

CALEDONIA CONNECTOR

Serving Anglicans in Northern BC

Upcoming Diocesan Events

Mid-day Prayer

Monday - Saturday ~ 12 PT

St. Andrew's Cathedral
Facebook Page

Compline

Nightly

9:00 PT on the Diocesan
Facebook page

Diocesan Service

Sundays

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

Ordination

Ken Alton will be ordained a Deacon on Saturday, June 11th at 2 pm St. Andrew's Cathedral. All welcome.

Building Community

by Bishop David Lehmann

So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Acts 2:41

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, the first in-person Easter celebration in 3 years, we have much to rejoice over. Most CoVid restrictions have been lifted, and we are moving into a new phase of life in this pandemic. For me, there is a mix of excitement and concern. Concern as CoVid is here to stay and precautions will become part of our daily life. Our excitement is about building community again.

Over the past two years, this pandemic has left life in a long Lenten season. We were forced out of ordinary life into a time of transition and waiting.

We are moving into a stage of this pandemic with fewer restrictions. For most people, this will be welcome and exciting. We have seen across this country the real struggle of many people with the limits. For others, they have created a new comfort zone. To be clear, we are not returning to life pre-pandemic; that is simply not possible.

As we begin to gather, we must be intentional about two things. First, compassion for all. Compassion for those



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Bishop's Travels

April 3 House of Bishops

April 10 Nass Valley

April 17 Vanderhoof

April 24 Prince Rupert

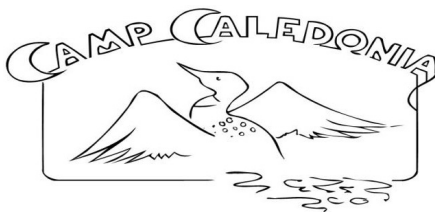
Camp Caledonia

2022 Camps will be

July 11 - 16 ~ Teen

July 18 - 23 ~ Mixed I

July 25 - 30 ~ Mixed II



Check out

www.campcaledonia.ca

for registration forms!

who will want to return to pre-pandemic ways. And compassion for those who will have some hesitancy. As I outlined in my pastoral letter, masks are welcome at church. Electing not to have the wine at communion or sharing the Peace with a simple bow are excellent options. The goal is our second intention, to rebuild community life.

For the past two years, community life has been distant and foreign. There were many creative ways in which community was lived out: we have had parades, outdoor worship, Zoom events, and many phone calls. As we move back to IRL (in real life) gatherings, we have an incredible opportunity to build our communities with health, vitality, and resilience.

The early church started behind closed, locked doors. The Holy Spirit led the disciples out to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ. There is a duality to proclamation - Go and Make Disciples balanced off with Come and See. At this moment, there may be caution about Go and a natural inclination to Come. We want people to come back to church gatherings and take moments to enjoy our common life in our buildings. Healthy communities are the goal of every congregation in the Diocese.

There is good news to share! The root is to be intentional about building community. Finding opportunities to invite people (masked or not) to break bread, share stories, pray, and be siblings in Christ together. Pray for wisdom about being invitational and supportive of those God sends to you.

Let us pray.

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island. We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen.

Book of Alternative Services

Ruby's Thoughts

Keep alert. Stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all you do be done in love. I Cor. 16:13

After Christmas Lorne and I went to Tai Chi classes. One evening the instructor explained that Tai Chi is not so much a martial art for fighting as it is for defending yourself. Tai Chi promotes good balance and strength in your legs. You are taught to be strong but flexible. Our faith contains guidance to make our lives stable—directions that can help us cope when things get rough. Here are a few examples of what I mean taken from our well-known Ten Commandments. If you love God and honour God you will be letting yourself off the hook from trying to solve all the world's problems yourself. If you do not covet, you will allow yourself space to develop as the special person God means you to be. If you give yourself a break once a week, you will have more energy to do your work the

Good News in difficult days

some hope

St. Mark's soup kitchen returns after pandemic closure



St. Mark's soup kitchen coordinator Fiona Lozell (right) with volunteers Thomas Lorincz Bowman (left) and Belinda Trail preparing food. Meals are served at the Anglican church Tuesdays and Thursdays. Photo: Dave Lueneberg

The Mirror, the local Dawson Creek newspaper, covered the re-opening of St. Mark's Soup Kitchen. It is joyous news to hear how the people of the community are being fed and the congregation leading this crucial ministry.

The full article can be found at - www.dawsoncreekmirror.ca

St. Thomas Vancouver supporting Camp Cal

After a recent baptism of a child from Gitwangak, the congregation of St. Thomas in Vancouver reached out to the Diocese in hopes of partnering over Lent. Their goal for this year was to support the work of Camp Caledonia with an emphasis on reconciliation. The Bishop has been invited to be the guest preacher on March 27th.

rest of the week. If you do not steal and do not commit adultery you will allow challenging relationships to become opportunities for growth. You will also learn to trust God. If we stand firm in our faith, and let all we do be done in love we can make it through the chaos of our lives. Give it a try, avoiding the chaos doesn't work.

Ruby McBeth is a Lay Reader in the North Peace Parish

Gospel Based Discipleship

Attached are the Gospel readings for April. 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



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.

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*

Diocesan Employment Opportunity

The Diocese of Caledonia is seeking a permanent, part-time Administrative Assistant in Prince Rupert. The position is 20 hours per week and has benefits. Candidates should have experience with Microsoft Office, Google Docs, Apple Works, and social media. The position includes a variety of tasks with a cross-spectrum of administrative duties to assist the Bishop and the Diocese. If you know of any self-motivated people who would like to be part of our Diocesan team, please contact the Bishop at bishop@caledoniaanglican.ca

Anglican Foundation

The Anglican Foundation Say Yes to Kids campaign starts on April 19th. For more information go to anglicanfoundation.org

Gospel Based Discipleship—April 2022

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Gospel</u>	<u>Colour</u>
1	Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest	Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	Violet
2	Henry Budd, First Canadian Native Priest	Jn 7:40-53	Violet
3	Fifth Sunday in Lent	Jn 12:1-8	Violet
4	Reginald Heber, Bishop of Calcutta	Jn 8:1-11	Violet
5	Memorializing the Covenant	Jn 13:31-34	Violet
6	Wednesday	Jn 8:31-47	Violet
7	Thursday	Jn 8:51-59	Violet
8	Friday	Jn 11:45-57	Violet
9	William Law, Priest & Spiritual Leader	Jn 11:1-14	Violet
10	The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday	Lk 19:28-40	Red
11	Monday of Holy Week	Jn 12:1-11	Red
12	Tuesday of Holy Week	Jn 12:20-36	Red
13	Wednesday of Holy Week	Jn 13:21-32	Red
14	Maundy Thursday	Jn 13:1-17, 31b-35	Red
15	Good Friday	Jn 18:1-19:42	Red
16	Holy Saturday	Mt 27:57-66 or Jn 19:38-42	Red
17	Easter Sunday — <i>Great Vigil</i>	Lk 24:1-12	White
	— <i>during the day</i>	Jn 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8	
	— <i>in the evening</i>	Lk 24:13-49	
18	Monday in Easter Week	Mt 28:8-15	White
19	Tuesday in Easter Week	Jn 20:11-18	White
20	Wednesday in Easter Week	Lk 24:13-35	White
21	Thursday in Easter Week	Lk 24:36b-48	White
22	Friday in Easter Week	Jn 21:1-14	White
23	Saturday in Easter Week	Mk 16:9-15	White
24	Second Sunday of Easter	Jn 20:19-31	White
25	St. Mark the Evangelist	Mk 1:1-15 or 16:15-20	Red
26	Tuesday	Jn 3:7-15	White
27	Wednesday	Jn 3:16-21	White
28	Thursday	Jn 3:31-36	White
29	Catherine of Siena, Reformer and Spiritual Teacher	Jn 6:1-15	White
30	Marie de l'Incarnation, Educator and Spiritual Teacher in New France	Jn 6:16-21	White