

# 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**

#### Diocesan Synod

**Mark your calendars for  
Thursday, September 14 to  
Saturday, September 16! We  
will gather at the Cathedral.**

### Summer Vibe

*by Bishop David Lehmann*

You have fixed all the bounds of the earth; you made summer and winter.

*Psalm 74:17*

Summertime is an awesome time of the year. There is a different pace to life. There is life and vitality around us. It is a gift of God and part of the natural order of creation.

As the academic year ends and summer breaks begin a noticeable change is taking place in our communities. Programs conclude or go on hiatus. The regular flow of life dips slightly. (Attendance in church for example!) It is a blessing to have this time of transition and change.

For some transition and change brings fear and anxiety. The familiar holds much comfort and power. Summer disrupts the stability of life, in some ways. Or it gives an opportunity to view life from a larger scale. A few years ago I was spending time with a family whose first-born child had finished Kindergarten could not understand why there was no school for weeks! Enjoying the first summer break took awhile, but a new normal was established. A normal that would exist for the next 12+ years. An element of perspective is required during times of transition.

We live surrounded by a large forests. Parts of the Diocese are blessed with much rain, while others not so. There are



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## Bishop's Travels

June 26 - July 6 General  
Synod (Calgary)

July 9 Nass Valley

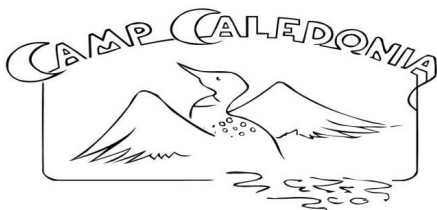
July 14-17 Haida Gwaii

July 23 Terrace & Kitimat

July 30 Terrace & Kitimat

## Camp Caledonia

Summer Camps cancelled  
for 2023 - due to staff  
shortage.



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communities in the diocese that are presently evacuated due to wildfires. Summer is a time of some anxiety and fear with the reality that forests need to burn to be renewed. This adds anxiety for those under threat of fire, and an opportunity for others to live out hospitality for evacuees.

One thing I love about summer, is the opportunity to slow down and connect with neighbours. People are outside enjoying these longer days and conversations across driveways and fences grow into deeper fellowship. And then there's the adventure of summer vacations and meeting friends and family - old and new!

Another aspect of summer is reflected in the world around us. Things are growing. Life is flourishing. It is the time to prepare for the harvest. Whether it be on a farm, or in a garden, or spiritually, this is the season to plan for it. Looking at the needs of the community and discerning God's call to respond to these needs.

The summer is a short season in northern BC. God blesses us with time to pause and rest in this time of growth. Looking forward to the fall, we can take time to discern God's leading for those days. And take a rest too!

*May we pray.*

God whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go, preserve those who travel (in particular . . . ); surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord.. Amen.

(BAS.)

O GOD, heavenly Father, who through thy Son Jesus Christ hast promised to them that seek first thy kingdom and righteousness all things necessary to their bodily sustenance: Send us, we beseech thee, such seasonable weather that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort and to thy honour; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(BCP)

## Ruby's Thoughts

*"Whoever is not against us is for us." (Mark 9:40 NIV)*

I am a lifelong Anglican, and I have too often seen the Anglican Church as being in competition with other denominations. This was brought home to me several years ago in a simple way. A friend from another church said she had some things to donate to our church garage sale. Rather than being thankful, my first reaction was to be puzzled or even shocked that someone from another church would want to help us out. This was not "in synch" with my way of viewing churches. It was a much kinder way than mine and her generosity shamed me.

Our Lord means us to love our brothers and sisters in Christ. As a start in changing my attitude I am looking at other denominations and asking "how are they serving God?" Some groups have graced believers with wonderful new hymns, others have set an example of helping the poor. Still

## Good News in difficult days

### *Love and Grace*



On Saturday, May 20th a small congregation gathered at Holy Trinity - Vanderhoof for a joyous celebration. Art and Angie were joined in Holy Matrimony. While they live in Thunder Bay, Angie's Mom and some family live in Vanderhoof. It made for a lovely gathering on the

long weekend and a surprise to some how were in town for a quick visit.

### *The promise of summer?!*

While many in the diocese of coping with fires and floods, Camp Caledonia is a little cool! This picture, taken by the Reverend Ken Alton on May 31st, shows how cold it is still at night. There is ice on these dandelions. Please pray for those affected by fires and floods, and for those who care for them.



### *Sacred Circle*

A historic gathering of Canadian Indigenous Anglicans started on May 29th in Orillia, Ontario. The 11th Sacred Circle opened with the lighting of the sacred fire. This fire is maintained throughout the gathering and is a sacred space for delegates to gather and be present with one another as the meetings progress.

others have encouraged preachers and missionaries. Others focus on the environment and human rights - especially the right to life. We do not all have the same gifts but they are all God given. I pray that I will grow in appreciation of the service of my Christian brothers and sisters. Pray with me that “they will know we are Christians by our love.”

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

## Social Media

Please look for the Diocese on Facebook @dioCaledonia

Vimeo by searching for the Diocese of Caledonia or [vimeo.com/user110118524](https://vimeo.com/user110118524)

YouTube Channel - *Diocese of Caledonia*

The opening Eucharist included the installation of the new National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, Chris Harper.

The Anglican Journal quoted him saying, “The gathering marks a culmination of steps towards self-determination going back to the 1994 Covenant, the establishment of the office of national Indigenous Anglican bishop in 2007, and multiple drafts and rewrites of the Covenant and Our Way of Life.” The work of this Sacred Circle is to finalize the Covenant and Our Way of Life. These are the canons and policies for Sacred Circle - the self determining Indigenous Anglican Church.

Caledonia is well represented at Sacred Circle by Canon Lily Bell, Freeman Bell, Willard Martin, Caroline Martin, Harry Martin, Kathy Martin, and Tal Robinson.



## 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](http://www.anglican.ca)





## Gospel Based Discipleship—July 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Gospel</u>	<u>Colour</u>
1	Saturday	Mt 8:5-17	Green
2	<b>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Mt 10:40-42</b>	<b>Green</b>
3	<b>Saint Thomas the Apostle</b>	Jn 20:24-29	Red
4	Tuesday	Mt 8:23-27	Green
5	Wednesday	Mt 8:28-34	Green
6	Thursday	Mt 9:1-8	Green
7	Friday	Mt 9:9-13	Green
8	Saturday	Mt 9:14-17	Green
9	<b>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Mt 11:16-19, 25-30</b>	<b>Green</b>
10	Monday	Mt 9:18-26	Green
11	Benedict of Nursia, Abbot	Jn 15:12-17	White
12	Wednesday	Mt 10:1-7	Green
13	Thursday	Mt 10:7-15	Green
14	Friday	Mt 10:16-23	Green
15	Saturday	Mt 10:24-33	Green
16	<b>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Mt 13:1-9, 18-23</b>	<b>Green</b>
17	Monday	Mt 10:34—11:1	Green
18	Tuesday	Mt 11:20-24	Green
19	Wednesday	Mt 11:25-27	Green
20	Thursday	Mt 11:28-30	Green
21	Friday	Mt 12:1-8	Green
22	<b>Saint Mary Magdalene</b>	<b>Jn 20:1-3, 11-18</b>	<b>White</b>
23	<b>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Mt 13:24-30, 36-43</b>	<b>Green</b>
24	Monday	Mt 12:38-42	Green
25	<b>Saint James the Apostle</b>	<b>Mt 20:20-28</b>	<b>Red</b>
26	Wednesday	Mt 13:1-9	Green
27	Thursday	Mt 13:10-17	Green
28	Friday	Mt 13:18-23	Green
29	Saturday	Mt 13:24-30	Green
30	<b>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Mt 13:31-33, 44-52</b>	<b>Green</b>
31	Monday	Mt 13:31-35	Green

## Gospel Based Discipleship—August 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Gospel</u>	<u>Colour</u>
1	Tuesday	Mt 13:36-43	Green
2	Wednesday	Mt 13:44-46	Green
3	<b>Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr</b>	Mt 23:34-39	Red
4	Friday	Mt 13:54-58	Green
5	Saturday	Mt 14:1-12	Green
6	<b>The Transfiguration of the Lord</b>	<b>Lk 9:28-36</b>	<b>White</b>
7	Monday	Mt 14:22-36	Green
8	Tuesday	Mt 15:1-2, 10-14	Green
9	Wednesday	Mt 15:21-28	Green
10	Thursday	Mt 16:13-23	Green
11	Friday	Mt 16:24-28	Green
12	Saturday	Mt 17:14-20	Green
13	<b>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Mt 14:22-33</b>	<b>Green</b>
14	Monday	Mt 17:22-27	Green
15	<b>Saint Mary the Virgin</b>	<b>Lk 1:46-55</b>	<b>White</b>
16	Wednesday	Mt 18:15-20	Green
17	Thursday	Mt 18:21—19:1	Green
18	Friday	Mt 19:3-12	Green
19	Saturday	Mt 19:13-15	Green
20	<b>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Mt 15:(10-20), 21-28</b>	<b>Green</b>
21	Monday	Mt 19:16-22	Green
22	Tuesday	Mt 19:23-30	White
23	Wednesday	Mt 20:1-16a	Green
24	<b>Saint Bartholomew the Apostle</b>	<b>Lk 22:24-30</b>	<b>Red</b>
25	Friday	Mt 22:34-40	Green
26	Saturday	Mt 23:1-12	Green
27	<b>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Mt 16:13-20</b>	<b>Green</b>
28	Monday	Mt 23:13-22	Green
29	<b>The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist</b>	<b>Mk 6:17-29</b>	<b>Red</b>
30	Wednesday	Mt 23:27-32	Green
31	Thursday	Mt 24:42-51	Green