

## A Message from your Regional Dean ...

Dear Territory friends:

I do wonder, when you read a book, do you read the last chapter first? Seems rather counter-productive, even silly. But we post-modern theologians do tend to approach texts suspiciously. My former teacher and mentor the late Dr. Chris Lind always read things backwards, not wanting to be deceived by a spurious argument or prejudiced academic approach.



Writing this reflection during Holy Week it does feel odd to speak of Easter, and new life, and resurrection, and all that great energy, from the standpoint of Holy Week.

Yes, we know that Jesus is risen, Alleluia – but from the perspective of Holy Week, well, not yet! Of course we are used to this coping strategy aren't we? The pandemic will be over, one day, but not yet! All shall be vaccinated, but not yet! There will be fewer and fewer COVID infections, fewer COVID-related deaths, and more joy as restrictions relax and eventually disappear, but not yet!

Are we sick and tired of waiting? Absolutely! Is such waiting part of a normal Christian spirituality! Absolutely, especially during Advent but also at other times. St. Paul's parishioners have heard too many times about the Canadian Jesuit Theologian, Bernard Lonergan who (I think) coined the phrase, the *known unknown*. We move forward into and through Easter season, joyfully and with a sense of relief, as a new community gathered around the memory and real presence of Jesus all about us and within us, a presence soon to be confirmed at Pentecost.

Here in the Territory of the People, we embody and celebrate the Real presence of Jesus amongst us and everywhere in our communities and creation. Not yet . . . still emerging . . . discoverable . . . enjoyable . . . known . . . unknown . . . us.

Happy Easter Season to All,  
Dean Ken  
Regional Dean, Kamloops

PS And thanks for the great memories and shared endeavours these past five years in your midst. Till we meet again . . .

## 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 Ron Sugiyama, Kamloops recovering from heart surgery, and his wife Lynn
- \* We pray for Caroline Sharpe, 100 Mile House, and her husband Mal
- \* We pray for Dwight Oatway, 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

“Help in Hard Times” – by Carrie Newcomer

A song of hope in our darker moments... click [here](#) for the music video

### HANDY LINKS:

Anglican Church of Canada  
Anglican Journal  
Anglican Foundation  
Anglican Renewal Ministries (ARM) Canada  
Book of Alternative Services

Common Praise online  
Calendar of Intercessions Prayer Cycle – Apr-Jun  
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. Bonnie Henry recently announced a tightening of restrictions on travel, gatherings and Events - including Churches and in-person worship. **We will continue to follow the guidelines and restrictions as they are announced**, and hope and pray for a swift resolution to this pandemic.
- ☞ **Annual Assembly** – October 15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> 2021, set aside the date in your calendar! We live in the hope everyone will have received their Covid-19 vaccine and we can celebrate an in-person Assembly – our theme will be “New Beginnings,” and our newly elected Metropolitan Archbishop Lynne McNaughton will be our guest speaker. Finer details about location and host parish(es) has yet to be finalized... so stay tuned for more information!

## Territory News, continued...

☞ **Anglican Fellowship of Prayer** – the Territory is still seeking someone who feels called to be the Territory liaison with the parishes for this important ministry. The AFP has been a part of our Territory for the last 10 years under the leadership of Gordon and Mary Dove, 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.

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

☞ **Casual Catechesis:** A series of Zoom conversations with Bishop Lincoln on a series of topics. A refresher for some of us, mind-blowing new information for others! Starting in May:  
May 10th Topic: Polity: How does the Church really work?  
May 17th Topic: Clothing and Actions: Why do they wear that? What's with all the hand waving?  
May 24th Topic: Holy Hardware: What IS all this stuff we use?  
May 31st Topic: Liturgy1: Principles of Worship, or why do we do what we do?  
Sessions are 1pm and 7pm each Monday, just like the book study.

Please register with Bp. Lincoln at [bishop@territory.anglican.ca](mailto:bishop@territory.anglican.ca)

### Financial Team:

The position of Financial Officer for the Territory of the People is being 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. **Len Fraser** will be the Acting Finance Officer taking over from **Dwight Oatway** who is retiring May 15<sup>th</sup>. As you can tell, Dwight leaves big shoes to fill... so big in fact it is going to take a team of people to do the work Dwight has been doing on his own for the past 12 years! **Jon Buckle**, a member of St. Paul's Cathedral is giving oversight to the Insurance portfolio, and **Andy Prodaniuk** continues as book keeper. We are still looking for two others to complete the Team – a person with expertise to give oversight to the *Investment portfolio*, and a *Property Officer*. If you or someone you know is willing to spare a couple of hours a month, we'd love to hear from you! For more information about the requirements of these positions please contact the Bishop [bishop@territory.anglican.ca](mailto:bishop@territory.anglican.ca) 778-471-5573



*Sapience Spiritual Direction, Louise Peters - 250.318.2781*

The Rev Louise Peters is offering this new ministry resource: a confidential on-line Spiritual Direction service. For more information visit Louise's website [here](#).

### **Territory Office – Update**

As many of you know, at the end of May Margaret Mitchell will be retiring as the Office Coordinator for the Territory office. Unfortunately, the recent hiring of an Administrative Assistant did not proceed as planned, and the position is again available. A new posting has been placed on Indeed.ca and we pray for a positive outcome and a new hire before Margaret leaves us.

### Unsolved Mysteries

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw something at him?

Why, why, why, do we press harder on the remote control when we know the batteries are getting weaker?

## Other News:

Companion Diocese of Montreal – click [here](#) for the Diocese of Montreal e-newsletter... full of good information and ideas to spark the imagination...

Surprised by the Spirit ~ this Canada-wide initiative seeks to connect Anglicans across the country in conversation, prayer and discovery. Archbishop Linda Nicholls invites us to gather again, as we did in early 2019, in ‘Conversation Circles’ to explore our discoveries and surprises, and to listen for the voice of the Spirit in our midst. Click [here](#) for more information.

Anglican Foundation – If you happen to be in the mood for a little good news, AFC has you covered. From Vancouver to Hay River, to Dartmouth—and a couple of stops in between—take AFC’s *pay-it-forward* tour and join them in celebrating the collective power of generosity in action... from coast to coast to coast! Click [here](#) for the good news!

SSJE Brothers – the Society of St. John the Evangelist invites you to a six week contemplative practice of Centering Prayer. Meets Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm Eastern Time (4:15 pm Pacific Time) from April 28 to June 2, 2021. You can register [here](#).

### **Bishop’s Schedule:**

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| April 30      | Dean Ken Gray retirement day!                   |
| May 3-7       | Bishop’s School                                 |
| May 14        | Zoom Ultreya – guest speaker                    |
| May 15        | Coordinating Council – Zoom                     |
| May 15        | Dwight Oatway retirement day!                   |
| May 31        | Margaret Mitchell retirement day!               |
| June 24       | Administration Committee – Zoom                 |
| September 23  | Administration Committee – Zoom                 |
| Sep 27-Oct 1  | National House of Bishops                       |
| October 15-17 | Bi-Annual Assembly<br>Location to be determined |

### **Territory Structure:**

#### Assembly:

Delegates to Assembly are elected each year at the Parish Annual Vestry meeting. Assembly is held every two years in the odd numbered years (2019, 2021 etc). and elected Delegates or Alternates attend.

#### Coordinating Council:

At Assembly, the delegates elect members to Coordinating Council for a two-year term. These members sit on Council until the next Assembly when new members are elected. The Bishop seeks as equal a representation as possible from all three Deaneries and can also make two appointments.

#### Administration Committee:

Members are appointed by Coordinating Council for a two-year term. For more information or clarification, please contact the Territory office:

[office@territory.anglican.ca](mailto:office@territory.anglican.ca)

### Appointments & Parish Updates:

- **Len Fraser** – has been appointed Interim Dean for St. Paul’s Cathedral, Kamloops effective May 1<sup>st</sup>. Len will also take on the duties of Financial Officer with Dwight Oatway’s retirement following this meeting.
- **Linda Lagroix** has been appointed as Mrs. Reynard, the Summer Staff person for Barkerville. Linda applied again this year because of the short season Barkerville is planning (June 26<sup>th</sup> to Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- **The Rev Patrick Sibley** has been appointed Team Associate for St. Michael and All Angels, PG, Grace PG and St. John the Divine, Quesnel effective June 1<sup>st</sup>
- We are re-advertising the position of **Team Incumbent** for the 3 parishes up in the north. There are many, many positions available across Canada, and less clergy to go around.
- **St. Paul’s Cathedral** position of Dean and Incumbent is very soon to be posted for hiring (as of this writing) I am grateful to the Search Committee for all their hard work
- **St. Andrew’s and St. Mary’s Lillooet** has contracted with the Rev’d Elaine Graham to be their virtual supply.

I stayed up all night to figure out where the sun went...  
Then it dawned on me.

You can’t believe in atoms...  
They make up everything.