



CHRIST CHURCH, DARTMOUTH

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Dear Friends in Christ,

A brief note to you all as we draw closer to the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ!

Christmas Pageant Thank You: I want to express my deep gratitude to all who participated in last Sunday's Christmas Pageant. The response I have received has been overwhelming. A special thank you to our Executive Producer: Heather Downey, Director: Judith MacDonald, Stage and Set Design: Larry Graham, Technical Crew: Gail Teixeira, Vanessa Turner, John Gallant, and Marilyn Doyle. I also want to thank all the children and parents who took the time to come to the rehearsal; I know you have busy schedules! I hope that we can use this wonderful experience to do more drama and plays in the future. What a talented group of people!

Christmas Eve Changes: In light of the recent COVID-19 outbreak and the introduction of the Omicron virus to Nova Scotia, the following change has been made to our Christmas Eve Services. Please note that the Family 4:00 pm Service with St. Nicholas will require proof of vaccination if you wish to attend. Also, note that each service has a capacity of 100 people, distanced and masked. To attend, you must register online or by calling the parish office. I want to let you know that the 4:00pm service is filling up fast! This change has been made in light of Dr. Strang's Letter to Faith Leaders dated December 2, 2021 which he says:

“If a faith organization holds multiple regular or special services in a single day, I would encourage you to consider making one or more of the services for vaccinated people only to accommodate people who require or are seeking a greater level of safety and to decrease overall exposure risks.”

Clergy also received a note from the diocese dated December 7th 2021:

We are authorizing parishes to include in their roster of Christmas services (meaning, not the only service but “one of”) **a liturgy that requires Proof of Vaccination.** Masking, sanitizing, and tracing lists remain mandatory.”

I also want to assure you that we at Christ Church have maintained all protocols and continue to do so and have gone above and beyond. Before recent changes, no social distancing rules were in place, yet we still adhered to them out of extra precaution.

Pew Configuration: Throughout Advent, we have been experiencing a new configuration with our church pews at the front of the church. The response to this change has been positive. After further reflection, the wardens and I would like to extend this experience into the new year to allow us greater time to reflect and see what new possibilities there are for dynamic liturgical worship. Please reach out if you have any questions.

As we draw closer to December 24th, I pray that your Advent is holy, spent with those you love, and a time for great spiritual reflection!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kyle Wagner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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