

## The Anglican Regional Ministry of

### Saugeen Shores, Tara and Chatsworth

# **New Rhythms / New Routines**

Dear friends in Christ,

These images of water brings to mind a prayer spoken during our baptismal services; "We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. "



The Holy Spirit continues to lead her church and her people. We are led to worship wherever we are, whenever we are called. I am excited to be inviting you back into our much loved church buildings for in-person worship. May we be always mindful of the power of the Holy Spirit to guide and direct our ways, and our rhythms. May the peace and the love of the



Lord be always with us as we offer up praise and thanksgiving in His name! Carrie+

#### Schedule of Services:

For an initial period of four weeks, we will offer one in-person Holy Eucharist service each week on Sunday in Saugeen Shores, alternating locations:

- October 11 10 AM at St. Paul's (sanctuary), Southampton / Christ Church (sanctuary), Tara
- October 18 10 AM at. St. John's (hall) / Christ Church (sanctuary), Tara
- October 25 10 AM at St. Paul's (sanctuary), Southampton
- November 1 10 AM at St. John's (hall), Port Elgin

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday service will also be available online at 10 AM on Facebook Live, and later in the day on our website for our parishioners participating from home.

We will reassess in mid-October to plan November and December worship dates, times, and locations.

Thank you for your continued support, flexibility, and prayers as we move through our transitions of worship experiences.



#### Remember to RESERVE Your Pew:

Due to social distancing mandates, the number of seats available at each church is very limited. Maximum capacity at St. Paul's is 30, at St. John's, 23, and at Christ Church, 15. As a result, in order to allow for proper preparation, and to avoid disappointment, parishion-



ers wishing to participate in-person at St. Paul's or St. John's, will need to contact our secretary Ann, beginning at 9 AM on Monday morning for the upcoming Sunday, preferably by email at anglicansecretary@bmts.com, or by phone to St. Paul's (519-797-2984) or St. John's (519-832-5757). Please give your name, number of people attending from your family, and a phone number. All requests will be confirmed by Friday. The leadership team from Tara and Chatsworth will call parishioners with more details about attendance at Christ Church, Tara. Before leaving home for the service, please complete the questionnaire on the back of this newsletter. If you are feeling unwell for any reason, please stay at home and participate on-line.

#### Service Procedures:

To protect you, we ask that you enter the church as follows:







- St. Paul's (Community Hall Door)
- St. John's (Parish Hall Entrance)
- Christ Church (Parish Hall Entrance)

Our doors will open at 9:45 AM to allow for easy and socially distanced arrival.



Upon arrival, the greeters will check off your name on the list. Please sanitize your hands.

Bring your mask. Masks or face coverings must be worn unless you have a medical condition that prevents you from wearing one. Let your covered faces be an expression of deep care and concern for others.

You will be directed to a seat (Sorry—it may not be your normal seat).

Your bulletin will be waiting at your seat. Keep your coat with you.





#### Tips on Coming to the Lord's Table for Communion:

- You will be called one pew at a time.
- Sanitize your hands before coming to the altar.
- You will receive bread only. ٠



After receiving, move to the side, remove mask, consume the bread, re-mask, sanitize hands, return to pew.

Please Note: If you participate in the service on-line, Rev. Carrie will be pleased to offer you communion at your home.

We are delighted that the Bishop has allowed us to move into the AMBER PHASE, letting us meet in person for worship, if we feel comfortable doing so. Please remember that potential restrictions could result in us having to discontinue in-person services on short notice. We will keep you informed if this happens. We are so fortunate to have our on-line options to fall back on. Remember that you can follow all services, Daily Good News, Saturday Children's Focus, and Tuesday Morning Prayer and Bible Study.—online.

#### From the Priest Assistant's Pew:

Blessings and Peace as we enter into the Fall of 2020 at a time we never thought possible- a time when we are contemplating opening our doors to in-person worship. If I had asked you a year ago about your desire to be with

each other in corporate worship you probably would have looked at me with curiosity as to why I was even asking that. Today we are spending countless hours contemplating the answer to that very question. There seems to be a list of logistics a mile long that have to be checked off just to make sure we're safe in our own beloved space. It's so exhausting! It's so challenging! And yes, it's so stressful.

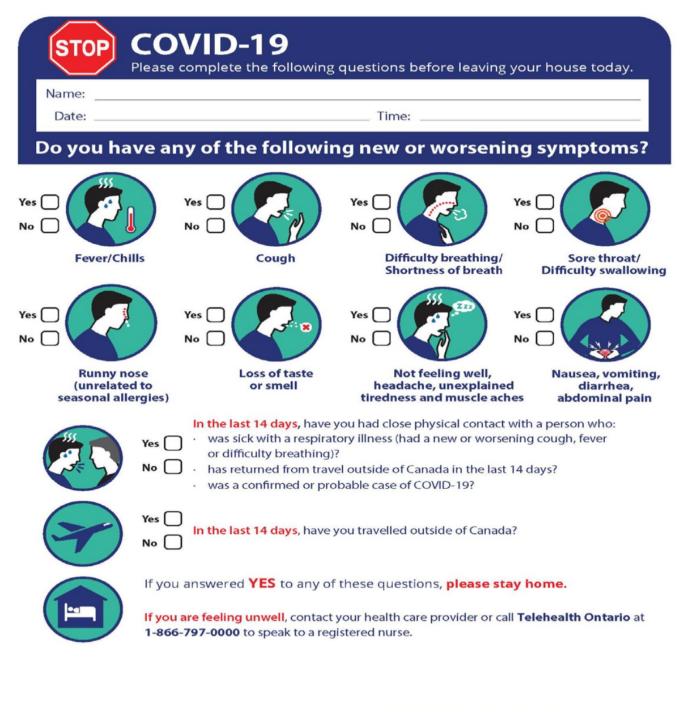
So much has changed for us in the past number of months and one of the main comments I hear about on our restrictions and public health rules is the lack of freedom that we are experiencing. It seems oh so very confining. But let's look at how some of the confined moments have brought forth greatness. The great New Testament writer Paul, for example, he wrote much of his letters to the post resurrection followers from prison. He was confined but the beauty of his words, his thoughts, his musings, his directions came from behind the bars to enlighten. We have Annie+ had to find ways in our own lives to escape the bonds of

the four walls of our homes. We've gardened, we've walked, we've painted, we've canned the vegetables we grew, we've read, and we've even worshipped in new ways that we didn't think possible. We have escaped the bonds of confinement in small but very meaningful ways.

> As we approach the opportunity to worship together in places so familiar to us we are worried. The joy of being back in the pew is tempered with the understanding of social distancing, how we will experience music and how we will interact. This is not a time to be taken lightly but a time of prayer. Prayer for direction, prayer for meaning, prayer for understanding,

prayer for caring and prayer for the journey. As you know I am one of the staff Spiritual Care Providers at the Owen Sound hospital. The picture above was taken in the Multifaith Chapel in the hospital. It's a place away from the noise of the hospital, the pages, the beeping machines, the stress of being an inpatient. It's in finding a peace, of heart, mind and spirit that can bring healing and comfort. Now more than ever I encourage you to find that space, journey to it, be in it for a while and be renewed.

Shalom,



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