

St Stephen's Announcements Week before 7 June, 2020

- **Still postponed, the re-opening of church** – Due to continued increases in new cases of Covid-19 in Cochise County, we will wait to reopen the church. Bishop Reddall and Rev. Allison will continue monitoring the new case numbers and when Cochise County has achieved at least 14 days of decreasing numbers, we will look at re-opening again.
- **Bishop Reddall** invites all Episcopal Arizonans to **Vigil for the Dignity of Black Lives Friday, 5 June** at 6:00 p.m. <https://www.youtube.com/user/azdiocese1>
- **Fr. Donne requests waiting for late summer celebration of his birthday.** We want to wait for better results from the Covid-19 epidemic to allow safer travel for his son and daughter and also for us to perhaps have a nicer party.
- **July 5th 2:00pm Benefit Concert by Music Director Mike Gilman:** Mike will play an hour of various piano music selections to raise money for two humanitarian needs in Arizona: The families seeking asylum in Nogales and the Navajoland peoples hit very hard by the Covid-19 virus. In person seating limited to 25 and it will also be shown on Facebook Live. Donations to these two causes will be collected online on our website.
- **Thank you to all our mask makers!** We have about 35 now and I think that will do for us for a while. We also have some disposable masks.
- **We appreciate your maintaining your pledges so that we can stay current with our obligations** – Please mail, drop off, or submit your pledges online (see donate button on our website).
- **St. Stephen's office hours** are pretty much back to "normal". Mark and Rev. Allison will be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Reminder Rev. Allison is on vacation until June 14th.
- **Rev. Allison can be reached** via home phone: 520-335-2436 (after hours/emergency), or cell: 562-743-3784 if you need/want to speak with her.
- **SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE** – If you have not already done so, please go to our website (www.ststephensaz.org) and create your own account with your email address. Mark sends our church information, notifications, announcements via our website members. If we don't have your account info, you may miss out on important information. Please make sure the office has **prior knowledge** of your email address: send us an email to either <office or mark.sowards> @ststephensaz.org so that I can recognize and approve your UserID request.
- **Coming this summer: Preaching Class** – Anyone who would like to learn the fine art of preaching is asked to sign up to learn and practice being a lay preacher. Successful completion of the preaching class and practicum will lead to licensing as lay preacher in the diocese.
- **Coming this Summer: Summer Bible Study** on either Books in the Apochrypha or Isaiah. May be a mix of Zoom and in person. More information coming soon.
- **Giving Envelopes.** If you are interested in using a Giving Envelope please contact the office to let us know. Next year's list is being submitted before 30 June, those who already have envelopes from this year will automatically get envelopes next year.
- **The new directory is available.** As soon as it was printed it was out of date. Please keep the office abreast of your contact info changes such as home, cell or work phone numbers as well as your address and email changes. You can view the new directory [online](#) or pick one up during office hours.