

A Message from Bishop Lincoln...

I never really liked the idea of “giving up” something for Lent.... I know it can be a healthy form of self-denial to bring us closer to Christ, and it works as a discipline for a lot of people. For me, I found that, once Easter came, it was a celebration of having the things I otherwise denied myself, a relief to be finished, not a celebration of faith.

Instead of self-denial, I decided to take on something more! More reading, different prayer disciplines. This I personally found to be more faith developing because it challenged me more.

Regardless of what form of discipline we take, Lent really ought to be transformative for us, for the disciplines we choose can continue beyond this season.

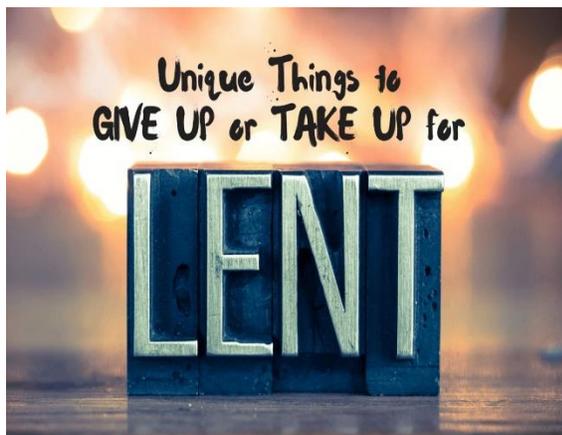
How can we feed our souls more?

If it is self-denial to bring us into a deeper spiritual place, that’s wonderful. If it is more or different prayers, that too is wonderful. The only problem we run into is if we refuse to grow.

Participate however you can in our Lenten traditions!

God will always use our faith to change us into reflections of the divine Glory.

+*Lincoln*



A Lenten Prayer:

Come, all who are thirsty
says Jesus, our Lord,
come, all who are weak,
taste the living water
that I shall give.
Dip your hands in the stream,
refresh body and soul,
drink from it,
depend on it,
for this water
will never run dry.
Come, all who are thirsty
says Jesus, our Lord.

[FaithandWorship.com/prayers_Lent]

Prayer Corner



- * We pray for our parishes and congregations during this time of uncertainty, change and anxiety, as the Covid-19 Pandemic continues to affect our lives; and especially for those living alone
- * We pray for Bishop Lincoln, his wife Tanya, and their son Gavin
- * We pray for Pastoral Elder Ursula Drynock as she continues her recovery, praying also for Richard
- * We pray for the Rev Canon Isabel Healy Morrow as she continues her journey of recovery, giving thanks for her ministry to St. Michael's Merritt, and all who support her
- * We pray for Dwight, his wife Islay and their family
- * We pray for the Rev Canon Beth Marie Murphy as she continues her recovery
- * We pray for the Lillooet Shared Ministry in their search for new ministry leadership
- * We pray for St. Michael's and All Angels Prince George, Grace Church Prince George and St. John the Divine, Quesnel as they continue to search for new ministry leadership
- * We pray for all who are confined by illness, especially those with Covid, praying they may find peace and strength in the love and care they receive from others
- * We pray for the families of all who have died during the Covid pandemic, and for whom no funeral has been able to take place – with special prayer intention for the repose of their souls.
- * We pray for all those without the security, safety and comfort of a home, or economic stability
- * We pray for those with anxiety and stress concerning personal economic situations
- * Jim and Margaret Mitchell offer heartfelt thanks to everyone for their gifts of love, prayers, food, cards, emails and texts during their recent bout of Covid-19. We are so thankful we recovered!

HANDY LINKS:

Anglican Church of Canada
Anglican Journal
Anglican Foundation
Book of Alternative Services
Common Praise online

Calendar of Intercessions Prayer Cycle – January to March 2021
Employee Assistance Program - Lifeworks
Pastoral Visitor – Jan/Feb 2021
PWRDF
Territory of the People website

Territory News:

- ∞ **COVID-19: Update** - from the BC Centre for Disease Control and the Provincial Health Officer - Dr. Henry continues the current restrictions on gatherings and Events - including Churches and in-person worship. And so we continue as we are until the Province gives us a further update. Let us be gentle with ourselves and each other in these times and may Christ bless us all with patience to get through these days.
- ∞ **Anglican Fellowship of Prayer** - has been a part of our Territory for the last 10 years. During that time Gordon and Mary Dove have been the Coordinators for this ministry, working as a liaison between the resources of the national body and the Territory. Most parishes have a contact person whose ministry is to work on the importance of prayer in their parish. Gordon and Mary are retiring from this Anglican Fellowship of Prayer ministry and the Territory is seeking someone who feels called to pick up this responsibility.

Please give this prayerful thought and contact either Gordon and Mary (778-471-4451) or the Bishop (778-471-5573) for more information.

Territory News, continued...

☞ **“Unlocking the Growth”** - The first sessions in the Lenten Study series led by Bishop Lincoln began on Monday February 22nd - two sessions are offered on Mondays through Lent at 1pm and 7pm. The study is based on the book *“Unlocking the Growth”* by Michael Harvey. Bishop Lincoln has several copies of the book, and will be pleased to provide you with one. This course is for anyone and everyone who wants to be involved in finding creative ways to be Church in the future, and especially in the post-Covid world. It's not too late to register! Email the Territory office at office@territory.anglican.ca - and we'll ensure you receive the book and the link to this Zoom series.

Annual Vestry Meetings - As you are aware in accordance with Territory Constitution and Bylaws, and Policies, all annual vestry meetings must be held prior to February 28th of each year. These will be handled differently this year due to Covid restrictions, and most will be held either by Zoom video, telephone conference call, or a combination of both. Information as to the how to's of handling virtual attendance, mail in ballots, suggested procedures and process has been sent by email to all clergy and wardens.

The Annual Report packages were mailed to all Clergy and Wardens on January 7th - **the reports need to be completed and returned to the Territory office by March 15th**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Territory office: office@territory.anglican.ca or by phone: 778-471-5573.

Annual Assembly - BC Societies has extended the timeline from June 30th to November 1st, for all societies, which includes the Territory of the People, to hold their Annual General Meeting. Bishop Lincoln is considering this new information in light of postponing our Annual Assembly, scheduled for May 28-29 to late October, in the hope everyone will have received their Covid-19 vaccine and we can celebrate an in-person Assembly. Stay tuned for more information to come!

Lenten Lectures - St. Paul's Cathedral Kamloops is hosting its annual Lenten Lecture Series for the 6 Thursdays of Lent at 12 noon via Zoom video. This year's theme is: Mapping Life, Love and Lord. Dean Ken Gray presented “Maps that Changed the World” on Feb 18th and the recording can be found [here](#) on the St. Paul's website. Please contact the Cathedral stpaulscathedral@shawbiz.ca to receive the Zoom link for the lectures... information about the lectures series can be found [here](#).

Financial Officer - Update

We are pleased to announce the position of Financial Officer for the Territory of the People has been filled by a Team of competent and skilled persons with expertise to fulfill the duties of the Finance Team: Insurance, Property, Investments, bookkeeping and accounting. More information regarding the Finance Team will be distributed in the weeks ahead.

Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude are extended to **Dwight Oatway** who will be retiring May 15th from his volunteer position as Financial Officer for APCI and the Territory for the past 12 years. Dwight has been an integral part of the Territory Leadership Team and has steered us on a steady financial course through many ups and downs.

Dwight also offers thanks for all the prayers on his behalf and looks forward to the new normal! Thank you Dwight... “well done good and faithful servant... “

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - Update

The posting for this position in the Territory office closed February 12th and interviews took place February 24th.

The selection/interview committee will provide information on the successful candidate in the coming days.

Unsolved Mysteries

Why is it that no matter what colour bubble bath you use, the bubbles are always white?

Why do banks charge a fee due to insufficient funds, when they already know your broke?

Other News:

Lenten Resources – The Anglican Church of Canada has links to many Lenten Resources both nationally and globally, to help you on your Lenten journey. The link to the ACC web page is [here](#).

World Day of Prayer - service will be held on **March 5th, 2021 at 1pm**. The service has been written by the women of Vanuatu, a series of islands off the east coast of Australia. (Click [here](#) for more information from the women of Vanuatu). This Zoom service is led by the people from the Kamloops South Shore churches. (Click [here](#) to read more.) To access the Kamloops Zoom service - click on the Zoom link below.

Meeting ID: 818 5855 0240 - Passcode: 369695 or Dial by your location +1 778 907 2071 Canada
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81858550240?pwd=WGdOOWNEdUFQUE1JV3pPMUUh3SUFZz09>

PWRDF – Until June of 2021 the Government of Canada is matching donations to PWRDF 6:1 for their “All Mothers and Children Count initiative.” This Initiative is a comprehensive health, food security and nutrition program in rural Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and Mozambique, which has been running since June 2016. Initially a 4 year program, it has been extended to 2021 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Click [here](#) to learn more about this initiative.

International Women’s Day – **Monday March 8th** - a global celebration for equality and empowerment of women and their achievements... click [here](#) for more information.



SapienceSpiritualDirection, Louise Peters - 250.318.2781

The Rev Louise Peters, recently returned to the Territory from Ontario, is offering this new ministry resource, a confidential on-line Spiritual Direction service. For more information visit the website [here](#).

Territory Parish Email Address Update:

Over the past year some parishes have changed their email address, so here is a comprehensive list of all parish emails:

Ashcroft, St. Alban’s:

stalbansashcroft@gmail.com

Barriere, Church of St. Paul & Clearwater,
Trinity: ntesm3@gmail.com

Kamloops, St. George’s:

stgeorgestotp@gmail.com

Kamloops, St. Paul’s:

stpaulscathedral@shawbiz.ca

Lillooet, St. Mary/St. Andrew:

st.andyslilloet@gmail.com

Logan Lake: bjandrews@shaw.ca

Lytton Parishes: lytton@territory.anglican.ca

Merritt: St. Michael’s

dwright-isabel@telus.net

Merritt: Scw’exmx

scw'exmx@territory.anglican.ca

Monte Creek, St. Peter’s:

tomsans@telus.net

Dates to Remember:

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| February 28 | Deadline for Annual Vestry Meetings (AVM) |
| March 15 | Deadline for all AVM Reports to the office |
| March 15 | Deadline Ministry Fund Grants |
| April 1 | Deadline Anglican Foundation Grants |
| April 15 | Deadline Capital Fund Grants |
| Bi-Annual Assembly – rescheduled to late October, more information to come. | |

100 Mile House, St. Timothy’s: sttims100@shaw.ca

Prince George, Grace Church: graceparishpg@gmail.com

Prince George, St. Michael’s: stmichaelspg@telus.net

Quesnel, St John the Divine: stjohnsquesnel@shaw.ca

Robson Valley Shared Ministry - McBride and Valemount:
rvsministry@gmail.com

Williams Lake, St. Peter’s: wchurch@telus.net

Woodpecker, St. Marks: alexis-saunders@hotmail.com