

Holy Trinity Riverbend

WHAT'S THE BUZZ? HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!

September 12, 2021 - Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

A Message from Rebecca:
When covid first locked us inside our homes, I buckled down and got a lot of things done that I had neglected for a long time. I cleaned closets, finished projects, and cleared my 'to do' list. But as the pandemic dragged on, I slowly began to slip into old habits once again. Now I realize I've wasted some precious time when I could have accomplished more and eaten less! To that end, I begin year five with Education for Ministry and I'm looking forward to our assigned readings and books and subsequent discussions.

On the church side of things, although nothing has materialized with regard to a place to worship, I have followed up on two more possibilities. God is slowly getting us to where he needs us to be, but some days I find it hard to be patient. Let's all pray that we find a home soon.

On behalf of the parish we send our prayers out to **Zoe** who suffered a broken arm, but has been an absolute little trooper in dealing with it.

On a final note, thanks to **Cathy** for providing one of the hymns today. And of course, thanks to **Patti**, who continues to assist us with our music ministry. As I mentioned a few weeks ago, if you would like to sing, or play a musical instrument for one of our virtual services, please let me know and we can arrange to record you.



P **Prayer of Remembrance - September 11:**
Gracious and merciful God, we remember

the terrible acts against humanity that the world suffered twenty years ago. We pray for the innocent victims of 9/11 and their families. We pray also that those whose hearts are filled with hate might be turned toward love. Help us not to speak or act rashly, but fill our hearts with passion for those in need and strengthen our wills that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before you. Amen

M **ARK THE DAY - Consecration of the 11th Bishop of Edmonton:**

The consecration of the Rev. Stephen London will take place on the morning of September 18, 2021, starting at 11:00 a.m. Sadly, **due to peaking numbers of COVID-19 cases and the re-introduction of health measures, this will be a closed service.** Those physically present will, for the most part, be those who are required to attend. You are invited to attend this celebration virtually.

The live-streamed service will be available at: [All Saints' Cathedral YouTube Channel](#).

The Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land, Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson will officiate the service, beginning at 11:00 am, at All Saints' Anglican Cathedral in Edmonton. Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Linda Nicholls will also take part. The service will begin with a smudge led by Indigenous elders Russell Auger and Bernadette Iahtail. Indigenous Ministries Archdeacon Travis Enright will give the homily address.

Members of the diocese will be represented in person by archdeacons, lay and clergy canons and regional deans.

You can view Bishop-elect Stephen London's video consecration announcement using this link: [Consecration Announcement](#).

Federal Election: On September 20, Canadians will vote in a federal election, electing Members of Parliament who will help shape the life of our country for the next four years. Please remember to take the time to vote – your vote does make a

difference! We also encourage you to read a short statement from the Anglican Church of Canada on the upcoming election, the link to which is: <https://www.anglican.ca/news/a-letter-from-anglican-lutheran-leaders-about-the-2021-federal-election/30035583/>



Season of Creation (September 1 – Oct. 4): To help maintain our focus during the Season of Creation, **it is suggested that we engage with our local ecology through the use of an 'Earth Examen'**. By way of information, an examen is a way of beholding an object or being in prayerful wonder. Through questions, you are invited to reflect on God's presence and the goodness of that which you behold. During this Season of Creation, consider contemplating a part of your local ecology. This is an exercise that you can choose to do alone, or with a group.

Pick a natural or agricultural place to contemplate. A forest. A river. A city street with a natural area. An urban park. A farmer's field. A

hilltop. Find a comfortable place to rest in or near this place. Enter into prayer in whatever way is natural to you. Invite Holy Wisdom to open the eyes of your heart. When you are ready, reflect on the following.

Week 2 suggestion - Reflect on the ecological cycles of this place with gratitude for all that it provides:

- What nutrient cycles are supported by this place?
 - Is this a watershed that filters water?
 - Is this a rainforest (tropical or deciduous) that fixes nutrients?
 - Is this a meadow or field that fixes nitrogen?
 - Is this a green space that absorbs CO2 and cleans the air?
 - What plants, animals, microbes and minerals are sheltered here?
 - How do they serve the whole earth in their being?
- For all that this place provides to nurture you and all that belong to this place, **let a feeling of gratitude fill you.**

Note: Each week during the Season of Creation we will provide an 'Earth Examen' for you to consider.



September **Anniversary:** We just learned that **Brian and Carol** are celebrating their anniversary this month and we wanted to wish them both, on behalf of the whole parish, our belated best wishes!



Annual Buye \$5 **Coffee Fundraiser:** For the past several years, our Diocese has done an outstanding job raising funds for the people of the Buye Diocese to enable them to purchase medical cards. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we can make a difference in the lives of many of our brothers and sisters living in Burundi. **Through the month of September, we encourage each parish to take up a collection for the purchase of Buye medical cards. 100% of the monies collected go directly to the purchase of medical cards.** There are no administrative fees. Medical coverage is out of reach for most people in the Diocese of Buye. **A \$5 medical card covers 80% of their costs and will help women in need, and children under the age of**

eighteen. If you are able to donate please send your donations directly to Rev. John Gee at the Synod office or **alternatively you can e-transfer them to Rebecca Harris and she will arrange to handle the donation on your behalf.** Your generosity makes a huge difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Burundi. Last year HTR sent a donation of \$400, which translates into our being able to help 80 people!!!!



HTR Virtual Coffee Session.

Our HTR Virtual Coffee Hour, takes place **every Sunday, at 11:00 a.m.** via Zoom. The link is sent to all parishioners on Friday's and is also noted on the church website. If you would like to bookmark it the link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89937764015?pwd=UCtYbTIwWE5tMldSWkZFSHVzQWZlZz09> If asked, the Passcode is: 087498. We hope you can join us as it is a great way to stay connected!



Sermon: A copy of the Sunday Sermon, and the Prayers of the People, are emailed to our parishioners every Sunday morning. Today's Sermon was from **Rev. Rebecca** and the Prayers of the People were courtesy of **Bonnie Tejada.**



This Week's Bible Quote -- *"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich." ...*
2 Corinthians 8:9



Inspirational Thoughts:

“There is only one way to avoid criticism: do nothing, say nothing, and be nothing.” ... Aristotle

And

“You can’t fall if you don’t climb. But there’s no joy in living your whole life on the ground. ... Unknown



Upcoming for Sunday, September 19, 2021 -

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: Presiding at the service will be Rev. Rebecca and Prayers of the People will be offered by **Rebecca**.

Readings:

Proverbs 31: 10 – 31
Psalm 1
James 3: 14 – 4:3; 7 – 8a
Mark 9: 30 - 37

More Anglican News: If you are looking for more news about ‘happenings’ in our Diocese and beyond, this can be done by accessing the diocesan website link: <https://edmonton.anglican.ca/>



Virtual Sunday School: Just a reminder that along with the worship bulletin which is distributed each Friday, we also enclose a children’s lesson/activities. Also, we hope to resume our Sunday School program shortly.



HTR Online Worship: We offer a live virtual worship

service each Sunday using ZOOM. The **link to the service, as well as the Worship Bulletin is distributed each Friday**, along with the HTR Virtual Coffee Hour link. You do not need to have ZOOM on your computer to be able to view the service. (Note: If you cannot make the live worship service, **we post the video recording of the service on our Facebook page shortly after the live service.** The link to our Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/htrchurch/>

To access the live virtual service, simply click on the link on Sunday (**the service starts at 10:00 a.m.**). **If you would like to bookmark it, the specific link to the Virtual Worship Service is:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8443386844?pwd=aXZxMmZYa0tjNDZQNpDUE1UaE5aQT09>

Note: Occasionally we have experienced technical difficulties with Zoom,. Knowing this, we test the link to the service early every Sunday (prior to the service). If for any reason, the above noted link is not operational, we will send an alternative link to the service by 9:45 a.m. on Sunday morning.

As an informational item, the Virtual Worship Service and our Virtual Coffee Hour

each have their own unique Zoom links.

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(Note: **A copy of our Newsletter is posted each Sunday on our website**).