

The Territory of the People

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"The Territory of the People walk together with all God's people, journeying into a new creation, and trusting with faith and courage in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We love as Jesus loves, living with integrity and openness, and are committed stewards of God's world."

Bishop's Message

Last Thursday January 25, in the prayer cycle of the Anglican Communion, the Bishop and people of the Territory of the People are being prayed for throughout the world. I have received numerous messages from around the world assuring us of prayerful support. I felt such a lift in spirit knowing we are held in prayer at this time when our community has some challenges and I hope you felt the prayers from around the world carrying you.

We are all still trying to deal with the effect of this past summer and the many changes that has brought to the life of the Central Interior. The retirement of Danny Whitehead has caused both Lytton and Scw'exmx Parishes to start a search process for another clergy person. The sudden and serious illness of Isabel Healy-Morrow is concerning our friends at St George's and the wider community. To have the whole Anglican Communion praying for us at this time is heartwarming.

I invite you to pray at this time for all the joys and challenges that we as a community are dealing with at this time. As challenging as it may seem, we have much to give thanks for at this time. Here are some of the things that come to mind for me:

- My time away this Fall caused me to return renewed and refreshed with new learning.
- The incredible care and leadership by the Leadership Team which kept ministry happening in such a wonderful way. We all need to thank God for Ken Gray, Len Fraser, Isabel Healy-Morrow, Dwight Oatway and Margaret Mitchell for carrying the bulk of the leadership.
- The clergy team and Lay Ministers of Word and Sacrament (LMWS) who continue to give outstanding leadership in parishes and to the retired clergy who are so willing to give leadership as needed.
- For all who give care and support to Isabel Healy-Morrow and her family while she is in hospital.
- For all who have supported those in our community who mourn the death of loved ones.
- And the list goes on.

May we all know the blessing of a life of prayer.

Blessings,

+Barbara



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please pray for:

- ❖ The Rev Isabel Healy Morrow and her family at this time of illness
- ❖ St. George's parish and those who give leadership during this time of concern for their priest
- ❖ Lytton and Scw'exmx parishes as they begin the search process for a new spiritual leader
- ❖ Sandra Sugden and family as they mourn the death of Tom
- ❖ Archbishop Fred Hiltz and Metropolitan John Privett as they prepare for retirement
- ❖ We give thanks to God for the consecration of David Lehmann as Bishop of Caledonia, and the people of the Diocese
- ❖ We give thanks to God for the life and person of the Rev Susan Hutchison, priest in the Church of God, and her ministry amongst the people of the Territory; we pray for her family who mourn her death
- ❖ We give thanks to God for the life and person of Archdeacon Vic Kerr and his ministry amongst us, and pray for his family who mourn his death
- ❖ Please pray for all who have experienced losses this year within their families and our church families
- ❖ Please pray for congregations holding their Annual Vestry Meetings in the coming weeks

Announcements:

I am pleased to announce I have appointed Jo Ann Hinter as Acting Regional Dean, effective immediately.

Handy Links:

Resources for Lent are available on the Anglican Church of Canada website [here](#)

I Have Called You Friends

- The Society of Saint John the Evangelist is offering a 2018 Lenten video series – “Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John” which some parishes may consider accessing. Through this resource, specific passages will be explored from John's gospel, and this very personal account of the life of Jesus will be considered through meditation, questions and reflections from the brothers of SSJE. For more information [click here](#).

Book of Alternative Services: click [here](#)

Common Praise online: click [here](#)

Territory of the People website: click [here](#)

2018 Calendar of Intercessions Prayer Cycle: click [here](#)

Pilgrim Paths: labyrinth prayer walks accompanying the church year of prayer, feasts and celebrations. Volumes One and Two in pdf format. More information [here](#)

Employee Assistance Program (Lifeworks). Click [here](#) to see the *Balance Sheet* monthly newsletters.

News from the Anglican Church

- Anglican-Catholic diaconate conference set for May 2018 – click [here](#)
- The Report of the Commission on the Marriage Canon available online [here](#)
- Anglican Journal online [here](#)

Other News:

Stewardship Day

The Diocese of New Westminster presents Stewardship Day: Telling God's Story in Your Parish **Saturday, March 17, 2018 in Vancouver.** With The Rev. Lucy Price, The Ven. Alan Perry, and Susan Graham Walker. [Click here for webpage](#)

Quiet Day:

Associates of SSJD Quiet Day at St. Stephen's, Summerland Saturday, February 17 from 9 am – 3 pm led by Archbishop John Privett. Admission by donation. Bring a bag lunch. For information, call Lee Splett at 250-766-5780

See poster [here](#)

Important dates and deadlines – Bishop's Schedule

February 4	St. Michael's Merritt – parish visit
February 7	St. Paul's Wednesday Eucharist
February 11	St. Paul's Cathedral – parish visit
February 16-17	February Faith Lectures, St. Paul's Cathedral, Kamloops more here
February 18	St. Michael's Merritt – parish visit
February 20	New Ordinates meeting in Ashcroft
February 25	St. George's – parish visit
March 4	St. George's – parish visit
March 4-6	Responsible Investment General Synod Group meeting in Toronto
March 11	Lytton Parishes – parish visit
March 12-15	Council of the North - Toronto
March 15	Deadline: Ministry Fund Grant applications
March 15	Deadline: Annual Reports to TOTP Office
March 17	Regional Deanery meeting – St. John's Quesnel
March 18	Visit in Prince George
March 22	Administration Committee: WebEx 7pm
March 25	Logan Lake – parish visit

United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

At the October meeting of the House of Bishops an opportunity was provided for the UNCSW to share about the Anglican presence. The UNCSW supports the promotion of women's rights and gender equality. This year's UNCSW will take place in New York City 12-23 March, 2018. This year's priority theme is the empowerment of rural women and girls; the review theme addresses media, information, and communication technologies. Access the website [here](#)

April 9-13	National House of Bishops – Niagara Falls, Ontario
April 21-24	National Urban Indigenous Ministry Gathering – Winnipeg Manitoba
April 27-28	Coordinating Council – The Shrine, Cache Creek
April 30	Deadline: Capital Fund applications
May 25-27	Equip, Prince George
June 28	Administration Committee: WebEx 7pm
September 20	Administration Committee: WebEx 7pm
October 15	Deadline: Parish Grant applications
October 15	Deadline: Ministry Fund Grant applications
October 25-30	National House of Bishops, Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island
November 3	Administration Committee In person meeting: Budget 2019
Nov 23-24	Coordinating Council – The Shrine, Cache Creek

2019-July 10-16

General Synod, Vancouver

2020-July 24-Aug 3

Lambeth Conference, England

