



Parish Update #35 SUMMER 2022

Hi Friends,

The warm weather has arrived and with it thoughts of holidays and relaxation for many of us. This update comes to give you the information you need for the months of July and August.

Worship: We continue to gather at **10:00 on Sundays**. We also continue to recommend you wear a mask when coming to church and try to continue to respect other people's physical boundaries. I have been so pleased with the way folks have been responding to this ongoing request. We are still in strange times with this pandemic and though all provincial limitations and restrictions are off as of this week, we continue to be cautious. It really is about taking care of one another.

Online and Livestreamed Worship: We have suspended recording and posting the worship on our website and the Facebook livestream for the months of July/August only. We will be back to both on Labour Day weekend. We realize this is a loss for those who were faithfully following the worship online, but it is a matter of giving our faithful volunteers a much-needed break. Attendance at Sunday worship in the summer is small and with continued precautions, we hope that some may feel comfortable to try coming back in person!

Vacation: I am on vacation from July 15-Aug. 15. During that time, the schedule of worship will be:

July 17 Morning Prayer

July 24 Holy Eucharist

July 31 Morning Prayer

Aug 7 Holy Eucharist

Aug 14 Morning Prayer

For pastoral emergencies from July 15-Aug 7, please call the Rev. Jane Magrath at 902-817-2132. For pastoral emergencies from Aug 8-15, please call the Rev. Dorothy Tay at 902-843-4166.

Summer Hours: For the summer months our parish office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays only from 8:45-2:00. Angela is on holiday from July 20-27, Aug 1-5, Aug 15-19 and August 29-Sept 2. We will have volunteer help to staff the office during those times.

Vandalism: As you may have heard in the local news, there were two incidents of vandalism at Terrace Hill in late June. A portable toilet was destroyed by fire and several headstones damaged. Truro Police have arrested two suspects. We are currently in conversation with our insurer with regard to how repairs will move forward.

Up and Coming: As we gear up for fall please note:

Our **Parish Discernment Process** is on hold for the summer. We hope to have our next Good News Café event on Sat. Sept. 24. Stay tuned!

Book Worms and Church Mice: Our parish book club meets next on Sunday, Sept 25 after worship. The book for discussion is Island of Sea Women by Lisa See.

Your Spiritual Development Committee announces a **Fall Retreat** day on Saturday, Oct. 22 at the farm of Karen Ewing and Carol McNutt in Hodson (just outside River John). Mark your calendars! More details to follow.

May summer allow you to rest and recreate. I'll leave you with a summer prayer from Fr. Austin Fleming

"Come Summer with Me"

Come summer with me, Lord
summer deep down in my soul;
restore my faith in summer's time,
in rest, in joy, in play, in you...

Summer in my heart, Lord
and dwell there
as if time would never end,
as if all time were children's time, eternal time
when school is always out and joy is ever in...

And let others summer in my shade, Lord,
and share whatever summer's peace is mine to give,
whatever summer's light is mine to shed,
whatever summer's warmth is mine to share...

Good God of every season and every day this week
come summer with me, Lord, and let the child in my heart
spend this summer in your love...Amen.

With peace,

Rev. Lori

