



# St. Andrew's Langley

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Dear Friends,

As you will have heard, the Government of BC has unveiled a plan to end the pandemic restrictions and re-open the province over the next three months. In response to this, Bishop John Stephens has written a pastoral letter to the congregations of our Diocese to let us know how he expects our churches will proceed in the coming months. You can find the text of the letter by following the link in the newsletter or by going to the Diocesan website: [www.vancouver.anglican.ca](http://www.vancouver.anglican.ca)

**The highlights of Bishop John's letter are as follows:**

- There is to be no change in our current practice until June 15. This is the earliest we can start to re-open the building.
- After June 15, we are permitted to proceed much as we did last summer and fall when we continued to host Sunday worship on Zoom alternating between St Andrew's and St Dunstan's, but were able to welcome up to 40 people to join us in the church. (We also restarted the 8am service and the Thursday service.) If the provincial trajectory remains as it is, we could potentially welcome these same smaller groups of people into the church beginning on Sunday, June 20. Please stay tuned as the leadership of St Andrew's makes a plan for this.
- After July 1, there is the possibility of increased numbers in worship and other activities.
- After September 7, we could potentially fully open the building and welcome everyone to worship in the church.

**Given this information and remembering that David & I will be going on vacation at the end of July, the summer schedule for St Andrew's is as follows:**

- Sunday worship at 10am will continue to alternate between St Dunstan's and St Andrew's through June, July, and August and will continue to be broadcast on Zoom whether or not we are able to welcome people into the churches. Up to 40 people could start attending the service in person beginning on June 20. The Zoom service will be available through the summer and beyond.
- Sunday worship at 8am could potentially start on June 20 with Covid-19 distancing and cleaning protocols in place. It would continue in this way through the summer.
- Tuesday bible study will continue online through June, and will be cancelled through July and the first week of August. It will start again on August 10 and will stay online through August.

- Thursday bible study will continue online through June and will be cancelled through July and the first week on August. It will restart August 12, potentially in person. The healing service could also start in person on August 12.

Please note that all of these plans are tentative and are dependent on a number of factors including vaccinations rates and infection rates. Joanie and I will do our best to keep you updated as to these plans over the next three months. Please don't hesitate to call the church office or my cell phone if you have any questions or concerns. My number is 778-999-9153

Please also understand that you are invited to participate in the way that feels most comfortable to you. If you would like to come to church in person when that is allowed, please do. If that doesn't feel comfortable, we will continue to offer opportunities to worship and participate online. The 10am Sunday service will remain on Zoom probably through till Christmas and maybe forever!

And again, thank you for your continued support, financially, emotionally and otherwise. This has been and will continue to be a very challenging and confusing time, but with your support and God's love, we are persevering! Please know that you are all in my prayers, and that I am so excited for the time when we can be together in person again.

Love from,

*Andrew*

the Rev Andrew Halladay  
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