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Cherish Our Church Month 2020

This November as we celebrate Cherish Our Church Month, we are asking our members and donors to think about what St. Paul's means to them and to consider how they would like to help the parish in the new year.

Please check your (Canada Post) mail for a letter and a commitment card, which we are asking you to prayerfully consider and complete and return to the church by the end of November using the enclosed stamped addressed envelope.

Thank you

Bring It On, Winter!

Thanks to a team of skilled volunteers with generous hearts, the Grace Brown Room/Parish Office is ready for winter!

Thank you **Richard Evans** for removing the air conditioning unit and applying the storm windows.

And thank you **Cathy and Michael Gallagher** for the magic you performed on the roof above the entrance. Repaired eaves and installed gutter helmets. We look forward to ice-rink free access thanks to this brilliant fix of the drip above the door!



Sunday Services

Some quick reminders:

- Please contact the office by phone (613-256-1771) or email (office@stpaulsalmonte.ca) to **PRE-REGISTER for a Sunday service.**
 - Leave your name, and the names of people in your bubble for whom you are also registering. Please include your phone number.
 - Please register each week that you plan to attend, **by noon on the Friday.**
 - Please remember to keep at least **6 feet distance** from anyone outside your bubble.
- And avoid congregating inside or outside the church.

Thanks!

A Message from Rev. Jonathon

A Day to Remember

Our lives are marked by a series of significant events. Some occur on a personal level, such as birthdays and anniversaries. Others occur on a societal level, such as important event in world history. There are events that we enjoy remembering and celebrating. And then there are events that we would rather forget.

I imagine that many people approach Remembrance Day with mixed feelings. First and foremost it is a solemn day when we remember those who have served in our armed forces and who have made the ultimate sacrifice for us and for our country.



Memories of those who have died or who have been injured in conflict (perhaps among our own family and friends), and images of war and destruction are definitely painful.

But there is also a hopeful tone to Remembrance Day. The very day marks the end of the First World War on November 11. Two years ago this week, a group of us gathered at St. Paul's at sunset (along with those in churches across the country) to ring our church bell one hundred times. This marked the one hundredth anniversary of the end of the First World War.

This past May, while most of the world's attention was focused on the coronavirus pandemic, many people overlooked another significant milestone. It was the seventy-fifth anniversary of VE Day, or the end of the end of the Second World War in Europe (soon to be followed by the end of the Second World War in the Pacific).

While there have certainly been many conflicts and wars since the Second World War (the Korean War, the Cold War, the Vietnam War, two wars in Iraq, the war in Afghanistan, the war on terror, etc.), there has not been a war on the scale of the Second World War in over seventy five years now. Historians and political scientists who study war have noted that institutions such as the United Nations and NATO, and greater economic and diplomatic cooperation between nations, have meant that wars have become less frequent, less prolonged, and less deadly. So I believe this is cause for celebration.

Remembrance Day is also a time to remember with thanks the members of our armed forces who continue to step forward and serve our country today. Because of their ongoing sacrifice, and the sacrifice of their families, we can enjoy the blessings of freedom, peace, and prosperity.

So what are we remembering this Remembrance Day? I believe it is a day to remember several things at the same time. Obviously it is a day to remember with sadness those who have been killed or injured in war. It is a day to remember with care and compassion those who continue to suffer from the effects of war around the world, particularly refugees. It is a day to remember with thanksgiving those who continue to serve in our armed forces today. It is a day to remember with concern the ongoing threat that war and conflict poses around the world. It is a day to remember with joy that most of us have lived the majority (if not all) of our lives in a period of extended peace, prosperity, and freedom. It is a day to remember with resolve that peace requires effort and that we need to recommit ourselves to working for a more just and peaceful world. And finally it is a day to remember with hope that one day people will live in peace and harmony in God's eternal kingdom.

Rather than trying to minimize (or worse still – forget) Remembrance Day because of its unpleasant memories of war, we should embrace this day for all

that it is and seek to build a better world for ourselves and for future generations. In every possible sense, it truly is a day to remember.

A Shot of Encouragement

A short item from a Lutheran priest, Clint Schnekloth, *Daily Life Is The Christian Life: Vocation In The Time Of Coronavirus*. Although this seems aimed at a Lutheran audience, the Anglican Church of Canada is in communion with the Lutheran church and we have much in common. Take a look... (from *Progressive Christian*, hosted on [Patheos](#))

"There are no special ways to be Christian. If you woke up today and thought to yourself, 'I really want to do something special for God,' you might start with washing the dishes. And this because there isn't a Christian life to live separate from your daily life. Pastoring, volunteering, none of these are particular forms of the Christian life. **No, daily life *IS* the Christian life.**"

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READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

Pentecost 24

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

First reading: [Judges 4:1-7](#)

Psalm: [Psalm 123](#)

Second reading: [1 Thessalonians 5:1-11](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 25:14-30](#)



Your prayers are requested for peaceful settlements in areas of conflict around the world – Venezuela, Yemen, Ethiopia, Hong Kong, Turkey, Ukraine, the Sahel region of Africa, Iran and the Middle East.

In the World. Pray for the Church of Ceylon (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury) and for the international mission work of the Primate's World Relief and

Development Fund, the Canadian Anglican response for emergency relief, refugees, development, and justice.

In Canada. Pray for the members of the Council of General Synod.

In our Diocese. Pray for the Rt. Rev. Shane Parker, our bishop and Michael Bird, our assisting bishop; St. Margaret's, Vanier - The Venerable Robert Davis, IPIC, The Reverend Aigah Attagutsiak and Deacon Stephen Zytveld; the members of the Diocesan Outreach Committee and its subcommittees and working groups.

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 the staff, volunteers and clients of our local hospice initiative, Hoe Hospice North Lanark.

In Our Parish. We pray for Jonathon, our priest, for ourselves and for each other. We ask for God's healing for Murray Pierce and His presence and comfort for Ted MacDonald.

We ask for God's blessing on our members Wayne and Linda Burnette, Paul and Catherine

Cadieux, Roger Menard and Sandra Cain, Sara Cardona, Brenda Carter and Isobel Cathcart..

We remember our neighbors, especially Assad, Alsit, Lana and Elias.



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