Summer 2022

CALEDONIA CONNECTOR

Serving Anglicans in Northern BC

Upcoming Diocesan Events

Prayers @ Mid-day

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

Camp Cal Day

Join us at Camp Cal on July 21st for a day of fun and games! All ages and stages are welcome.

Fare Thee Well

by Bishop David Lehmann

I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans* 8.38–39

June was a heavy month, there was joy but much sorrow too. Shortly after Ken Alton's ordination to the diaconate, the Reverend Canon Clyde (Gary) Davis died. He had been suffering from long haul CoVid. His breathing was compromised and limited his daily activities. While he was not able to be as active in person as he was, he was active online and with limited visitors. Canon Davis was an inspiration to me. How he could hold on to his faith after surviving residential school and how he could share that faith from his Nisga'a culture was profound for me.

A few days after Canon Davis died, the Reverend Roy Andrews died in Prince George. The Reverends Roy and Gwen were in the process of moving back to Newfoundland at the time of his death. Rev'd Roy was a talented musician and gifted pastor. He started his ministry in Caledonia when most people would have retired and taken to daily fishing. His level headed and manner of fact way always impressed me.



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Bishop's Travels

July 3 Stewart July 7 -9 Come Away Days July 10 Hazelton July 17 Nass July 21 - Aug 11 Lambeth August 14 Nass August 21 Prince Rupert August 28 North Peace

Camp Caledonia

2022 Camps are cancelled due to staffing issues.



July 21st - Camp Cal Day

Details at

www.campcaledonia.ca

Both of these men of God had retired from active ministry, but were still pillars of strength and wisdom for their congregations and families. Both have left very different and yet similar holes in the life of their congregations, communities and families. I will miss them both very much.

Media vita in morte sumus (latin for "in the midst of life we are in death".) This 13th century chant has been popularized of late, speaking to the reality that death does surround us as we live. The death of loved ones is the most painful loss we can experience. Yet, in the midst of death we are in life. Jesus's resurrection proves that we hope. By the power of the Holy Spirit we have the strength to trust in that hope and meet the needs of each day.

There are many ancient customs and practices that help us through times of bereavement. Within Judaism, the practice of saying the Kaddish daily for a year is one such practice. My version of this practice is to say the Te Deum. The intention of the practice is to lift the person from the sadness of loss by praising God, the source of life. I've attached a copy and invite you to join me in this practice and to look frequently to God's grace and love as we move through these difficult days.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We praise and magnify thy holy Name for all thy servants who have finished their course and kept the faith; we pray that we with all those that are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Book of Common Prayer, 1962*)

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Ruby's Thoughts

Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, ... Even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God. (Psalm 123:2a & 3a)

During the pandemic I attended a Zoom coffee group for women. I found the companionship relaxing helping to make me feel more normal. During that time, I also found community in the Bible – a special community: a community of saints. One reason I say that is that Christians all over the world meet those same saints in the pages of the Bible. While other Christians may not know my local "band of pilgrims" they have met the people of the Bible. The saints in the Bible are a community with God at the center. "As the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters... Even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God" says the psalmist. In the Bible I meet again and again women who are not perfect but who serve God. Take Martha for example.

Good News in difficult days

some hope

The Reverend Ken Alton ordained a deacon!



Photo by K-J Millar

Ken Alton from the Bulkley Valley Parish was ordained on Saturday, June 11th - the Feast of St. Barnabas to the diaconate. It has been a long journey for him and the parish. It was a joyous celebration for them and the whole of the Diocese.

Camp Caledonia prepped and waiting



This spring there was much hope and excitement about Camp Caledonia re-opening. Alas, staffing shortages prevented our summer camps from happening. Still a group of volunteers prepared the camp for use. (Without these hard workers, we'd be hooped!) Rentals are booking up! **Come Away Days** will be July 7-9. Contact the Bishop for more

information. PLUS, **Camp Cal Day** on July 21st from 9 am to 8 pm is open for everyone. Come out and have some fun. Email <u>campcaledonia@gmail.com</u> for more details.

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She is organized and wants to organize others. She runs into trouble organizing her sister Mary. How very human. Like me, Martha is a servant of Jesus, but human. The story tells me that Jesus understands and loves Martha, Mary and me. Thank God for the Bible which gives hope, comfort, challenge, community and peace drawing me closer to God and my neighbour.

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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

Pilgrims and Rest Days



The Diocese of Caledonia, in partnership with the Social Ecological Justice committee of the Ecclesiastical Province of BC & Yukon, had the first pilgrimage of the season on June 25th. The group of

pilgrims grew over the day. Community was formed. And God's love was experienced through this community. A second is planned for July 9th as the end of the Come Away Days. Thank you to all the leaders and participants for June! Consider joining us on July 9th as we walk out in faith.

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 <u>CanadaHelps.org</u> 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 July. 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 — July 2022

Date	Day	Gospel	Colour
1	Friday	Mt 9:9-13	Green
2	Saturday	Mt 9:14-17	Green
3	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Lk 10:1-11, 16-20	Green
4	Saint Thomas the Apostle	Jn 20:24-29	Red
5	Tuesday	Mt 9:32-38	Green
6	Thomas More, Lawyer	Mt 10:1-7	Green
7	Thursday	Mt 10:7-15	Green
8	Friday	Mt 10:16-23	Green
9	Saturday	Mt 10:24-33	Green
10	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Lk 10:25-37	Green
11	Benedict of Nursia, Abbot	Mt 10:34—11:1	White
12	Tuesday	Mt 11:20-24	Green
13	Henry, Missionary Bishop in Finland	Mt 11:25-27	Green
14	Thursday	Mt 11:28-30	Green
15	Friday	Mt 12:1-8	Green
16	Saturday	Mt 12:14-21	Green
17	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Lk 10:38-42	Green
18	Monday	Mt 12:38-42	Green
19	Tuesday	Mt 12:46-50	Green
20	Wednesday	Mt 13:1-9	Green
21	Thursday	Mt 13:10-17	Green
22	St Mary Magdalene	Jn 20:1-3, 11-18	White
23	Saturday	Mt 13:24-30	Green
24	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	Lk 11:1-13	Green
25	St James the Apostle	Mt 20:20-28	Red
26	Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mt 13:36-43	Green
27	Wednesday	Mt 13:44-46	Green
28	Thursday	Mt 13:47-53	Green
29	William Wilberforce, Social Reformer	Mt 13:54-58	Green
30	Saturday	Mt 14:1-12	Green
31	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Lk 12:13-21	Green