



The Vine November 2020

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The Ven. Susan Churchill-Lackey*

Worship
Subject to Change

Sunday, November 1, All Saint's Day

Remembrance Sunday, November 8

Sunday, November 15, 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 22, Reign of Christ

Sunday, November 29, Advent 1

As we do not know if we will be having in-person worship or not during November, please check the website for information about registering or viewing online services.

If We Have In-Person Worship: You need to **pre-register** weekly for in-person worship, by filling out the form available on our website (sthelens.ca) and following the instructions or by calling the church at 613-824-2010 by Thursday of each week. (Maximum of 45) If in-person, the service will be at 10 AM. The online version will be on the web site later in the day.

Please do not come if you have been ill, or have been close to someone who is ill or have travelled outside Canada. Masks will be worn at all times; contact tracing, physically distancing, and sanitizing also all required.

Quiet Christmas Service A quiet service designed for those who find the season difficult due to loss, loneliness, illness, grief, challenging present circumstances or sad memories. Coming in December, on our website.

Christmas Flowers We are as yet uncertain if we will be able to have in-person Christmas services but we understand that they will not be able to be celebrated as they were in the past. There will, however, be an offering of memorial flowers to grace our Nave and remember those we love but see no longer. If you would like to make a financial gift for flowers, please place your cheque in an envelope, noting the names of those you wish remembered, your own name and telephone number (and church envelope number, if applicable). Please, put your envelope in our locked mailbox at the church. We will confirm with you when we have noted your request. Names will be included on slides during the liturgy.

Compline or Night Prayers Now available on our website

Worship Ministries Most of our volunteers involved with our deeply valued Sunday morning will remain on Sabbath leave for the time being. This includes many members of the Altar Guild, Intercessors, Servers, Communion Administrators, some Readers and Sides People. Opportunities to be recorded reading or singing have been offered. Thank you to those who have participated and to Derek and Emily for their work in this regard.

Chair of Worship: The Venerable Susan Churchill-Lackey

Discipleship

Quiet Garden *New* Quiet Garden Devotional for November.

Bible Study New! You are invited to join a virtual topical Bible Study to begin on Tuesday, November 10 at 9:30 AM – 11 AM and continue for a 6 week period. We will use the online resource, *The Bible Project*. If you wish to attend this zoom gathering, please e-mail the church by November 6, to receive an invitation. **st.helen@on.aibn.com**

Children's Ministry Parents: Look for Advent resources prepared for your family's use during the season. Coming soon!

Youth Ministry Meeting by zoom and socially distanced events

Co-Chairs of Discipleship: Wanetta Cheung and Jeff McRae

Stewardship

Finances: Pre Authorized Remittance As handling cheques and cash at this time is challenging for the Financial Ministries Team, please consider switching to PAR. A call to the church office (613-824-2010) or an e-mail to st.helen@on.aibn.com will facilitate any changes you wish to make. A pamphlet describing this programme and how to increase your gift on a regular basis is available. If you are already on PAR, please raise your monthly amount as you are able. Thank you to Kim, Paul and Lynn and the counters for their ongoing ministry.

Canada Helps Use this button on our website for your monthly donation or to add to your Par pledge. Your charitable receipt will come to you directly through Canada Helps.

Property Thanks to all who continued to keep our property in good shape, inside and out, during this challenging time, including Colin, our Quiet Garden team, grass cutters and the POG team.

Chair of Stewardship: Colin Taylor

Outreach

Christmas Outreach Although we do not expect that we will be able to offer the same kind of support to our Community Ministries as we have in the past, we will again collect gift cards(\$10.) to distribute through the appropriate agencies. Simply put them into our locked mail box by December 13th, 2020

Chairs of Outreach: Carol Danson & Sharon Tremaine

Community

Bazaar With the current status of Covid 19 in our community, it is not prudent to plan for an in-person bazaar or sale before Christmas. The springtime may bring a healthier environment so, if you have been busy crafting, hang on to your creations at home until then. Those of you who enjoy the jams, jellies and pickles usually available at the Bazaar can contact Helen Giroux or Sandra Clark and ask about their current 'inventory'. The Craft group has been busy and we are offering the following items for sale. Please email us at st.helen@on.aibn.com and we will get back to you: Christmas napkin sets and table runners; wooden Christmas deer; Teddy bear tree decorations; aprons; adult clothing protectors; knitted hats, mittens, scarves and neck warmers, in various sizes and colours; reusable swiffer covers; Johanna's fashion scarves; Baby play balls; Tooth fairy pillows; Burp pads; Available on order pandemic masks, \$5 each.

Pastoral Care Thank you to Maggie and to the Team for their ongoing work of pastoral care. A note of sincere thanks to Helen Giroux and Ron Harder for their many years of service on the team.

Healing Ministry Although we cannot engage in Healing Ministry in the same way as we did pre-Covid, we can certainly offer prayers for healing, for strength and comfort, for relationships and any number of other life challenges. We can do so, however, only if you let us know of your need. **Prayer Chain** We understand that our God walks with us on every step of life's journey, in relationship with us whether we are aware of the presence of the Holy One or not! St. Helen's 'prayer warriors' are prepared to offer intercessions on behalf of others for God's blessing upon any number of concerns, needs or issues. Maggie Lorimer, our Pastoral Care Team Co-ordinator also manages the Prayer Chain. To request prayer support please e-mail the church office at st.helen@on.aibn.com or Maggie directly at: mlorimer@rogers.com

Thank you To members of Parish Council who meet virtually(with thanks to our host, Peter Humphries). To our members of Synod, Felicia Kwamena, Peter Humphries, Kathy Pearce and the clergy for attending this year's virtual Diocesan Synod.

Communications For all updates, worship and devotionals, please see sthelens.ca

Chair of Community: Lorna Ponting