

The Territory of the People

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BISHOP'S EASTER MESSAGE:

“Extravagant Love”

All four gospels record a beautiful little story of the anointing of Jesus. Jesus has made a triumphal entry into Jerusalem and is now staying just outside the city at Bethany. While he is at dinner a woman came in, unbidden. She proceeded to break open a jar of costly perfume and pour this over Jesus' head.

Some of the other guests began to murmur about the cost and the waste. Why? this perfume cost enough to feed over five thousand people. And so the other guests begin to scold and berate the woman. Jesus, however, does not see the woman's act quite the same way the disciples do.

“Let her alone. Why upset her so? She has done something very beautiful and loving for me. The poor will always be with you and any time you want to you can do something good for them.”

The reference to the poor here may be found in Deuteronomy 15:11. All good Jews would know of this commandment, “There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be open-handed toward others and toward the poor and needy in your land.”

Be open-handed towards others. This is what the love of God is all about. This is what the passion narrative is all about, it's about open hands

- About having a generous spirit,
- About showing forgiveness without expecting anything in return,
- About giving to others without counting the cost and without considering the worthiness of those to whom you give..

This Holy Week contrasts the extravagance of this woman's deed of love with the extravagance of love shown by Jesus going to the Cross.

Love that is “measured” or “counted” needs to take a long look at itself.

Jesus said that wherever the Gospel was preached in all the world, that this woman's deed would be told in remembrance of her. And so it has been.

We have been given an example of love's extravagance in order to follow it – the example of the woman who anointed Jesus for his burial, and the example of Jesus himself who gave everything he had out of love for us.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy Easter!

+Barbara





Prayers...

- ❖ We pray for Rev Isabel Healy Morrow as she continues her journey of recovery through dialysis and chemo treatments, giving thanks for all who support her.
- ❖ We continue to pray for Jo Lynn Forbes, her daughters Barbara and Wendy and their families as they mourn the sudden death of Bud Forbes. Bud's funeral was a wondrous celebration of his life.
- ❖ We continue to pray for Muslims across our country and around the world in the wake of the massacre of so many faithful Muslims in the midst of their Friday prayers in Christchurch, Aotearoa - New Zealand.
- ❖ We pray for the people of Southern Africa who are still recovering from the devastation caused by cyclone Idai, for all relief workers and aid organizations, especially PWRDF
- ❖ We pray for the Territory Assembly in Quesnel and Barkerville in May/June, for the organization committee and for the people of Barkerville celebrating their 150th anniversary.

Territory News

Deacon's Vocational Event has been postponed due to a lack of registrations at this time. Watch for a new time and place in the Fall.

The Treasurers and Wardens Workshop will be held on **May 4** from 10 – 2 pm at St. Paul's Cathedral, Kamloops. All wardens and treasurers are invited to attend and come with your questions. A separate workshop will be held in the northern deanery at a time and place in the near future – watch this space!

OTHER NEWS

Anglican Journal – subscription confirmation is required from each subscriber [on line](#) or by phone **1-866-333-0959**, or home delivery will be discontinued following the June 2019 issue. For more information click [here](#)

General Synod – will be held July 11-16 in Vancouver. For ongoing updates and news from the Council of General Synod click [here](#). The local arrangements committee for Synod is seeking volunteers for a variety of capacities, assisting with the multitude of supports needed for this assembly. As a volunteer you may attend Synod as an observer, and it will be an interesting assembly with the election of the new Primate. For more information on volunteering and to access the application form, click [here](#).

Respect Justice Camp – August 13-19 in Windsor Ontario. Dioceses across Canada have hosted the Justice Camps which provide an important opportunity for the family of faith to gather and explore important justice-based themes including: Food, Advocacy, Environment, Poverty, Community, Shalom, Land, and International Justice Camps. More information can be found on the Anglican Church of Canada website [here](#), or on the Justice Camp website [here](#).



BISHOP'S SCHEDULE AND IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

April 18	Maundy Thursday Service: St. Paul's Cathedral, Kamloops	May 12	
April 19	Good Friday Service: Logan Lake Fellowship	May 16	Consecration of Bishop, Diocese of Kootenay
April 21	Easter Day: All Saints, Shulus	May 17	BC &Y House of Bishops – Kelowna
April 23	Council of the North	May 19	
April 25-26	Ministry Committee: Williams Lake	May 26	St. Michael's Merritt Parish Visit
April 27	Cariboo Regional Council: Quesnel	May 31 to June 2	Territory Assembly: St. John's Quesnel and Barkerville
April 28	St. John's Quesnel Parish Visit and Special Vestry Meeting	June 3-9	Personal time
April 29	Barkerville visit for Assembly planning	June 15	Lay Ministers of Word and Sacrament Study Day, 100 Mile House
April 30	Deadline: Ministry Fund Grant	June 16	
May 4	Wardens & Treasurers Workshop – TBA	June 23	St. Michael's, Merritt
May 5	St. Paul's Cathedral, Kamloops	June 27	Administration Committee
May 10-11	Coordinating Council at St. Paul's Cathedral, Kamloops	June 30	
		July 7	
		July 10 – 16	General Synod, Vancouver



... and from all of us in the Territory office...