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Weekly Update - July 7, 2020

Rev. Kerri is on leave part of this week, which impacts some of our service offerings.

Sunday morning worship

Vacationing clergy have been encouraged by the Bishop's office to direct congregants to alternate online worship services as needed. Rev. Kerri recommends checking out one of the following services and hopes you enjoy the shift in style and approach you'll find!

- Christ Church Cathedral (8:30 a.m.)
- Good Shepherd Barrhaven (10 a.m.)
- St Paul's Kanata (10 a.m.)
- St Alban's (10 a.m.)

Coffee Hour - will **not** be held this week, July 8, but will resume July 15 and 22nd. It will also be cancelled July 29 due to holidays.

Pastoral Visits - continue to be available by appointment. Rev. Kerri has been meeting with several parishioners over the last few months for conversation and check-in. It is a lovely way to remain connected and continue (or in some cases, begin) to get to know each other. Do not hesitate to reach out to schedule a socially-distanced visit. Rev. Kerri will wear a mask, and can bring a clean mask for you should you require one.

Liturgical Team

I am exceptionally grateful to Stephen Hellard, Ellen Badcock, and Caitlin Hellard for the constant effort they put forward toward producing and re-imagining our worship each week during this time of social isolation and church closure. You have witnessed, no doubt, the changes we've slowly tried to implement over the last four months—moving from Live streaming, to pre-recorded services (to help eliminate some of the kinks), to introducing new recording equipment and technology. None of it has been without its bumps, we know. But we are continually assessing, readjusting, and keeping creative but with realistic hats on! We are also grateful for the positive and constructive feedback we have received. Your understanding about how we manage the bumps and hiccups has been valuable in keeping up the steam (and our egos)! Stephen and Ellen, both naturally 10:00'ers, spent the first several weeks of isolation coming in super early to prepare so we could "go Live" by 8:15 a.m. They now come weekly to pre-record, overcoming on-camera nerves and returning to spend hours editing the service before it is posted Sunday morning. It is a unique time with the team learning on the fly and I appreciate the 16-weeks straight investment they have committed to St James.

This Sunday "off" is as much for the rector as it is for them!

As I've mentioned previously, our intention is to continue online services even after it is safe for us to return to worship in person at St James. Douglas Frost has been very helpful in guiding Corporation and the liturgical team toward new software and sound equipment. Our hope is that we are able to work out remaining kinks in our worship before too long!

Thank you for your patience, your understanding, your "viewership," and especially your encouragement at this time!

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Prayers of the People this week

Please remember in your prayers those in our parish, family and friends, especially...

Judy, Randy, Marsha Clifton, David, Kevin, David (Ivanich), Rob, Janice, Maxine M., Sophia, Bob and Beth (Carson)

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