

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020

- **COVID-19 UPDATE FROM THE DIOCESE—RESUMING CHURCH IN PERSON? NOT YET...**

The following letter was posted on the Diocese website on May 15:

To all members of the diocese of Islands and Inlets

Dear Friends;

On May 13, Dr Bonnie Henry announced that faith communities could begin to gather again for worship in the near future. In so doing, she emphasized the need for strict adherence to current and future public health orders.

It is important to note that she was addressing a broad range of faith traditions who gather in diverse ways. Anglican liturgical practice poses unique challenges related to such things as movement, touch (of people and surfaces), length of exposure to recirculating air, congregational singing, and so on. Further, many active Anglicans—including our clergy and staff—are vulnerable to the coronavirus by reason of age or underlying health conditions.

The health and safety of all concerned is our priority.

Therefore, in this diocese, we will continue to keep our churches closed for a while yet. This includes gathering for worship, and for other ministry activities.

Meanwhile, our synod office staff is researching best practices, and next week we will provide diocesan guidelines for a safe reopening of our churches and ministries. We hope also to provide a target date by which all of us can meet the necessary requirements, so that we can move forward on a similar timeline. Thank you for all that you are doing to breathe life into our shared ministry.

Faithfully,

(The Very Reverend) M. Ansley Tucker
dean of Columbia and diocesan administrator

- **ALL SAINTS' GARDEN MAINTENANCE.** If you are interested in assisting in the garden, please contact Lolla (250-537-2918), Ros (250-538-1902) or Sharon (250-537-9575). Weather permitting, the next meeting of All Saints' gardeners will be **FRI JUNE 5 @ 9AM**. Please bring your own tools and refreshment.

Star of the Sea Events

All events are held online on Zoom.

- **AN EVENING OF SACRED CONTEMPLATIVE CHANTS—TUES JUNE 2, 7-8:30PM.** All are welcome to join in an evening of Singing/Chanting as a contemplative practice. *Singing*

these inspirational chants with intention, purpose and feeling is a simple and effective way of softening and opening the inner Heart to deeper levels of awareness and Presence. Facilitator: Elvira Clare Hamilton. **Registration required** by email to staroftheseassi@gmail.com. Those who register will receive song sheets together with the required code to enter the Zoom session.

More information: <https://www.staroftheseassi.ca/events>

In the Community

- **SALT SPRING SENIORS CENTRE—RE-OPENING JUNE 1** on a limited basis (Mon to Fri from 10am-12:30pm). Requests for the Driving Program should be made to 250-537-4635. Please follow social distancing guidelines when you go in.
- **COPPER KETTLE** has drivers who will pick up groceries and/or prescriptions for people staying home. Some drives to medical appointments can also be arranged. No charge. Phone 250-537-5863 to arrange.
- **TEMPORARY RESIDENTIAL CHIPPING PROGRAM—JUNE 2020.** Due to the early Provincial ban on Open Burning, Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue will trial a pilot program for On-Site Chipping. With secured funding for chipping through the month of June, residents will be able to request on-site processing on a first come first serve basis (as funding allows) at **no cost** to the property owner. For details and to schedule On-Site Chipping, complete the application form on the SSI Fire Rescue website: <https://form.jotform.com/201426395100040>. If you have any questions, contact SSI Fire Rescue at 250-537-2531 or by email at info@saltspringfire.com.
- **INVASIVE PLANT DROP-OFF DAY—SUN JUNE 7, 10AM-3PM @ Central Fire Hall.** Bring your invasive woody plants such as broom, gorse, holly, spurge laurel and more, to be chipped (absolutely no roots or rocks). Please follow social distancing procedures - one at a time, keep your distance, gloves on. Donations gratefully accepted to cover cost of chipping. To learn how to cut broom so that it does not return, watch a great video at www.broombusters.org. Upon arrangement (250-653-2024), fresh green broom can also be taken for the goats at Eco Reality Co-op on Fulford-Ganges Road. Sponsored by the Salt Spring Fire Department, Native Plant Stewardship Group, and Salt Spring Conservancy. For more information, call 250-537-0880.
- **SELF-GUIDED WEEKEND STORYWALK: Corduroy—FRI MAY 29, 10AM-MON JUNE 1, 4PM.** Walk from the SSI Public Library, through Mouat Park to the pool, following the story along the path. For more information, visit <https://saltspring.bc.libraries.coop/event/weekend-storywalk>.

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