

CALEDONIA CONNECTOR

Serving Anglicans in Northern BC

Upcoming Diocesan Events

Morning Prayer

Monday - Saturday ~ 8 MT

St. Mark's, Dawson Creek
Facebook Page

Mid-day Prayer

Monday - Saturday ~ 12:15 PT

St. Andrew's Cathedral
Facebook Page

Spiritual Journey

Monday - Friday ~ 2ish

Bulkley Valley Anglican
Facebook Group

Compline

Nightly

9:00 pm PT on Facebook

10 pm PT on Vimeo & YouTube

Diocesan Service

Sundays

10:00 am PT on Facebook,
YouTube, and Vimeo



Happy New Year!

by Bishop David Lehmann

For many, 2020 could not end soon enough. It was a year of remarkable struggles, and yet God's grace and love was there too. 2020, for me, taught that I needed to be more flexible. My plans, even short-term ones, were cast aside as the pandemic took shape. This past year will inform the weeks and months to come, and in some profound ways years too.

Order our lives around prayer

One example of this is how lives have been re-ordered around prayer. It was incredible to spend some time with Dean Willis of Canterbury Cathedral and to hear how their online service ministry began and has a time gone viral. More importantly, to hear how prayer has always been



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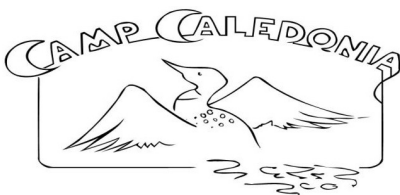
Bishop's Travels

January 21 - 24 ~ Vancouver

The consecration of the new Bishop for the Diocese of New Westminster will take place on January 23, 2021. As there is a limit of 10 people for the service, please watch online and celebrate with the people of New West!

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central to the pilgrims journey at Canterbury and that it's now available online. For we are all pilgrims and our lives need to be ordered in prayer, the Word, and in acts of generosity. 2020 showed us how there are many places online that we can find places to stop, pray, and reflect on God and His saving love.

Look for Blessings

Several years ago, I knew a person who was struggling emotionally and spiritually. As part of her daily routine, she wrote down one thing that she was thankful for that day. At the end of each week, and the year, she looked back and saw that she had much to be thankful for. She was amazed at how this daily act of gratitude reshaped her thinking. Just as the daily habit of prayer and hearing Scripture places God in our day, thanksgiving lets us see tangibly how God is with us. We do not need to look far, at times to see God's hand in our lives, other times we give thanks for the simple things. But by being thankful, we move beyond ourselves.

Be a blessing

2020 challenged us all with reasons to be thankful and a call to be care for those around us. The restrictions that we placed on our communal life was a call to care for others. Masks, canceled gatherings, and limiting ourselves to household bubbles were part of how we were asked to show care and concern. As our medical system is nearing max capacity, we see the need to respect these social conditions. We can be a blessing to others by wearing a mask and not gathering with those outside our households. We can be a blessing by praying for and calling our neighbours. For those who bake, drop off some cookies as a sign of care.

Be kind

As Dr. Henry reminds us, Be Kind. Be kind to yourself as tensions run high. Be kind to those you live with.. Be kind to family, friends, and strangers for we are all in this together. With thanksgiving, prayer, and God's word, we can thrive in this time.

Synod Dates

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic second wave, the Diocesan Executive unanimously moved to postpone Diocesan Synod. The new dates are **April 30th and May 1st in Prince Rupert.** (The change in location allows for effective physical distancing.) Details will follow.

Ruby's Thoughts

For my thoughts are not your thoughts nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
Isaiah 55: 8

Think of someone you know who wants nothing to do with Christ. Their door is closed, period. Now think of someone who professes to believe but acts totally against Christ's teachings. And is proud of it! We are asked to love these people – right? Why would we make the effort, or more simply why should we obey

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer

ALMIGHTY God, who art a strong tower of defence unto thy servants in the time of trouble: We yield thee praise and hearty thanks for our deliverance from the dangers which lately encompassed us [*and for thy gracious gift of peace*]. We confess that it is thy goodness alone that hath preserved us; and we beseech thee still to continue thy mercies towards us, that we may always acknowledge thee as our Saviour and mighty Deliverer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Alternative Services

Our Lord God, we thank you for all your blessings, for life and health, for laughter and fun, for all our powers of mind and body, for our homes and the love of dear ones, for everything that is beautiful, good and true. But above all we thank you for giving your Son to be our Saviour and Friend. May we always find our true happiness in pleasing you and helping others to know and love you, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Good News in difficult days

a welcome and some hope



Council of the North

On January 1st, the Bishop became chair of the Council. This group coordinates the ministry in the northern and remote Diocese. It represents nearly one quarter of the national church's budget. This is for a three year term.

Christ's directive to love our enemies? I think the reason is that we want to be part of the solution and not part of the problem. The best example I see to drive this point home is Paul of Tarsus. He was chosen by God and changed – did a complete about face. The Christians were reluctant to accept him. Why should they. They had heard what he was up to. But God had plans they were not aware of. In our own lives we need to accept that we don't see the whole picture. We are the centre of our own little world and that is a limited view. Humility is very basic to doing God's will. It can clear the way for us to love our enemies.

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Social Media

Please look for the Diocese on

Facebook @dioCaledonia

Vimeo by searching for the Diocese of Caledonia or vimeo.com/user110118524

YouTube Channel - *Diocese of Caledonia*

Special Christmas Eve and Day Services will be shared on all social media platforms.

Tithing Options

One of the concerns expressed is how we can continue to support the mission and ministry of the local congregations. Easy! Either arrange to mail in or drop off post-dated cheques, complete the forms on the Diocesan website for direct debit, or go to CanadaHelps.org or PayPal Charities and donate to your parish or the Diocese. For more information, please contact your parish treasurer.

Restrictions Continued

A late addition! Dr. Bonnie Henry announced on January 7th, that the restriction in place will continue with the addition of only household groups being allowed to seated together in restaurants.

This means that we need to pray for, and order out, to support our local restaurants. And that our ministry will remain online and physically distanced until mid-February. Funerals are permitted with a total of ten (10) people in the church.

Join us for our weekly Sunday services and Virtual Fellowship Hour afterwards. (The Zoom link is uploaded weekly on Facebook prior to the service. Or contact the Synod Office for the link.)