

Words from Wilma+

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Deuteronomy 31.8

Hi folks,

Attached to this email is a letter from our Commissary, Dean Mike Sinclair. In it he asks that every church in the Diocese be closed for in person worship, as well as other functions.

This is something that I think we all may have been expecting – I will tell you that St Giles Vestry discussed a pro-active closure at their last vestry meeting on the 19th – with a plan to meet this week and act if necessary.

We will be returning to taped services which will be available on Sunday at 10: am. No longer a live streamed Eucharistic service but a Service of the Word. This means more of the congregation taking part in the service – which I see as a good thing – If you are willing to come in to tape a scripture reading or prayers, please let me know and I will be happy to include you in the roster!

As with everything during this time, things remain fluid and we will try to roll with whatever changes are necessary. My thanks and gratitude for your patience and your prayers.

I am always available for questions, comments or just a chat.

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Please continue in prayer for all those affected by the pandemic – frontline workers, healthcare workers – all those that we depend upon for our health and safety. Please pray for those who are sick and those who mourn – including our Bishop Rob on the death of his mother Barbara and his family as they mourn.

As Dean Mike says, it is Advent, and we wait. During this time of waiting you may want to join us via Zoom every evening at 8: pm for a short time of scripture, reflection, and prayer. A Zoom link will be posted at the end of this week on the website www.estevananglican.com and on our Facebook pages, so that you may join.. If you have questions on how to do that Wendy will also give some direction/answer question. All are welcome – invite friends and family.

Our Bible and Brew study on Philippians concludes this week. In the last chapter, Paul says, in verse 13 *I can do all things through him who strengthens me.* A verse to hold onto in these days.

Meantime,

Wear a mask, keep physically distanced, wash your hands.

Be safe. Be blessed,

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