouraged. SafeR Church will continue to monitor the situation. The Covid 19 situation remains volatile and our knowledge about community spread and the variants continues to develop.

**YOUTH NEWS!** Things are getting moving with youth ministry! We had our first regular youth group meeting this past Tuesday, and it was great to see our students again after the summer break. We meet weekly on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm in the church, and new members--including friends and classmates who do not attend St. Paul's--are very welcome to join us. We're also looking forward to our first Saturday outing, and will be hiking Cape Split on Saturday September 18. Logistical details will follow, so please RSVP to [benvonbredow@gmail.com](mailto:benvonbredow@gmail.com). This could be a great opportunity for students who cannot commit to the weekly group to get to know other young people from the parish and get some time outdoors. This week I and others have also been looking further into the future, and would welcome feedback from parents and students about the possibility of a Fall youth retreat. So, lots is happening, and I'd love to talk to you about it. This week I am also beginning a ministry placement at another parish as part of my required formation for ordination, so unfortunately, I will only be at St. Paul's once a month for the next two semesters. The best way to initiate contact with me is by e-mail ([benvonbredow@gmail.com](mailto:benvonbredow@gmail.com)), and from there we can talk on the phone, on Zoom, or meet in person. -- Ben

## B. PARISH PARTNER NOTICES

**ITEMS ALWAYS NEEDED:** The *Holly House* is continually transporting furniture for women who are setting up house in Dartmouth and Halifax. Please contact Adriel Driver at [adrieldriver@gmail.com](mailto:adrieldriver@gmail.com) or the church office if you can help out.

**PWRDF UPDATES!** Please visit [www.pwrdf.org](http://www.pwrdf.org) to learn more about all the organization is working on. PWRDF is thankful for the caring generosity of Canadians. We ask for your prayers for the people of Haiti, Afghanistan and all who are suffering from conflict, poverty, homelessness & disasters.

### 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)*