

Information for this week...

September 13, 2020

Parish Events/News

In-Church Worship Returns: Church of the Ascension will restart Sunday worship in the Sanctuary on Sept. 13, at 10 a.m. Because seating is limited to 50 to ensure physical distancing, you must register by contacting the office (email preferred) at office@ascensionlondon.com or 519-451-7780 **by Thursday at noon**. Masks are mandatory. Online worship will continue on YouTube for those unable to attend. Many other details you will need to know about the restart are included in an email or letter sent to parishioners on Sept. 1. If you did not receive it, please contact the church office.

We need to keep an accurate list on file of all those who attend any given Sunday. If you are on the worship schedule for clergy, music, usher, reader, AV, chancel, counter or warden on duty you will automatically be included as registered for that Sunday. If you change places please let the office know. If someone is attending with you, that person will need to register.

When you register: you may get a return email or phone call to acknowledge we received your request but that will be if time permits. If you don't hear back please assume we have received the request and your name will be on the list. If you call after the deadline we suggest you check in as you arrive. If your name is not on the list, it can be added if we have not reached our max.

Office Reopens: The church office has reopened: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please call or email ahead to make an appointment to visit the office. Masks are mandatory. Only two persons at a time will be allowed in the office. Wait for Elisabeth's signal to enter. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping everyone safe.

Thank You to everyone for your prayers, thoughts and get well soon messages during my recent hospitalization and surgery. I have been home for a few days and recovering well. For those of you keeping track, my gall bladder was removed and the "rogue" stone was eliminated. *Philip Templeton.*

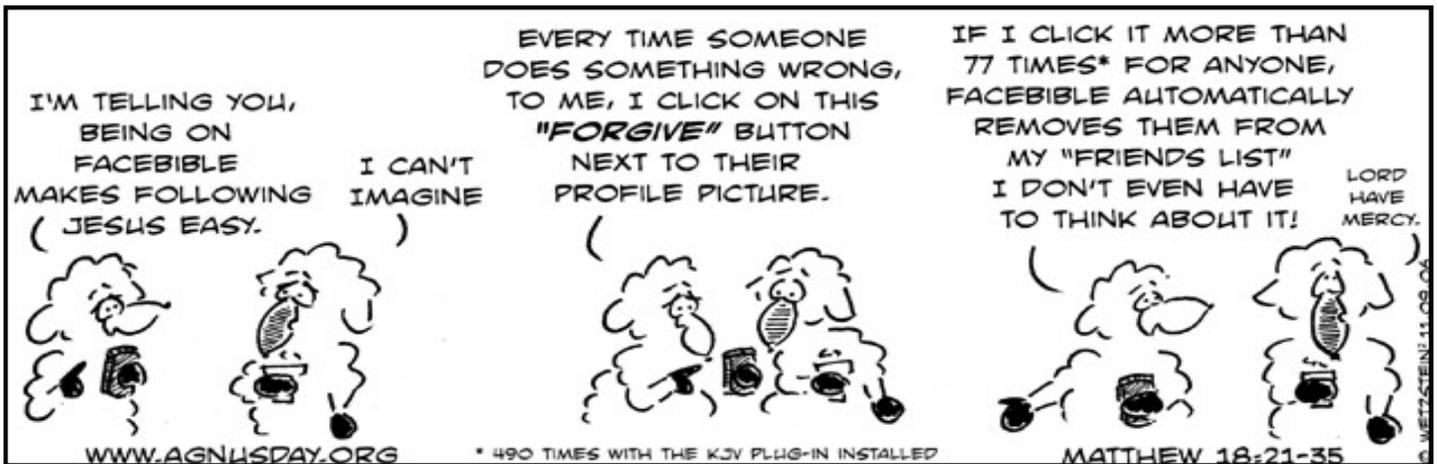


Diocesan Events / News



Huron Church House offices re-open on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 with regular hours of 9 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday. As the staff transition from working at home, to being back in the office, **we ask that visitors call before coming into the office.** We will be adhering to the Amber Stage of “Loving our Neighbours”, which include physically distancing and wearing masks. For information on upcoming meetings, watch for correspondence from the committee chair for instructions to ensure meeting safely.

Please check the diocesan webpage: diohuron.org for Covid-19 updates including information on church reopening and/or services, Bishop Todd’s weekly message, rescheduled events.



Richard Rohr’s Daily Meditation - Change Is Inevitable

Sunday, July 5, 2020

The word *change* normally refers to new beginnings. But the mystery of transformation more often *happens not when something new begins, but when something old falls apart*. The pain of something old falling apart—chaos—invites the soul to listen at a deeper level, and sometimes forces the soul to go to a new place. Most of us would never go to new places in any other way. The mystics use many words to describe this chaos: fire, dark night, death, emptiness, abandonment, trial, the Evil One. Whatever it is, it does not feel good and it does not feel like God.

We will normally do *anything* to keep the old thing from falling apart, yet this is when we need patience and guidance, and the *freedom to let go* instead of tightening our controls and certitudes... While change can force a transformation, spiritual transformation always includes a disconcerting reorientation. It can either help people to find new meaning or it can force people to close down and slowly turn bitter. The difference is determined precisely by the quality of our inner life, our practices, and our spirituality. Change happens, but transformation is always a process of letting go, living in the confusing, shadowy space for a while. Eventually, we are spit up on a new and unexpected shore. You can see why Jonah in the belly of the whale is such an important symbol for many Jews and Christians.

Prayer and Care



We have been asked to pray for the various needs of...

**Portions of this list
have been eliminated from online viewing
for privacy reasons**

In our community, city and world of prayer:

Oh God, please hear us when we tell You of our concerns of health and safety when we send our children, educators, staff, bus drivers, back to school during this difficult time. It is so hard making all of the right decisions and we need Your love, protection, wisdom and power, to help us overcome any difficulties and fears. We are so afraid for our families, friends, neighbours, ourselves and all in our community. We pray for peace, safety, and good health for all. We give our hearts and praise to You, now and forever. Amen

Diocesan Chain of Prayer this week: Anglican Parish of Rondeau Bay: Trinity Church Blenheim, St. Paul's Church Erieau, Grace Church Rondeau Park, the Rev David Fuller. We pray for retired clergy, the Rev Pierce Russell, the Ven. Richard Salt and for clergy on leave, the Rev Meghan Nicholls, the Rev John Odell.



Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar for this Sunday are given by Deb Adams to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones. Rest eternal grant to them O Lord.

A Pastoral Note

For bulletin prayer, prayer chain or pastoral care, please refer to the contact information on the back of the accompanying bulletin.