

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

ACW Annual

Mark your calendars for
Saturday, April 29th as the
one day Annual in Terrace.
More details to follow.

Glory to Glory by way of ashes

by Bishop David Lehmann

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Psalm 95.7-8

Recently I saw a social media post that was critical of the notion that the season of Epiphany winds down. While I doubt social media is the best space for nuanced theological and liturgical conversations, it is an incredible space to highlight the need for further exploration. (It's like the text asking for a meeting.).

Epiphany starts with the revelation of the birth of the Messiah to the Magi. It ends with the Transfiguration of our Lord. Sandwiched between these two remarkable events are repeated reminders of the glory of Christ and his manifestation to the world. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to look to his life for inspiration and hope. It is through his death and resurrection that we have eternal life.

So, I would not say that a season of the church calendar winds down. My experience is that Epiphany winds up to the Transfiguration before slapping us with the harsh reality of Ash Wednesday. Seeing the glory of Jesus on Sunday and being told that we are "dust, and to dust shall we return" on



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Bishop's Travels

The Bishop will be in residence at St. Mark's, Dawson Creek until March 14th. The Synod Office will be open and he will spend his mornings on Diocesan business and the parish in the afternoons and evenings.

March 15 Vanderhoof

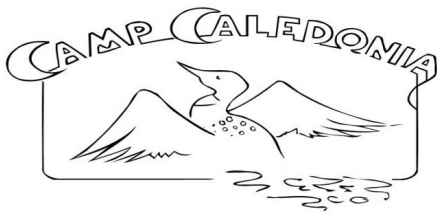
March 18 Smithers

March 19 Hazelton

March 26 Nass Valley

Camp Caledonia

2023 Camps are being planned!



Details at

www.campcaledonia.ca

Wednesday places life into context.

We cannot earn our salvation or buy it. It is simply a gift from a loving God. It is how we receive this gift is telling. Living in a culture that places high value on consumerism, modelling values of generosity, patience, and love are important. We find strength to live into these values by reading Scripture, praying, gathering with other believers, and partaking in the Sacraments.

With Lent approaching, what holy habits are you being called to cultivate? I remember as a teenager the pride of not slipping up through Lent and having any junk food. Looking back, I am embarrassed as how I missed the point and made that journey about me and my personal strength. It wasn't about needing to lean into Jesus for strength and encouragement. Now, I ask Christ to show me in what areas can I grow closer and what practices would help with that. May God inspire you through these days to draw closer and know that his glory is ours and while we are dust, there is glory beyond the grave.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who on the holy mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses thy well-beloved Son wonderfully transfigured: Mercifully grant unto us such a vision of his divine majesty, that we, being purified and strengthened by thy grace, may be transformed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(BCP - Collect for the Transfiguration of our Lord)

Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(BAS - Collect for Ash Wednesday)

Ruby's Thoughts

"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." (Hebrews 4:16 NIV)

My drum instructor often says "don't overthink it." This is when I am worrying about every little detail of a drum score and so getting bogged down. While I know I have much to learn, dwelling on my errors does not help me to improve. The same can apply to our lives generally. When we approach the throne of God we do not approach as innocents, yet we can approach with the confidence of the innocent. That is because Jesus has taken our sin on himself. We need not waste time defending ourselves before God. God knows the worst - as well as the best- about us. We need only to keep focussed on the cross. If someone accuses you or if you are overthinking your life, sing to yourself: "My hope is built on nothing less

Good News in difficult days

Primate to visit Caledonia



The Primate, the Most Reverend Linda Nicholls will be visiting Caledonia for the Easter weekend.

Details are being finalized, but the rough plan is

April 6 - Maundy Thursday - Prince Rupert

April 7 - Good Friday - Port Edward, Terrace, and Hazelton

April 8 - Holy Saturday - Bulkley Valley

April 9 - Easter Day - Nass Valley

Priesting of the Reverend Ken Alton

On Saturday, March 18th, the feast of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, the Diocese will gather at St. James in Smithers for the ordination of the Reverend Ken Alton to the priesthood. We encourage people from across the Diocese to attend! For clergy the colour is red.



than Jesus' blood and righteousness." That will see you through. And pray for those who persecute you. That is another way of focussing on Jesus and overcoming fear. You know you are not sinless, so make a habit of saying "I'm sorry." Saying sorry can be a beginning – providing a crack to let humility sneak into your life – your renewed and happier life. With God's help you can become a blessing to those around you.

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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*

Camp Caledonia



Some Henchcliffe family members were out at Camp Cal in Henchcliffe Hall to help paint benches for the dining hall. Henchcliffe Hall is named after their grandparents who donated the farm that became Camp Caledonia!

Gospel Based Discipleship

Attached are the Gospel readings for February. 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

