

# The Territory of the People

Anglican Church

## Territory Bulletin

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### BISHOP' MESSAGE:

Advent has been an amazing time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. As the anticipation builds we have been called to go deeply into the wonder of what this special birth will mean to us and to the world. We have wondered together through the story of John the Baptist and focused on the unlikely messengers in our life, and entered into Mary's song and pondered the wonder of the "*Spirit of the Lord upon*" us...and those around us.

Soon, soon the time of preparation will be over and we will be celebrating the birth of the Christ child throughout the Territory of the People. It is my prayer that each of us will delight again in all the wonder of the birth we celebrate, and together look for all the ways Christ is born in us anew this Christmas.

May the joy of the Christmas season remain with you throughout the New Year.

Dwight, Margaret, Andy, Gordon and Mary, and Bonnie join me in wishing you a very Joyous Christmas!

Christmas Blessings,

*+Barbara*



### Prayers...



- ❖ We pray for Rev Isabel Healy Morrow as she continues her journey of recovery through dialysis and chemo treatments, giving thanks for all who support her at this difficult time.
- ❖ We pray for Debbie and Clive Scheepers and Debbie's family in South Africa
- ❖ We pray for our families whether close or far away this Christmas.
- ❖ We pray for all who travel this Christmas, may their going and coming be blessed.
- ❖ Please remember all who find the Christmas season difficult, for the loss, for the lonely and for those who face all kinds of challenges.
- ❖ We pray for all who give leadership in worship this Christmas season that they may find blessings in the ministry of visiting, worship and hospitality.

## **OTHER NEWS**

**News from General Synod** - "All Soles Day collects footwear for Kamloops shelter program" was the headline on November 1<sup>st</sup>... highlighting the annual program at St. Paul's Cathedral Kamloops of collecting shoes and socks for the homeless in the city. Read the full article [here](#).

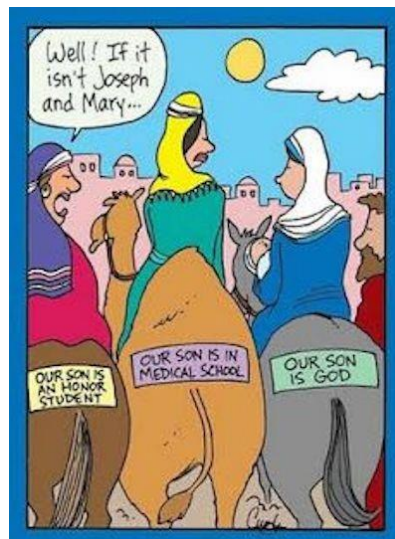
**Anglican Award of Merit 2019** - an invitation has been extended to all Dioceses to nominate a layperson from each diocese or from their national committee, for the 2019 Anglican Award of Merit. Nominations can be submitted by December 31, 2018. More information can be found on the Territory [website](#).

**The Anglican Reconciliation Connections (ARC)** - from Melanie Delva, Reconciliation Animator for the Anglican Church of Canada... Read it [here](#). You can sign up for further newsletters at [www.anglican.ca/reconciliationtoolkit](http://www.anglican.ca/reconciliationtoolkit)

**Anglican Foundation Update – 2018 Grants awarded** - The Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC) has announced \$305,000 in grants in support of new projects across Canada in its November cycle of awards. AFC's board of directors met in Toronto from November 14-15, 2018 to set its strategic direction and to award grants to over 65 applicants across Canada. Read more [here](#)

## **HANDY LINKS:**

- Book of Alternative Services: click [here](#)
- Common Praise online: click [here](#)
- Territory of the People website: click [here](#)
- 2018 Calendar of Intercessions Prayer Cycle – **October to December**: 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](#)
- Nitro Reader free software allows you to turn pdf forms into online "fillable" forms: click [here](#)



## **BISHOP'S SCHEDULE AND IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES**

December 23	St. Michael's & All Angels parish visit	February 8	St. Peter's Williams Lake Parish Council meeting
December 24	Prince George Christmas visit 4pm Grace Church 7pm St. Michael's 10 pm Grace Church	February 11	BC Family Day
December 25	St. Michael's Christmas Day worship – 10:00 am	February 15-17	Family wedding in Alberta
December 26-30	Christmas with family	February 24	St. Michael's Merritt
<i>December 21 – Jan 3 – Territory Office closed</i>		March 3	St. Paul's Cathedral
January 3	Indigenous House of Bishops Teleconference call	March 8	St. Peter's Williams Lake Parish Council meeting
January 4	Epiphany party	March 10	St. Peter's Williams Lake worship and AGM
January 7-10	Territory office / AGM packages mailed out	March 15	Deadline for AGM Packages to be returned to Territory office
January 11	St. Peter's Williams Lake Parish Council meeting	March 21	Administration Committee meeting – video conference
January 13-18	National House of Bishops & Indigenous House of Bishops Niagara Falls	March 24	St. Michael's Merritt
January 19	Election of Bishop: Diocese of Kootenay	March 25-29	National House of Bishops
January 27	St. Michael's Merritt – worship and AGM	April 11	Lenten Lecture – St. Paul's Kamloops
January 30	LMWS Leadership Team conference call	April 15	Deadline: Capital Fund Grant
January 31	Administration Committee meeting – video conference	April 30	Deadline: Ministry Fund Grant
		May 3-4	Coordinating Council: Cache Creek
		May 31–June 2	Assembly 2019 – Quesnel & Barkerville
		June 27	Administration Committee meeting – video conference
		July 10-16	General Synod, Vancouver – election of new Primate



"ADVENT CALENDAR? NO JUST MY PILL ORGANISER!"