



Dear Friends

Summer has arrived! This would typically be the time to encourage you to enjoy the summer as a time of relaxation and refreshment, a time for holidays, a time to wish people safe journeys and safe returns.

This can't happen this year. Holidays will be quite different – in fact for many there will be no holidays. We have lived through the COVID-19 pandemic for several months, and there is still some way to go before we can feel safe again. I believe the Anglican Church (together with some other denominations) is wise by being cautious, and setting September at the earliest to resume worship and other Parish activities. This includes cancellation of the Fish Fry, even though it had been postponed until August. I know some are disappointed we can't start earlier; but the risks remain real, and outweigh the benefits. Planning will be going on to find the best and safest way to move towards being able to gather together again. In the meanwhile, I do encourage you to find ways to find rest and refreshment through the summer.

We express our thanks to you all for making a special effort to continue your financial support of Holy Trinity Church. Parish Council has been encouraged by your faithfulness. Thank you.

**Virtual Worship.** We shall continue to post pre-recorded services on our website <https://holytrinitymetcalfe.com> and a text version that some have been printing and distributing to those Parishioners without internet.

I shall be taking some time off, 12 - 25 July, and so (because we record a week ahead) there will be no services posted for 26 July and 2 August.

For those two Sundays, St James Manotick will welcome us to join their virtual service <https://www.stjames-manotick.ca> (Click on "COVID-19 Worship Service"). Or else choose one of the other Parishes listed on the Diocesan website: <https://www.ottawa.anglican.ca>.

**Fr David Andrew** I am pleased to let you know that Fr David has made a good recovery from his heart attack last fall. He thanks Holy Trinity for our prayers and good wishes, and looks forward to being at Church with us one Sunday when worship has resumed.

Be safe, and care for one another.

Yours in Christ

Paul Blunt