

Friday, September 17th, 2021

Good afternoon, St. Paul's:

First, a thank you to all who made 'Welcome Back Sunday' such a wonderful event; to the Bishop (for her presence, her sermon, and her 'Confirmation Hands') to our Youth, and to the many supporting parishioners in various roles, many of them were not seen but without whom there would not have been such a wonderful liturgy, outdoor celebration, and more.

Second, we'll be gathering this Sunday again to sing God's praises, to hear the Scriptures to challenge our assumptions and encourage our hearts, and to enter into parish life which St. Paul likened to a family, or a good building--or a co-ordinated body, with differences valued and shared outreach in mind. Please join us!

Your Pastor,

Paul+

p.s. Our SafeR Church committee of Parish Council has told us that the October on-site Public Health plan is still in process as conditions change and government protocols are interpreted.

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: 17 - 26 SEPTEMBER 2021

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

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*

MONDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

9:00 am Matins *Zoom*

TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

9:00 am Hybrid Matins *Zoom & Chancel*
12:00 pm Noon Theology *Zoom*
3-6:30 pm Musician-in-Residence Lessons *Parish House 2*
5:30-6:30 pm St. Paul's Home Board *Zoom*
6:30 pm Youth Group *Nave*

WEDNESDAY 22 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*
3-4:00 pm Musician-in-Residence Lessons *Parish House 2*
4-6:30 pm Musician-in-Residence Lessons *Nave*
6:30 pm Choir bi-weekly Rehearsal *Nave & Chancel*

THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

9:00 am Hybrid Matins *Zoom & Chancel*
10:00 am Requiem Eucharist for Brian Burnell *Nave & Chancel*
1:00 pm Rector Teaching AST *Zoom until 3:30pm weekly*

FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

9:00 am Hybrid Matins *Zoom & Chancel*
11:00 am Requiem Eucharist for David Redman *Nave & Chancel*

SATURDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

9:00 am Matins *Zoom*

SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER Pentecost XVIII

***10:00 am Eucharist & Children's Prog.** *Chancel & Parish House*
Afternoon: Ante-Communion *Video emailed*
**Esther 7.1-10; 9.20-22; Psalm 124; James 4.11-5.20; Mark 9.38-50*
12:00 pm Baptismal Prep Luncheon *Nave*

PARISH NOTICES

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!*

REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED ELDERS: Family will be gathering with St. Paul's friends at St. Paul's for *Brian Burnell's funeral* on *Thursday 23 September at 10.00 am* and for *David Redman's funeral* the next day, *Friday 24 September at 11.00 am*. These liturgies are open to all.

PARISH BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE WORK, as you may know, has advanced significantly over the past eighteen months, with the full support of Parish Council, under the direction of the Property Chair, Treasurer, and Parish Office. And you may know that our wonderful historic Organ is out of service while it receives a thorough and much needed renovation. The completion date is not certain but the plan is for it to be back in service sometime this fall.

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.

LPG/SDC REMINDER: Monday, Sept. 27th 5:30-7:30 Zoom!

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

CANADIAN CHURCH 2022 CALENDAR: The cost is \$6/calendar. They are available in the office.

YOUTH NEWS! Things are getting moving with youth ministry! 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 25. Logistical details will follow, so please RSVP to 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. I am also in 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), and from there we can talk on the phone, on Zoom, or meet in person.

-- Ben

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.

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. 9th 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.

Protocols to be followed in October are under review by SafeR Church

THE NOON ZOOM THEOLOGY GROUP is Tuesdays by Zoom, 12.00-1.00. We are looking at the second section of GK Chesterton's classic, *The Everlasting Man* (1925); attempting this coming Tuesday to understand the argument of II.ii, appreciate it, and challenge it too. Contact the office to sign up!

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 or the church office if you can help out.

Donations Needed

The Elizabeth Fry Society of Mainland NS is preparing for The 3rd annual Holiday Craft Fair

Contact
Kaleigh Smith
Abundance Program Coordinator

(902) 454-5041 ext 6
abundancedartmouth@efrymns.ca
85 Queen Street, Dartmouth NS.

Supplies needed:

- Any arts and craft supplies
- (holiday themed or not)
- Mason jars
- Hot glue-sticks
- Acrylic Paint
- Painting canvases
- Embroidery material
- Picture Frames

We also really appreciate receiving gift cards to 'Michaels' and any Dollar Store.



PWRDF UPDATES! Please visit 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.

THE AFRICAN N.S. JUSTICE INSTITUTE has been launched! Shelley noted that the province is investing \$4.8 million in a new community-led justice institute that will support African Nova Scotians in contact with the law and help address overrepresentation and anti-Black racism in the justice system. Here is the link on this wonderful initiative: <https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20210712002>

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

The federal government recently passed legislation creating a federal statutory holiday called the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Nova Scotia will annually recognize Sept. 30 as Truth and Reconciliation Day beginning in 2021. Truth and Reconciliation Day will acknowledge the legacy of residential schools and the role it holds in the reconciliation process.