

# The Territory of the People

Anglican Church of Canada

## Bishop's Bulletin

27 February 2018

*"The Territory of the People walk together with all God's people, journeying into a new creation, and trusting with faith and courage in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We love as Jesus loves, living with integrity and openness, and are committed stewards of God's world."*

### Bishop's Message

Wear Pink against Bullying and other things....

Tomorrow, February 28<sup>th</sup> is Anti-Bullying day in Canada and we are encouraged to wear Pink as one way of drawing attention to the bullying that takes place within our families, our communities, on line, and within our churches. Wearing pink is meant to help us pause for a moment and reflect on our own actions that may cause others to think that our behaviour is not beyond reproach, and to give us the courage to speak up when others are doing the bullying within our presence. Wear Pink on February 28<sup>th</sup> and send a message to all in our surroundings that we will not stand for bullying.



Annual General Meetings should now be complete in all parishes and I trust these have been a blessed time of looking back at your ministry over the past year and envisioning new possibilities for the future ministry within your communities. It has interested me this year the number of times I have been asked the question - Who is an Anglican? I am inviting you to help me answer this important question by sending me your response to this question. It will make an interesting conversation for our website.

The November 2017 Coordinating Council passed a motion to change the deadline for application to the Ministry Fund to twice a year. The new spring deadline is now March 15 and the fall is October 15, I trust there will be many creative new initiatives coming to the office before these deadlines.

As we move through the weeks of Lent to the celebration of Palm Sunday, and beyond to Holy Week, let us all find time to read, retell and enter into in a deeper way this holy time of the church year. May your Lent and Holy Week activities bring you into a deeper relationship to the Risen Lord!

Blessings,

+Barbara

**# pinkshirtday**

Wednesday, February 28

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

### Please pray for:

- ❖ The Rev Isabel Healy Morrow and her family at this time of illness
- ❖ St. George's parish and those who give leadership during this time of concern for their priest
- ❖ Lytton and Scw'exmx parishes as they begin the search process for a new spiritual leader
- ❖ Sandra Sugden and family as they mourn the death of Tom
- ❖ Archbishop Fred Hiltz and Metropolitan John Privett as they prepare for retirement

### News from the Anglican Church

- Anglican-Catholic diaconate conference set for May 2018 – click [here](#)
- The Report of the Commission on the Marriage Canon available online [here](#)
- Anglican Journal online [here](#)

### Other News:

#### ► Stewardship Day

The Diocese of New Westminster presents Stewardship Day: Telling God's Story in Your Parish **Saturday, March 17, 2018 in Vancouver.** With The Rev. Lucy Price, The Ven. Alan Perry, and Susan Graham Walker. Click [here](#) for webpage

#### ► Sermon Preparation Resource

**Wycliffe College** is offering a new sermon preparation resource for clergy and laity free of charge from their website: a weekly podcast on the Revised Common Lectionary readings by the Rev. Dr. Christopher Setz. Click [here](#) to access the website

#### ► Church Websites

Church OS (now called *Ascend*) has been working with Anglican churches since 2010 and has a special offer of 50% off the set up fee. Click [here](#) to see more.

### Handy Links:

**Resources for Lent** continue to be available on the Anglican Church of Canada website [here](#)

#### I Have Called You Friends

- The Society of Saint John the Evangelist is offering a 2018 Lenten video series – “Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John” which some parishes may consider accessing. Through this resource, specific passages will be explored from John's gospel, and this very personal account of the life of Jesus will be considered through meditation, questions and reflections from the brothers of SSJE. For more information [click here](#).

Book of Alternative Services: click [here](#)

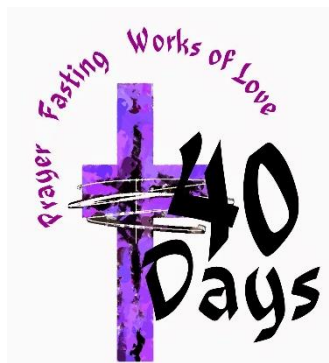
Common Praise online: click [here](#)

Territory of the People website: click [here](#)

2018 Calendar of Intercessions Prayer Cycle: click [here](#)

Pilgrim Paths: labyrinth prayer walks accompanying the church year of prayer, feasts and celebrations. Volumes One and Two in pdf format. More information [here](#)

Employee Assistance Program (Lifeworks). Click [here](#) to see the *Balance Sheet* monthly newsletters.



► **Urban Indigenous Ministry Gathering**

At St. Benedict's Retreat in Winnipeg, April 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The purpose of the Gathering is to provide resources, support, encouragement and mutual sharing amongst Urban Indigenous Ministry practitioners and those who are in supportive roles with them.

► **Pathways to Generosity Conference**

The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) conference taking place **April 3-5** in Dallas, Texas. Keynote Speaker the Rev. Eric Law is one of the Episcopal Church's leaders in stewardship and generosity. For more information and to register for the conference, click [here](#).

► **National Worship Conference – “Responding to Disaster”**

Will be held **July 16-19** in Victoria, BC. The conference reflects the vital role worship plays in times of local, regional and national crises to provide comfort and support for people in communities where we serve. The conference will equip participants with resources and ideas centred around prayer, song and presence to provide solace and healing in the aftermath of disaster. Click [here](#) for more information. The Territory has some funds available to supplement expenses for participants to attend. Please send your request to Bishop Barbara: [apcibishop@shaw.ca](mailto:apcibishop@shaw.ca)

► **Companions Program – God's Rhythm**

This September, 2018, the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine will begin the third year of their still-new Companions program. It is a FREE opportunity for women aged 21 and up to spend a year living alongside the Sisters – building community, learning from a healthy traditional community, and developing spiritual disciplines they can take out into their future lives. Visit the website [here](#).

**Important dates and deadlines – Bishop's Schedule**

March 4	St. George's – parish visit	March 22	Administration Committee: WebEx
March 4-6	Responsible Investment General Synod Group meeting in Toronto		7pm
March 11	Lytton Parishes – parish visit	March 25	Logan Lake – parish visit
March 12-15	Council of the North – Toronto	March 29	St. Paul's Cathedral – Holy Thursday
<b>March 13-15</b>	<b>Territory Office closed – Margaret away, Bishop off to Prince George</b>	March 30	St. Peter's Monte Creek – Good Friday
March 14-19	Prince George visit	<b>March 30 – April 4</b>	<b>Territory office closed for Easter</b>
March 15 – April 25	Territory Finance Officer away	April 1	Scw'exmx – Easter Service
March 15	Deadline: Ministry Fund Grant applications	April 8	St. George's, Kamloops – parish visit
March 15	Deadline: Annual Reports to TOTP Office	April 9-13	National House of Bishops – Niagara Falls, Ontario
March 17	Regional Deanery meeting – St. John's Quesnel	April 21-24	National Urban Indigenous Ministry Gathering – Winnipeg Manitoba
March 18	St. John's Quesnel - Parish visit	April 24-25	Small Diocese meeting
March 19	Prince George	April 27-28	Coordinating Council – The Shrine, Cache Creek
		April 30	Deadline: Capital Fund applications

