

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021

• **RECONCILIATION.** A number of people have asked, following the horrendous discoveries in Kamloops, how can we contribute to discovery and resolution among Indigenous communities. There are many campaigns underway focused on using the technology used at Kamloops at other residential school-sites. The federal government announced a commitment of \$27 million immediately available on Thursday, June 3rd.

For those interested in contributing, we suggest the **Anglican Church of Canada's Healing Fund** that was expressly created some 25 years ago to address projects in Indigenous communities to deal with the pain and long-term disabling hurt. The virtue of the fund is that applications from funding come from the communities experiencing the pain with practical means of recognizing, acknowledging, and moving beyond the debilitating legacy of residential schools. The projects funded are not for Indigenous people they are the creation of Indigenous people.

<https://www.anglican.ca/healingfund/> You can make any contributions directly from this website. You may also place a cheque in the parish mailbox (to the left of the lower entrance to All Saints). Please clearly mark Anglican Healing Fund in the memo line of your cheque.

• **COVID-19 UPDATE:** The bishop has approved a first step for reopening diocesan buildings, effective June 20, 2021 as long as the provincial health guidelines allow for it. On Friday, June 4 clergy and wardens of the diocese received a letter from the bishop outlining the process for reopening, which includes the requirement that communities submit, to their archdeacons, (with 10 days notice) a guideline-compliant COVID safety plan. For more information on the first stage of the diocesan reopening plan click [here](#).

• **M&O COMMITTEE MEETING: STATE OF MENTAL HEALTH ON SSI—WED JUN 16, 2pm on ZOOM.** Present will be David Norget of the Salt Spring Health Advancement Network & Rob Scheckel and Susan Notschke of the Island Health Mental Health and Substance Use team. Rev. Gyllian will moderate. All are welcome. Please contact Dale Storm at info@saltspringanglican.ca to be placed on the ZOOM list.

• **ALL SAINTS' GARDENERS—FRI JUN 18, 10am**, weather permitting. Those who can, gather at 9.30am, then at 10am we stop and meet in a circle, to greet each other and pray together for the task ahead. Please join us from 10 until about 11.15 as you're able, bring your own tools, and enjoy this fun opportunity to work together. If you are willing to be on

the contact list, or have any questions, call Lolla: 250-537-2918, Ros: 250-538-1902, or Sharon: 250-537-9575. This is a weekly gathering, with Covid protocols in place.

- **PARISH COFFEE HOUR—NEXT SUNDAY, 10:45am on ZOOM (after the e-Service).**

Star of the Sea Events

All events are held online on ZOOM. Registration is required by email to staroftheseassi@gmail.com and then you will be emailed the Zoom link to join the session.

- **SACRED SPACES/HOLY GROUND—TUE JUN 15, 7-8:30pm.** Led by **Clark Saunders.** Nations and religions have designated certain places as “Holy Ground” (Mecca, Gettysburg, Iona) — and we would look at some of these and ask what makes them “sacred”. But there may also be places that have a spiritual significance for us as individuals. Most world religions hold a belief that certain places are sacred or holy. But what makes them so? And what about locations that may not have any particular religious significance but are in some way special to nations and peoples? And why is it that certain places in the natural world seem to evoke similar emotional reactions from large numbers of people? We will draw on our own reflections as we explore these and similar questions.

For more information: <https://www.staroftheseassi.ca/events>

In the Diocese and Beyond

- **TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: A CONVERSATION WITH WALLY EAMER—THU JUN 17, 7pm on ZOOM.** Join us as Rev. Wally Eamer leads a discussion about Territorial Acknowledgements which are used regularly in BC’s churches, universities and other institutions built on the traditional lands of the First Peoples. Bring your questions. Please [register](#) to receive the Zoom link.
- **PWRDF PARISH REPRESENTATIVE INFO SESSION—WED JUN 30, 12-1pm on ZOOM.** The Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund relies on a network of dedicated volunteers across Canada who are at the heart of its engagement with individuals and parishes. They help keep the work of PWRDF partners in Canada and around the world in the hearts, minds and prayers of Anglicans across the country. Learn more about PWRDF and how you can contribute to this important ministry by becoming our parish’s representative to work with the new team of volunteers being formed by the diocese to support the PWRDF’s efforts across the country. Please [register](#) to receive the Zoom link.

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