

# 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.

## Suffering and Faith

by Bishop David Lehmann

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. *Luke 4:1-2*

The season of Lent commences on Ash Wednesday. A day when we are invited to contemplate the frailty and uncertainty of life, alongside what it means to be a broken person living in a broken world. It is not an easy day, though it is one that I have appreciated since coming to faith.

There is much comfort in knowing that Jesus faced temptations and trials. To learn that in the Garden of Gethsemane, he could have easily walked into the shadows and avoided the torture and torment of Good Friday was profound for me. Jesus chose the path of suffering, so that I could have hope and eternal life.

I was talking with a person who is considering baptism and becoming a disciple of Jesus. One question I was asked was, "will life be perfect once I baptized?" I smiled and said, "So Jesus was tempted, beaten, and killed. I pray that won't be



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## Bishop's Travels

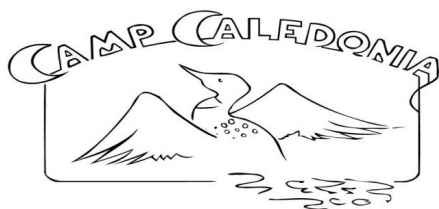
March 5 Dawson Creek  
 March 12 Dawson Creek  
 March 15 Vanderhoof  
 March 18 Smithers  
 March 19 Hazelton  
 March 26 Nass Valley

## Camp Caledonia

2023 Camps are being  
 planned!

Details at

[www.campcaledonia.ca](http://www.campcaledonia.ca)



your story too. But faith doesn't take away the struggle, rather it gives it meaning." I am deeply aware that there are martyrs being made every day for our Lord. The life we live has its struggles and God is there with us through it all.

Being a Christian doesn't mean that we avoid the pains of life. Being a Christian means that we have a saviour who experienced it all too. The prophet Isaiah spoke of the Suffering Servant and we see him as Jesus. Suffering is part of living as a broken person in a broken world.

This sounds like a serious downer, but I find in admitting that I broken and the world are broken, then I can then turn more honestly and authentically to Christ for healing and hope. Just as I need Jesus, so does the world and more tangibly our community. I see despair and need all around me. While I cannot fix much, I do know that Christ can make all things new.

I invite you to bring your wounds and concerns to Jesus. Pray for yourself, your family and friends. Pray for your congregation, community, and church too. Take time to give thanks that you are not alone in your suffering and that God's loves you and everyone!

*Let us pray.*

O LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

*(BCP - Collect for the First Sunday in Lent)*

O God, you delight not in pomp and show, but in a humble and contrite heart. Overturn our love of worldly possessions and fix our hearts more firmly on you, so that, having nothing, we may yet possess everything, a treasure stored up for us in heaven. Amen.

*(Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt. )*

## Ruby's Thoughts

*"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

*(Matthew 6: 19-21 NIV)*

In the middle of February my daughter Joyce came home for my birthday. We had a wonderful family time with 2 daughters and six grandchildren making the house bustle. Because they were all family I just relaxed. My family knows me well and accepts me as I am. This reaction of mine is in contrast to when I am with a group of strangers. Then I feel awkward and unsure of myself. After such a meeting I worry about what I have said, and I don't feel peaceful. Jesus had some advice for helping us feel peaceful. He advised us

## Good News in difficult days

*PWRDF responds to crisis and faith formation*

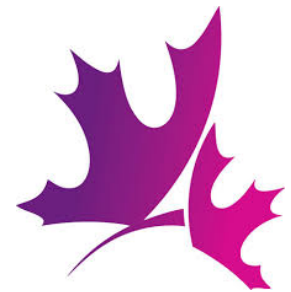


The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund does some incredible work for the Anglican Church of Canada. Through it, we all can respond to global crises. When there is great need, such as the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria or the war in Ukraine, the PWRDF and partners are there to relieve suffering. Additionally, there are

development projects in Canada and further afield that grow healthy and vibrant communities. They also have incredible Lenten devotionals that can be emailed to you daily. For more information goto [www.pwrdf.org](http://www.pwrdf.org)

### *Anglican Foundation of Canada*

Every parish in the Diocese of Caledonia is a member of the Anglican Foundation. This national charity assists in the life of local congregations with grants for buildings and ministry. The rules have changed for the grants this year. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Hunt (our Diocesan Rep), the Bishop, or goto [www.anglicanfoundation.org](http://www.anglicanfoundation.org)



### *Upcoming Diocesan Events*

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.

to be private about some of our actions: “when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.” Keeping private, Jesus said, gives you treasure in heaven. Build up a treasure chest of secrets between you and God. The more good secrets you share only with God the more peace you will have. Of course, there are times when we need to be with many people who are not family to us. When that happened to Jesus, he would take time afterwards to be alone and pray. This secret prayer time with God helped Jesus and can help us. Although I need this quiet time desperately, I am not good on my own at using quiet prayer time. But I have had help. During COVID, Sr. Doreen of the Anglican Sisters of St. John the Divine started doing quiet days. These put me back on track. There is no disgrace in getting help when you need it.

*Ruby McBeth is a retired Lay Reader in the North Peace Parish*

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

Please join us in welcoming her!

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

### *St. Mark's Food Bank and Soup Kitchen*



The congregation of St. Mark's celebrated and thank the volunteers for the Food Bank and Soup Kitchen recently. It was a lovely evening of fellowship and thanksgiving. The Soup Kitchen is feeding over a hundred people weekly, on Tuesdays and Thursday. While the Food Bank is struggling to meet the needs of

everyone coming to receive a hamper. There is an incredible amount of generosity and support from the community

### **Gospel Based Discipleship**

Attached are the Gospel readings for March. 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](http://www.anglican.ca)

