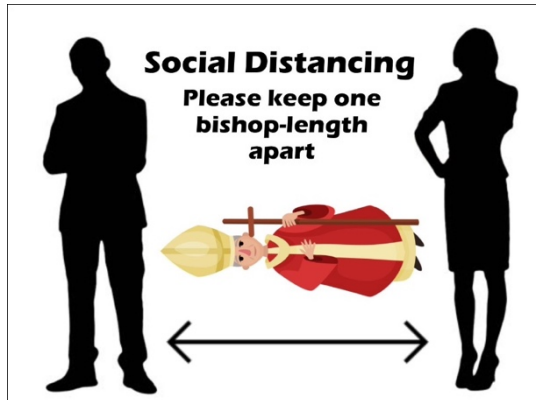


COVID - 19

Since mid - March, St. Alban's has been closed for public worship due to the world wide pandemic of COVID -19. We have been Facebook live-streaming Morning Prayers Sundays at 10 am CST since then.

We will be reopening our Said Service at 8 am on Sunday, September 13, 2020.

PROTOCOLS FOR OPENING IN SEPTEMBER



Getting Ready for Church- How We Will Re-Open

It's time!! We can now return to church but... attending church will be different as changes are needed to accommodate our life and safety in a pandemic world.

Out of concern for our well-being, Bishop Geoff writes "that all those with pre-existing conditions, or are over 65 years of age, are urged to take necessary precautions to reduce infection risk when attending all diocese of Rupert's Land gathered events, this includes parish gatherings. "

For those not yet ready to attend church in a group, those who live with compromised immunity, and seniors, rest assured our live streaming services will continue at 10 a.m. on Facebook. As usual, it will air a week later on Shaw, so that you can still "attend" from the comfort and safety of your home. It is also being broadcast across the Main St. Lawn, if you care to come down and hear it 'live'-ish while maintaining social distance.

Of course, if you are not well (sneezing, coughing, fever) or you've been in touch with those who have contracted COVID-19, or have been out of the country, or east of Terrace Bay, ON within the last 14 days, please, stay home and enjoy the Live Streamed Service on Facebook or the local Shaw broadcast a week later.

We are ready to reinstate the Sunday 8 a.m. Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Spoken Eucharist Service, beginning Sept 13.

Once its 'wrinkles' are ironed out we will reinstate the Friday 12 p.m. "Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Spoken Eucharist", and once we are able to livestream and host in-person service we will welcome you back to the Sunday 10 a.m. "Book of Alternative Services (BAS) Eucharist".

Reinstating the care home services is on the timeline of the Care Homes, at this time.

If you do plan to attend, you **must** call and register by Wednesday of each week you plan to attend. This is required as there will be limited seating and will ensure social distancing and a safe service for all.

To register, please telephone the church office (468-6227) and leave a message stating:

- name,
- phone number
- number of people attending with you,
- any request for the elevator (the Main St. Door will remain locked for the time being)

Your call will be returned to confirm that you are attending. You will be asked a few COVID related questions as well as information required for contact tracing (name, address, email address).

We will be using the Water St. doors for both entrance and exit, unless you have made arrangements in advance to use the elevator. Please be patient and wait at the assigned spot and follow the directions.

When you arrive, you will be greeted at the door. The greeter will review a few health questions before you enter:

- do you have a fever, cough, sneezing including seasonal allergies?
- have you been in contact with anyone with COVID-19?
- have you travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?
- and confirm your contact information
- have you brought and are you prepared to wear your face mask?

You will be required to wear a face mask both to enter the church, and while in the Sanctuary, and to use hand sanitizer at the Greeters Table, and when you're about to receive Communion.

Please note and follow the social distancing markers on the floor and in the pews.

An usher will escort you to your seat. And, no, it might not be your customary seat. Please take your coat and belongings with you to your seat as we will not use the closet, and are required to leave the doors and windows open.

Seating will be assigned from front to back and only in alternate pews. This will give you the opportunity to enjoy a new view. Enjoy!

The service will be displayed on the video screen so there will be no printed bulletins or service/hymn books in the pews.

If you need to exit during the service, please follow the markings on the floor, and use the adjacent aisles. Washrooms will not be available, for the time being!

An offering plate will be placed at the back of the church (Narthex) near the ushers as we will not be passing the collection plates during the service. Please leave your offering there, as you enter the church, (under the watchful eye of the ushers).

The peace will be passed from our assigned seats, acknowledging those around us.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to enjoy choral music, or any sung liturgy for the time being. We will have a variety of instrumental music. Humming is encouraged!!

At the time for communion, our MC will guide you. Please wear your mask until you approach the altar, to receive communion. We will proceed to the altar, now at floor level (the Nave) one row and one side of the church at a time on the invitation of the MC. All congregants will proceed to the centre aisle maintaining distancing, and proceed up to the altar. Someone will be there to provide you with hand sanitizer. If you are receiving communion, the Priest will place your communion bread on a disposable purificator and will step back so that you can pick up the communion bread and purificator, together. *(Please note there will be no communion wine at this time)*. When you have taken/eaten the communion, place the purificator in the waste basket to the side of the altar and proceed, in order, back to your seat using the side aisle.

If you are not receiving communion, but only wanting a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest to signal to the priest that a blessing is needed. All blessings will be done following the standards for distancing, at this time.

If you do not wish communion or a blessing, please do not remain in your seat or you may block someone who is trying to get past you while maintaining social distance. Instead, proceed through the communion line, but put your hands behind your back as a sign to those serving communion. While maintaining physical distancing, please follow your pew mate(s) back to your seat.

At the conclusion of the service, the priest and the chancel party, following distancing practices, will exit through the chancel door.

To exit, we will be guided by the MC to use the side aisles only and exit from the back towards the front. The north side will exit before the south side. Please be patient and practice social distance while waiting for those ahead of you to leave. There will be no congregating inside or outside the church.

Enjoy the postlude music!

For those using the elevator, please remain seated until an usher can assist you.

Thank you for following these directions. We look forward to your joining us for service, once again.

Alex Faulds

Rev. Rebecca Graham

Maryanne Nilson