

CALEDONIA CONNECTOR

Serving Anglicans in Northern BC

Upcoming Diocesan Events

Mid-day Prayer

Monday - Saturday ~ 12:15 PT

St. Andrew's Cathedral
Facebook Page

Compline

Nightly

9:00 PT on Facebook

10:00 PT on Vimeo & YouTube

Diocesan Service

Sundays

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

Synod 2021

Is planned for June 18 - 19 in Prince Rupert at St. Andrew's Cathedral. More details to follow.



Celebrating our Moms

by Bishop David Lehmann

Mother's Day is Sunday May 9th this year.

At this time of the year, there is a John Wesley quote I think of, "I learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all the theologians in England." For the majority of my adult life, I have lived some distance from my Mom and my family. This has meant that Mother's Day has required some fore thought or apologies for dropping the ball. Being distanced from my Mom encouraged me think of the Moms that were around me in my parishes over the years. Over the years, I have tried to do something for them. (And yes, I have dropped that ball too.) Forgetfulness aside, all Moms deserve special recognition on Mothers Day.



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Current new items and prayer lists are on our website and Facebook page.



Bishop's Travels

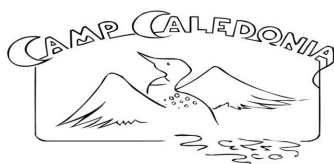
May 2 North Peace Parish

Synod 2021 Dates

Due to the ongoing outbreaks in the Diocese, the Executive are hoping for an in-person Synod on June 18 & 19, 2021 in Prince Rupert.

Camp Caledonia

Due to CoVid-19 pandemic, Camp Cal is closed for 2021 for all rentals and programs.



www.campcaledonia.ca

Thanks

Mother's Day is a great day to give thanks for the women who bore us, raised us, and supported us. This is all the more important if she's still alive. Our consumeristic society will push us to buy and give her stuff. Speaking for my family, stuff is over rated. (Though chocolate and flowers are appreciated.) But is the giving of time, doing the small things that are most important. In a pandemic, Zoom meals and regular calls strengthen bonds and reduce isolation.

Remember

For those who have lost their Moms, it may be helpful to take time to remember her. Share stories about her that have a special meaning. Go to her grave, or other sites, and be aware of the loss and the gift that she was. Do a kindness for a Mom that might be alone. Remember that Mothers Day may not be easy for everyone.

A reminder

Indeed, not everyone had a good relationship with their Mom. Additionally, not all women are Moms. This day may be difficult for some. As we celebrate be sensitive.

"There's no way to be a perfect mother and a million ways to be a good one." - Jill Churchill was so true in saying this. To all the Moms out there, you are great! We and God love you!

A Prayer for Mothers

To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy.

To the Moms who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried.

To the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, to the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fierce.

Ruby's Thoughts

Why do you see the speck in your neighbour's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? *Matthew 7: 3*

In September of 1965 I went to Toronto to try my vocation with the Sisters of St. John the Divine. The Sisters were good to me, but I found out fairly quickly that I did not have a vocation to the religious life. One incident remains in my memory. I was given the job of being a kitchen helper. The cook was a very nice lady who came to the convent each day to work. She told me about her life and I enjoyed her company. One day I got the mistaken idea that I was not needed in the kitchen, so I went into the chapel to pray. I guess I thought that was what I should be doing. One of the sisters came and fetched me saying I was needed in the kitchen. I think that at that particular time it was my "vocation" to be a kitchen helper. If I did not do that

To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.

To those who knew they never wanted kids, and the ways they have contributed to our shared world.

To those who mothered colleagues, mentees, neighbourhood kids, and anyone who needed it.

To those remembering Moms no longer with us.

To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.

Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.

Hannah Kardon, Pastor at Elston Avenue United Methodist Church

Good News in difficult days

some hope

Outdoor Services

The Province of BC has suspended indoor in-person worship, but has permitted outdoor services of up to 50 people with physical distancing. The North Peace Parish has been gathering outside since mid-April. Sometimes this has required blankets! It is an adaptation during this pandemic. Please pray for those suffering from CoVid and for our return to in-person indoor worship!



job no one would. I think that sometimes we don't place enough value on the jobs which we are given to do. We may have the job of listening to someone, or the job of doing the dishes, or the job of fixing a fence, or weeding a garden. If that is our job then at that time that is God's will for us. It is very important to get the right idea about what God wants of us at any given time. If we sort of float loose and think that God does not really care what we do, then we can run into all sorts of trouble. For example, we can become critics – people who notice the speck in our neighbour's eye. I don't see the problem here as one of wrong thinking so much as one of wrong doing. If we are busy doing our own job, we will not have time to make a job of criticizing others. It is all about doing God's will: what is God calling you to do?

Ruby McBeth is a Lay Reader in the North Peace Parish

Stories wanted

If you have a Good News story to share, please email it to admin@caledoniaanglican.ca Please include pictures, if possible!

Social Media

Please look for the Diocese on

Facebook @dioCaledonia

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

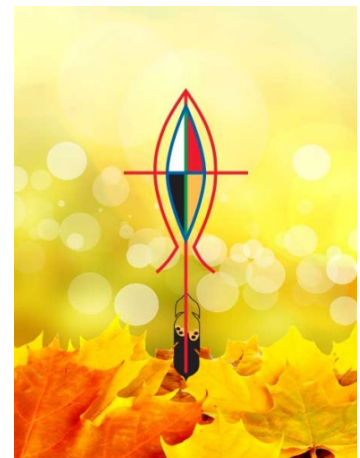
YouTube Channel - *Diocese of Caledonia*

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.

Gospel Based Discipleship

Attached are the Gospel readings for May. Read the Gospel three times asking 1. what words jump out, 2. what is Jesus saying to me, and 3. what is Jesus calling me to do? The Gospel Based Discipleship book may be found at www.anglican.ca



Gospel Based Discipleship—May 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Gospel</u>	<u>Colour</u>
1	St Philip and St James, Apostles	Jn 14:6-14	Red
2	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Jn 15:1-8	White
3	Monday	Jn 14:21-26	White
4	Tuesday	Jn 14:27-31a	White
5	Wednesday	Jn 15:1-8	White
6	St John the Evangelist	Jn 20:1-8	White
7	Friday	Jn 15:12-17	White
8	Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Teacher	Jn 15:18-21	White
9	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Jn 15:9-17	White
10	Rogation Day	Lk 17:11-19	White
11	Rogation Day	Mt 6:25-33	White
12	Rogation Day	Jn 6:25-35	White
13	Ascension of the Lord	Lk 24:44-53	White
14	St Matthias the Apostle	Jn 15:1, 6-16	Red
15	Saturday	Jn 16:23b-28	White
16	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Jn 17:6-19	White
17	Monday	Jn 16:29-33	White
18	Tuesday	Jn 17:1-11a	White
19	Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury	Jn 17:11b-19	White
20	Thursday	Jn 17:20-26	White
21	Friday	Jn 21:15-19	White
22	Saturday	Jn 21:20-25	White
23	The Day of Pentecost	Jn 15:26-27, 16:4b-15	Red
24	Monday	Mk 10:17-27	Green
25	Bede, Priest, Monk of Jarrow	Mk 10:28-31	Green
26	Augustine, First Archbishop of Canterbury	Mk 10:32-45	White
27	John Charles Roper, Archbishop of Ottawa	Mk 10:46-52	Green
28	Friday	Mk 11:11-26	Green
29	Saturday	Mk 11:27-35	Green
30	Trinity Sunday	Jn 3:1-17	White
31	The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth	Lk 1:39-57	White