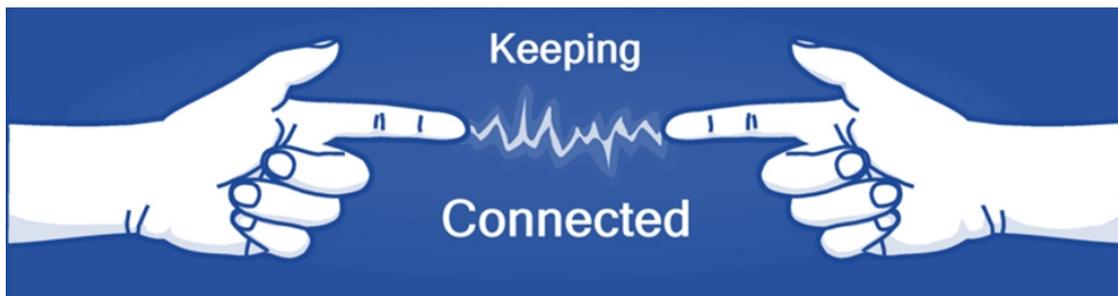


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**A Message from Rev. Jonathon
Worshipping Together**

This week I wanted to write to you about some changes to the way we are going to be worshipping together - both in-person and at home - going forward.



This past Sunday marked the first time that we held in-person worship services at St. Paul's in almost six months. The new, streamlined communion service at 9:30 a.m. is a combination of liturgy from both the Book of Common Prayer (traditional) and the Book of Alternative Services (contemporary). Based on my observations and feedback that we have received, everything went extremely well. We were able to worship following the new COVID-19 safety precautions put in place by the province, local health unit, and our diocese.

That first in-person service was recorded and uploaded to our YouTube channel early that afternoon. My experience over the past six months with our online services has been that uploading videos to YouTube can be unpredictable and time-consuming. During upload, the computer servers at YouTube scan all videos for any inappropriate or illegal content (including copyright infringement), and the amount of time that this takes is dependent on how many videos are being uploaded at any given time. It

is not uncommon to encounter a very frustrating delay of several hours between the time that I upload videos of our services and the time that those videos are viewable by you on YouTube. Consequently, there have occasionally been delays you ability to access services on Sunday mornings. This week, though, things went well.

Our original reopening plan called for the continuation of our two online Morning Prayer services (BCP and BAS) and the Sunday morning Communion service taking place in person and then being uploaded to our YouTube channel. However, after consultation, we have decided to no longer provide online morning prayer services in addition to the Sunday morning service. This will avoid duplication of our efforts, since both the morning prayer and communion services contain many of the same components. For those of you who like music, I will add two songs to the video of our Sunday morning service - one at the beginning and one at the end. However, due to the pandemic safety measures we are still unable to sing in person during the service.

The video recording of this service should be viewable on YouTube early on Sunday afternoon. Depending on how good the internet connection and wireless network is at the church, I may be able to live-stream the service as well on Sunday mornings so that people can worship with us in real time at home. But I can't guarantee that just yet. Our church internet connection and wireless network are very slow and unreliable and we would likely be unable to maintain a good high-speed connection for an entire half hour.

With news this week that COVID-19 cases are on the rise in Canada, and with Ontario delaying the next phase of their reopening plan, it is a good opportunity to re-commit ourselves to following the safety measures that we have become accustomed to over the past few months. If we follow the advice of experts and wear masks, practice physical distancing, wash our hands, avoid crowds, and limit our contact with those outside our social circle, we can all do our part to help keep ourselves, our families, and our communities safe.

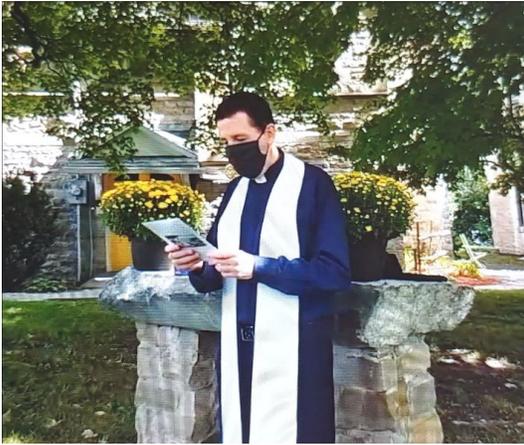


LOSS. Sadly, three of our parishioners have died recently. **Carman James** passed away on August 21, **Ella McPhail** passed away on September 1, and **Bessie Exley** passed away on September 7.

We remember them, and pray for comfort for their families and friends who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

BAPTISM. On September 6, **Augustus Clemente Stinson**, grandson of our parish

treasurer, Sandra Cain, was baptized at an outdoor service at St. Paul's.



When you call the office to pre-register for Sunday service, please leave your name and PHONE NUMBER.

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READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

Pentecost 13

Click on a reading to see the text from the
New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) on the Bible Gateway

First reading: [Exodus 14:19-31](#)

Psalm: [Psalm 114](#)

Second reading: [Romans 14:1-12](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 18:21-35](#)



Your prayers are requested for teachers, students and parents as school resumes.

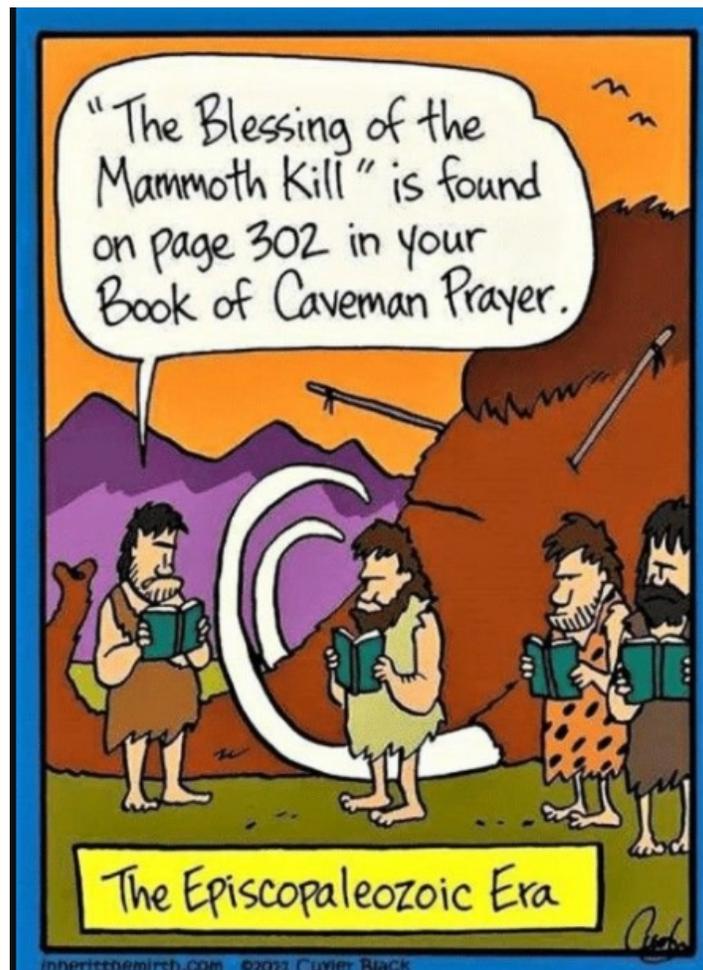
In the World. Pray for the Anglican Church of South America. Pray for our partner in mission the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, the Canadian Anglican response for emergency relief, refugees, development, and justice.

In Canada. Pray for Archbishop Melissa Skelton, people, and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon.

In our Diocese. Pray for the Rt. Rev. Shane Parker, our bishop and Michael Bird, our assisting bishop; and for St. Helen's, Orleans – The Venerable Susan Churchill-Lackey and The Reverend Canon Peter Lackey. We remember in our prayers the Open Table Ministry to university students.

In Our Community. We ask God's blessing on local faith communities and on their ministries and, we pray for the people and leaders of this town of Almonte and the surrounding communities that the Lord will help us contribute to its well-being. We pray for volunteers, workers and clients of the nonprofit corporation, The Hub.

In Our Parish. We pray for Jonathon, our priest, for ourselves and for each other. For comfort and healing for Lucy Poaps, Anne Wheatley, and Sally Gentry. We pray God's comfort for the friends and families of our members recently deceased: Bessie Exley (mother of Barbara Humphreys); -Carmen James; and, Ella McPhail. We ask for God's blessing on our members George and Cheryl Seibel, Rodney and Judith Senior, Len and Wendy Shaw. Elaine and Graham Shea and Alan and Heather Sheffield. We remember our neighbors, especially Assad, Alsit, Lana and Elias.



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