

CALEDONIA CONNECTOR

Serving Anglicans in Northern BC

Upcoming Diocesan Events

Prayers @ Mid-day

Monday - Saturday ~ 12 PT

St. Andrew's Cathedral
Facebook Page

Compline

Nightly

9:00 PT on the Diocesan
Facebook page

Diocesan Service

Sundays

10:00 am PT on Facebook,
YouTube, and Vimeo

Camp Cal Clean-up

Join us at Camp Cal on
Saturday, September 24th as
we get the camp ready for
winter.

Times are changing

by Bishop David Lehmann

“what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

Micah 6:8b

Earlier this year I was delighted to be invited to the ACW Annual National Conference in Corner Brook, Newfoundland and Labrador. I must confess Newfoundland and Labrador was the last province for me to visit in Canada. So I was more than happy to accept the offer to present on behalf of the Council of the North. Thankfully I had enough Aeroplan Points to make the trip virtually free.

The theme for this year's conference was “Walk Humbly with God”. The prophet's call is as valid to the people he was speaking directly with as it is to us. Western society places an emphasis on bold presentation and big statements. “Go big or go home” reflects such thinking. Yet, our faith is meant to reflect a different way of living.

Over the past couple days, the Anglican Church Women have been discussing what it means to be humble and to still be bold in the work of the church. It is a narrow path, but one that I firmly believe that we are called to. It's one of the reasons why Anglicans don't have mega-churches. We



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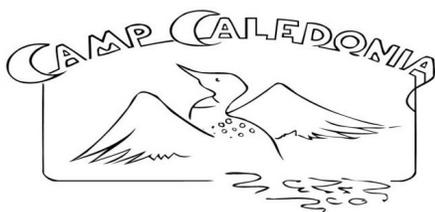


Bishop's Travels

- Oct 2 ACW National Conference
- Oct 9 Port Edward
- Oct 16 Nass Valley
- Oct 23 - Nov 2 House of Bishops and Council of the North
- Nov 4 Nass

Camp Caledonia

2023 Camps are being planned!
 Details at
www.campcaledonia.ca



are about community and mutual support. This is best lived out in smaller intention faith communities. CoVid has put this to the test, and now we are called to be intentional about rebuilding our communities and reaching out to neighbours to invite them into our wonderful congregations.

It is exciting to see people gathering again to have times of fellowship and support. Additionally, to discuss what God is calling them to study and the ministry they are being equipped for. Being at this national conference that has the three aspects of a Mission Action Plan - worship, disciple-making, and outreach is thrilling. These are the three pillars of a healthy Christian community. While the ACW may be known for their incredible outreach, their worship and disciple-making are most engaging and exciting.

Be humble before God means that we need to acknowledge our brokenness and need for healing. Being humble requires to be reflective about the health of our worship, disciple-making, and outreach. Allowing for change to move into old patterns and trust that the Holy Spirit will lead us into holiness and to respond to the needs of our communities in ways that are helpful and hopeful. Today, I give thanks for the ACW and for all the ministry that takes place humbly across the diocese.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing and grace on our work and witness as the Anglican Church Women in Canada. We give you thanks and praise for giving us wisdom, knowledge, and understanding so that we may serve you in spirit and truth. Called to be you church, may our study, learning, worship, and service be always be to your glory and the building of your kingdom in our communities and throughout the world. In our ministry may we always respond to the needs of others with your love. We pray in the name of the One who redeemed and loves us, your Son, Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

(The National ACW Prayer)

Ruby's Thoughts

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over... For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” (Luke 6:38. NIV)

Our late queen Elizabeth II gave herself to the people for 70 years. She chose a life of discipline, service, and love denying herself privacy and personal choice. Yet by giving those up she received back “running over” the acceptance and love of her people. Elizabeth lived within a very specific context – in the world’s eyes privileged and rich. In her own eyes she was in a position of responsibility that required ongoing commitment and discipline based on a trust in God. Each of us has a place of responsibility. When we accept it with God’s help, we will receive back in good measure pressed down and shaken together and running over.

I think a major factor in

Good News in difficult days

some hope

42nd Anniversary

by Rev'd Ken Alton

What marks a life of faith? Where would you go, what would you do, to follow Christ’s call? Each of us answers those questions differently, and our answers change as life’s circumstances change. For 42 years, Rev. Ray Fletcher has answered Jesus’ invitation to serve as a priest at his table, and answered Christ’s call to share the gospel of peace. What a blessing!



Ray says that his preference for people over academics meant that his theological training extended over several years in England and Canada, where he arrived prepared to embark on a career in sales! Call it grace, call it providence, Ray had been commissioned to sell something that people did not want to buy, and the company folded. During a period of reflection at the abbey of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist at Bracebridge, he learned of Bishop John Frame’s work in the Diocese of Yukon. Whitehorse, Carcross, and Old Crow soon became as familiar names as London, Lambeth, and Canterbury. After training at Vancouver School of Theology (and marrying Marilyn), Ray returned to Yukon, becoming Deacon at Atlin in 1979, and priest, St. Matthew’s Day, Sept 21, 1980. A list of parishes and dates cannot really tell us of winter cold where you have to drain the radiator of your car at night, or the warmth of joining in the ordination services for locally raised indigenous priests. By single engine plane, by VW Beetle, by borrowed car, Ray has traveled mile upon mile to celebrate weddings, to share the grief of funerals, faithfully bringing God’s word and sacraments.

being able to stay the course as our Queen did is knowing that you are doing God's will. As we make our decisions may we let God into the discussion early on. That can help us to not give up providing the context for our prayers for help.

Ruby McBeth is a retired Lay Reader in the North Peace Parish

Social Media

Please look for the Diocese on Facebook @dioCaledonia

Vimeo by searching for the Diocese of Caledonia or vimeo.com/user110118524

YouTube Channel - *Diocese of Caledonia*

Gospel Based Discipleship

Attached are the Gospel readings for October. Read the Gospel three times asking 1. what words jump out, 2. what is Jesus saying to me, and 3. what is Jesus calling me to do? The Gospel Based Discipleship book may be found at www.anglican.ca

Ray and Marilyn adopted Christopher (1984) and Paul (1986). From Yukon they went to Vancouver Island, serving parishes in Courtenay and Victoria. Sadly, Marilyn passed away in Victoria Hospice, December, 1991.

Ray took up ministry at Burns Lake in 1993, and has travelled extensively throughout our region for 'pulpit supply'. Just as lists of names and dates do not evoke the relationships of communities of faith, pulpit supply does not do justice to the welcome presence of Rev. Ray Fletcher at a church without a minister: Bible or a chalice in hand, with hopeful words from his heart. Through it all, even now, in his retirement in the Bulkley Valley, Ray has had in mind a Rule of Life from the Carcross community based on Philippians 2:1-11:

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Thank you, Ray, on this, the 42nd anniversary of your ordination, for your faithfulness to your call, and your care for this parish.

Gospel Based Discipleship — October 2022

Date	Day	Gospel	Colour
1	Saturday	Luke 10:17-24	Green
2	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Luke 17:5-10	Green
3	Monday	Luke 10:25-37	Green
4	Francis of Assisi, Friar	Luke 10:38-42	White
5	Wednesday	Luke 11:1-4	Green
6	Thursday	Luke 11:5-13	Green
7	Friday	Luke 11:14-26	Green
8	Saturday	Luke 11:27-28	Green
9	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Luke 17:11-19	Green
10	Paulinus, First Bishop of York, Missionary	Luke 11:29-32	Green
11	Tuesday	Luke 11:37-41	Green
12	Wednesday	Luke 11:42-46	Green
13	Edward the Confessor	Luke 11:47-54	Green
14	Friday	Luke 12:1-7	Green
15	Teresa of Avila, Spiritual Teacher & Reformer <i>and</i> John of the Cross, Priest, Spiritual Teacher	Luke 12:8-12	Green
16	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Luke 18:1-8	Green
17	Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr	Luke 12:13-21	Red
18	St Luke the Evangelist – Holy Day	Luke 4:14-21	Red
19	Jean de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, and their Companions, Missionaries and Martyrs in New France	Luke 12:8-12	Red
20	Thursday	Luke 12:49-53	Green
21	Friday	Luke 12:54-59	Green
22	Saturday	Luke 13:1-9	Green
23	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Luke 18:9-14	Green
24	Monday	Luke 13:10-17	Green
25	Tuesday	Luke 13:18-21	Green
26	Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons	Luke 13:22-30	Green
27	Thursday	Luke 13:31-35	Green
28	St Simon and St Jude, Apostles – Holy Day	John 15:17-27	Red
29	James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa and his Companions, Martyrs	Luke 14:1,7-11	Green
30	Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost	Luke 19:1-10	Green
31	Saints of the Reformation Era	Luke 14:12-14	Green