

TERRITORY OF THE PEOPLE

Monthly Bulletin – Season of Lent

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A Message from Bishop Jane...

Dear friends,

May I start by thanking you all so much for your welcome into the Territory, I have felt so blessed to be here. I am learning so much about your ministry, your faithfulness, and your care for one another.



In parish communities all around the world there has been a whispered question in the past few weeks. ‘What are you doing for Lent this year?’ As you read this, Lent has begun and I am aware that for many of us pandemic fatigue which is so real, whether or not we have had COVID, has made taking on Lenten disciplines perhaps less attractive this year. We might be taking on a parish Lenten series, or taking part in our Territory-wide program “Living from the Heart” published every Monday on the website, so you can join in whenever it fits in with your schedule. All of that is good but my biggest wish for everyone is for each person to create a little puddle of space in their day to tend to their spirit, their soul.

Traditionally in Lent we re-examine our hearts and our consciences and check-in with God in quite a formal way. We are called to disciplines of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, study, and prayer. Not because they make things miserable, but because they enrich our spirits and give us joy as we grow ever closer to God. The purpose is not so we can say, “See how I pray!” Or “Look at me, I’m fasting” etc. The purpose is to build us up from the inside out. Oh how we need that right now when it seems that division, inequality and violence is on the increase in many places. Our hearts have gone out to the people of Ukraine. We long for peace.

Please let’s pray for each other and for the world, that through the words spoken, the face of Christ may seem clearer to someone who has struggled to find him, that the love of Christ may be felt by someone who believed they were not loveable, that the promises of God in the gift of eternal life will be believed by someone who was despairing. And that the peace of God spreads over this troubled world. To pray these things we need to find a stillness and time in our lives to hold space for others.



I remember a visit to the Holy Land, simply sitting on the top of a hill in silent prayer looking out over the Judean wilderness, and spending time being with God. It is one of my most precious memories.

I’m taking that thought into Lent with me, so I can make sure things stay in good order. So the busyness of life does not edge out time with Jesus. I hope you might make this journey with me and commit to starting and ending your day with Jesus. Put your phone somewhere you can’t reach it, step away from any screen that threatens to interrupt this precious time and simply be present to God in prayer. This relationship with

God needs space and time. I remember when my children were little, sometimes they would pick buds of flowers from the garden and try to open them to find the blossoms, and of course it never worked. The petals did not gently open in beauty, and we often looked at crushed blobs of colour!

The Christian writer John Main likens this gentle unfolding as something that is found in our spiritual life.

"The wonderful beauty of prayer is that the opening of our heart is as natural as the opening of a flower. To let a flower open and bloom, it is only necessary to let it be: so if we simply are, if we become and remain silent, our heart cannot but be open, the Spirit cannot but pour into our whole being. It is for this we have been created."
(John Main)

I hope you find your moments of holy solitude and that you are blessed. I wish each of you a beautiful Lent, a time when you and God grow even closer. The good news is that God is always moving through time and space to come closer to us; never standing still or walking away.

May you be strengthened in your faith and sure in the knowledge and love of God.

+Jane



Prayer Corner



- * We pray for the people of Ukraine, and Russia during this time of warfare
- * We pray for all communities affected by wildfires and floods; for the loss of homes, livelihoods, communities, friends and families; we pray for strength, healing and God's grace
- * We pray for our parishes and congregations during this time of uncertainty as we restrictions from the Covid-19 Pandemic are lifted; we pray for those with anxiety and concern as we continue to find our way through this pandemic
- * We pray for all Pastoral Elders: Ursula Drynock, Amy Charlie, Pauline and Ernie Michelle; we pray for the family of Dorothy Philips, may she rest in peace and rise in glory
- * We pray for the Rev Canon Frank Wood and family on the death of Zonia
- * We pray for the Rev Canon Isabel Healy Morrow and all who support her, as she continues her journey of recovery, giving thanks for her ministry to St. Michael's Merritt, especially in the aftermath of the floods
- * We pray for Dwight Oatway, his wife Islay and their family
- * We pray for Bishop Jane and new ministry leadership in the Territory: St. Paul's Cathedral Kamloops, the Lillooet Shared Ministry, the Three Rivers Ministry – Prince George and Quesnel
- * We pray for all who are confined by illness, praying they may find peace and strength in the love and care they receive from others
- * 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



"Abide With Me" – Carrie Newcomer
Music for the soul ... click [here](#) for the music video

Territory News:

- ☞ **Assembly 2022 – May 27-29, 2022** at St. Paul's Cathedral, Kamloops. Marke your Calendars and set aside the dates! The Local Arrangements Committee, and the Worship Committee are getting underway with planning; at the Sunday morning worship we hope to have an ordination to the priesthood and the Installation of Pastoral Elders... Stay tuned for more information next month!
- ☞ **Territory Resource Centre: The Rev (Deacon) Linda LaGroix** has been busy learning the ropes as the Interim Coordinator until such time as the position is filled for the long term. The Territory is looking for one or two people to take over the ministry of the Resource Centre. If you have a desire for this to be your Ministry, or know of any persons in your parish who feel called to this ministry, please contact the Territory Office – office@territory.anglican.ca Phone: 778-471-5573

Territory News, continued...

- ⌘ **Donations:** The Territory is pleased to announce our website now has a “Donate Now” button linked through CanadaHelps.org – it was a long time coming, and we thank our webmaster Sam Allaby for his patience and persistence in getting this up and running! The button is at the lower right side of the [Home Page](#). When donating, please complete the section relating to where the funds are to be directed.
- ⌘ The Territory is still accepting donations for our communities devastated by fire and flood last year:
 - ⌘ **Lytton Fire Fund**
 - ⌘ **Nicola Valley Flood Fund**

Donations can be made by using the “Donate Now” button on the Territory website – click [here](#) for the link, or by cheque made payable to the Territory of the People. All donations are to be earmarked “Lytton Fire Fund” or “Nicola Valley Flood Fund.” An official tax receipt will be issued for donations from individuals and non charitable organizations.

For more information, please contact the Territory office: office@territory.anglican.ca or by phone: 778-471-5573

Please keep the Territory in your prayers as we continue to deal with the diverse needs of all those affected by these disastrous events, and their communities.

- ⌘ **Reminder ~ Parish Annual Reports** – deadline for submission to the Territory office is **March 15th**.
- ⌘ **Reminder – Ministry Fund Grants** – deadline for applications is **March 15th**. Applications will be reviewed by the Administration Committee at their meeting March 17th. Click [here](#) for the form
- ⌘ **Lay Ministers of Word and Sacrament Study Courses:** - offered by the Diocese of Huron, these courses offer continuing education:
 - **The Practice of Pastoral Care:** Equipping Congregational Leaders, with Fr. Matt Koovisk, Tuesdays beginning Tuesdays from 7pm-9pm hosted on Zoom beginning March 8, 2022.
 - **“Saying Grace”: Preaching and Proclamation in Worship**, with Bishop Todd Townshend, Tuesdays from 7pm-9pm hosted on Zoom beginning April 19, 2022.
 - Huron University College is also offering one-day courses in Administration and Leadership.
 - The first course, **Parish Administration 101**, has some Diocese of Huron specific content, but Archdeacon Tanya Phibbs will be asking students to have a copy of their own diocesan Canons on hand for those particular parts of the course content. These three half-credit courses are one-day format intensive and there is no evaluative component. Should Licentiate Theological students wish to receive a full credit for them, there is an additional book requirement and an essay to be completed after the one day course takes place.

You may register with the following information:

Name (with titles please); Mailing Address; Email; Preferred Contact Telephone Number; Status in the Course Registered (Credit or Audit) ~ Send to admin@brandon.ca

LENTEN EVENTS:

- ⌘ **Lenten Lectures** – **St. Paul’s Anglican Cathedral**, 360 Nicola Street Kamloops: Thursdays through Lent at 12:15pm with a light lunch to follow – no registration required. Click [here](#) for information
- ⌘ **Lenten Series** – **“Living from the Heart” led by the Rev Louise Peters** - a six week series where we will explore how we live the way of Jesus by: Tending the Heart; Praying; Fasting; Giving; Forgiving; Living. Video and weekly study guide available Mondays during Lent on the Territory website [here](#). This is a self study for individuals and small groups, no registration required.
- ⌘ **Lent and Ecological Discipleship** – a free webinar conversation between the Creation Care Committee and the Centre for Religion and Environment, Sewanee University of the South. Details and Registration [here](#)
- ⌘ **Lent Resources – Diocese of New Westminster** – click [here](#)
- ⌘ **Walking the Way of Lent Through Story Telling** with Bishop Porter Taylor, Virginia Theological Seminary – click [here](#) to register

Other News:

- ✎ [Primates World Relief and Development Fund \(PWRDF\)](#) – is supporting Ukrainians forced to flee their homes due to the Russian invasion. Click [here](#) for more information and how you can help.
- ✎ [Sorrento Centre Workshop – May 1-4, 2022](#) –Developing Resilience and Restoring Self: Managing Stress in Clerical Work. Details and Registration [here](#)
- ✎ [Anglican Foundation](#) –Territory parishes are encouraged to keep their membership up to date, as we have always received grant funding when requested, click [here](#) for a list of grants received. More information on the Anglican Foundation can be found on their website [here](#)
- ✎ [Diocese of Montreal](#) – Companion Diocese to the Territory of the People since 2008 – Click [here](#) for the latest e-news from the Diocese of Montreal.
- ✎ [Parish Development](#) – The School for Parish Development is happening on-line and in person at **Sorrento Centre** this summer. This is an excellent programme from the Diocese of New Westminster, now being offered to other Dioceses in the Province.
Dates: August 28 – September 2. And virtual preparation dates are July 25, August 1, 8, 15 and 22. Registration details [here](#). This programme is most useful if undertaken with a team of parish leaders: priest, deacon, wardens and other lay people.



- ✎ [Anglican Foundation – Say Yes! to Kids](#) is launching in April.

In 2021 the AFC approved [\\$470,000 in youth-focused grants to 79 applicants](#) from coast to coast to coast through the *Say Yes! to Kids* initiative. In 2022 they are aiming higher by supporting parish-based fundraising teams across Canada to:

- Help fund start-up programs.
- Establish a sustainable source of revenue for youth ministry.
- Substantially increase the Canadian church's investment in young people.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Important Dates and Bishop Jane's Schedule:

March 14-21	Bishop Jane in the Territory
March 15	Deadline for Ministry Fund Grant Applications
March 17	Assembly Planning Meeting – Territory Office
March 17	Administration Committee – 7pm Zoom
March 22	Archbishop Lynne's monthly visit to the Territory office
April 1	Deadline Anglican Foundation Grant Applications
April 10	Palm Sunday
April 12-18	Holy Week - Bishop Jane in the Territory
April 15	Deadline Capital Fund Grant Applications
April 17	Easter Sunday
April 21	Administration Committee – 7pm Zoom
April 26	Archbishop Lynne's monthly visit to the Territory office
May 13-15	ACPO – Sorrento Centre
May 24	Archbishop Lynne's monthly visit to the Territory office
May 27-29	5 th Territory Assembly – St. Paul's Cathedral, Kamloops

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

If we would only give, just once, the same amount of reflection to what we want to get out of life that we give to the question of what to do with a two-week vacation, we would be startled at our false standards and the aimless procession of our busy days.

Dorothy Canfield Fisher, author, reformer and activist (17 Feb 1879 – 1958)