

*Friday, September 24, 2021*

Good afternoon, St. Paul's:

I've been been thinking of Parish Life this week, how important it is in our old (and in our revised) Parish Mission Statement...and about how wonderful it is to see Parish Life open up again in various ways this fall. I'm thinking in particular of how loyal the parish is to the memory of our departed elders over the past months (funerals here for Verne Toole and Tom Sellers) and this week on Thursday-Friday (funerals here for Brian Burnell and David Redman) and on Sunday (a requiem prayer during the prayers of the people for Ray Carman (whose family will worship with us)).

But I'm also thinking of the new study groups starting up, our committee work firing up, our Parish House soon re-opening for programmes, PC discussions of our outreach, our organ being rebuilt for worship, our Sunday School re-launching, our Youth heading out to Cape Split on Saturday, and the three parish households beginning preparation for baptism on Sunday. I thank God for the life of this parish.

See you soon,  
Your Pastor,  
Paul+

p.p.s. 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.

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# THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S : 24 SEPT. – 3 OCT. 2021

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

## 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*

## MONDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

9:00 am Matins *Zoom*  
5:30-7:30 pm LPG/SDC *Memorial Room*

## TUESDAY 28 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*  
6:30 pm Youth Group *Nave*

## WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

9:00 am Hybrid Matins *Zoom & Chancel*  
9:30 am BOTNWG *Nave & Gallery*  
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*

## THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

9:00 am Hybrid Matins *Zoom & Chancel*

## FRIDAY 1 OCTOBER

9:00 am Hybrid Matins *Zoom & Chancel*

## SATURDAY 2 OCTOBER

9:00 am Matins *Zoom*

## SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER Pentecost XIX

\*10:00 am **Eucharist & Children's Prog.** *Chancel & Parish House*  
Afternoon: Ante-Communion *Video emailed*  
\**Job 1.1-2.10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1.1-4; 1.14-2.12; Mark 10.2-6*

# PARISH NOTICES

**PLEASE HOLD IN PRAYER** our 'baptismal families' as they prepare to present their children (and themselves) to the God of mercy and truth, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit on *All Saints' Sunday, 7 November at 10.00 am*. Aaron and Ella (Grace); Matt and Kate (Winnifred), and Ian and Alana (Aurelius). Today is the first of their Baptismal Preparation Luncheons.

**WE WARMLY WELCOME THE FAMILY OF RAY CARMAN** today as we remember Ray's life and witness amongst in our parish prayers. And you may want to greet them in the Parade after the liturgy.

**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!*

**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.

**275<sup>th</sup> COMMITTEE UPDATE:** The 19<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting of this group was held Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to receive Minutes of these meetings and stay up-to-date on the progress, feel free to email the office for a copy!

**YOUTH NEWS!** 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. Our **Cape Split Hike is coming up tomorrow** (weather permitting), and we're very excited! We'll be meeting at the church at 9:30 AM and returning in the late afternoon, around 4:00. If you want to RSVP last minute, send me an e-mail. 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. We would also welcome feedback from parents and students about the possibility of a Fall youth retreat, tentatively planned for October 21-23. So, lots is happening, and I'd love to talk to you about it. Since my formation for ordination only permits me to be at St. Paul's on Sundays once a month, 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

**YOUTH**

At St. Paul's  
Grades 7 - 12

**Tuesday Evenings, 6:30 PM**  
Games · Prayer · Discussion  
*Ask your questions, explore your faith, and make friends*

**Out Trips & Socials**  
Starting with Cape Split, Sept. 25  
*Get out into nature and build connections with other young people*

**Youth Retreat**  
Date: TBA · Location: near trees  
*Get away from the bustle and figure out life and faith a bit*

**New Programs**  
Suggest something!  
*We've got a few ideas up our sleeves, but input is always welcome*

**CONTACT**  
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YOUTH COORDINATOR  
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**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.

**Donations Needed**

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

**Supplies needed:**

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

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

**THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** resumes on Thursday mornings starting on Sept. 30. We are beginning a 12-week study on the book of Galatians. We meet from 10am to noon at Isobel MacPherson's home. All those who participate in person need to be double vaccinated and there is a 10-person limit. There is a Zoom option for those who are not able or prefer not to attend in person. Study guides are available at the cost of \$14. Please contact Mary at dempstermary@gmail.com or Margaret at briarwoodbob@aol.com if you wish further information or would like to join us.

**CANADIAN CHURCH 2022 CALENDAR:** The cost is \$6/calendar. Please contact the office if you would like one.

**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 to understand the argument of II.ii, 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.

**\*Please Keep Mask on while Reading at The Lectern\***

- 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**

## B. PARISH PARTNER NOTICES

**THE AFRICAN N.S. JUSTICE INSTITUTE** has been launched! 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>

**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

*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. Please visit [www.mymnfc.com](http://www.mymnfc.com) to learn more about our neighbours at the Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Center (MNFC) and/or find them on Facebook.*

## 2021 Thanksgiving Offering Suggestions for St. Paul's Outreach Programs

Church finances remain in a stable & encouraging position. As we continue to move through uncertain and, at times, unsettling circumstances, we have much to be thankful for. We are especially thankful for the many volunteers who have continued their efforts throughout this period. Also, thanksgiving is a special time for us to express our gratitude to God for His many gifts, by sharing with others. *We regret that we cannot receive any food donations this Thanksgiving.* Please use your yellow envelopes (*found in your envelope package*) or the 'special Thanksgiving envelopes' found on the back-pew shelf, to make your special gift! If you wish, you may indicate the outreach that you are supporting. Among our outreach endeavors are these listed below:



**Rector's Lunch:** OUR RDF WEDNESDAY LUNCH TEAM continues to provide 'take-away' lunches for guests on Wednesdays at noon. The Rector also continues to offer grocery assistance, with the kind support of parish donations via the R.D.F. (*Rector's Discretionary Fund*).



**Holly House** – Affordable Housing for **Women:** Holly House is also in need of art and craft supplies of all kinds for a sale they are preparing for in November. If you have any spare supplies to donate, please speak with Adriel Driver or Kate Newton, who will be delivering them to the House over the next few weeks. Monetary donations are also, always welcome!

They love gift cards to "Michael's" and any Dollar Store.

There will be a '**Loonie/2-nie Bucket**' for children (*and children-at-heart*) to deposit donations in (to purchase arts & crafts supplies for Holly House!)

***We also continue to support PWRDF, St. Mark's Food Bank, MNFC and other outreach projects.***

