

A Message from Bishop Clara...

Wasn't that a celebration? I stood in the Cathedral Hall just before the consecration service taking it all in. The flurry of activity, excitement and energy was palpable. The procession line kept growing as it wrapped around the entire hall. I then stood outside waiting to begin our walk into the Cathedral; a taxi pulled up and a clergy from Vancouver jumped out hurrying to get inside. It was one of my former professors from VST who had travelled by bus to get here. I entered the nave of the Cathedral watching the congregation moving to the beat of the drums as if with one heartbeat. The Spirit was clearly moving in that place!

Friends, it was an amazing experience, and one that I will continue to reflect on as I take on the role as bishop and pastor to the good people of the Territory. I was particularly grateful to the Pastoral Elders for their willingness to teach and lead us at various points in the service. It reminded me of how important our work of healing and reconciliation continues to be.

We could not have accomplished what we did without the incredible dedication and abilities of our Territory staff, Claire Tosoff and Dean Kyle Norman. I want to thank all the clergy and laity who attended the service, everyone at the Cathedral, musicians, singers, reception/hospitality team, photographer, livestream team, altar guild, greeters, and the list goes on!

The consecration was not just an event for the bishop, it was an opportunity for us to come together to celebrate, affirm and seek God's blessing as we began a new chapter. Now it is time to pause and listen deeply to what the Spirit is inviting us into.

We will soon begin the season of Lent, a time of prayer and reflection, taking stock of our own spiritual journeys and life together. We will begin a Territory Lenten study called "Practicing Forgiveness with all our Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind". It will be offered on Zoom on Tuesdays at 4 pm starting Feb 20th for six weeks. Join us if you are able. We will be sending out a digital version of the reflection guide that can be shared and used whether you join the weekly discussion group or not.

May we enter the season of Lent with open hearts ready to be guided by the Spirit.

In Christ's service,

Bishop Clara

Bishop's Schedule February-March 2024

February

- Feb 13 Prince George – Shrove Tuesday – Prince George Parishes
- Feb 14 Ash Wednesday Services – Grace Anglican and St. Michael's Prince George
- Feb 14 Ash Wednesday Lunch with Grace Anglican community
- Feb 15 Coordinating Council Special Meeting 7pm – Zoom
- Feb 16 Renewal of Wedding Vows (40th Anniversary – George & Ann Westgate)
- Feb 17 Brunch with St. Michael's community
- Feb 18 Grace Anglican Church Services & Evening Gospel Jamboree
- Feb 20 Bishop's Lenten 6-week Study on Zoom – 4 pm Tuesdays until Mar 26

March

- Mar 5 Bishop's Lenten Study continues until Mar 26
- Mar 9 Council of the North – Zoom
- Mar 17 Monte Creek – St. Peter's
- Mar 21 Administration Committee on Zoom
- Mar 24 Palm Sunday – Quesnel – St. John the Divine
- Mar 28 100 Mile House – Maundy Thursday Service – St. Timothy's
- Mar 29 Williams Lake - Good Friday – St. Peter's
- Mar 31 Kamloops – Easter Services – St. Paul Cathedral



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Prayer Corner



- * We pray for our neighbours and friends that they may experience the love of Christ in and through us.
 - * We pray for our parishes and congregations as they gather for annual meetings and elect delegates for Assembly 2024.
 - * We pray for our Lay Ministers of Word & Sacrament
 - * We pray for our Pastoral Elders: Ursula Drynock, Amy Charlie, Pauline and Ernie Michell
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- * 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 those who struggle to find adequate and affordable housing.
 - * We pray for peace in the world and especially in the Holy Land and in Ukraine
 - * We pray for all those suffering from the effects of environmental disasters.
 - * We pray for those who are nearing death or have died, and for those who mourn.



Pastoral Elder Amy Charlie praying the Lord's Prayer, accompanied by the Pastoral Elder's Chaplain, Claire Tosoff

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Territory News:

- **Lenten Study with the Bishop:** Mark your calendars! Tuesdays at 4 pm on Zoom starting Feb 20th for six weeks. "Living Well Through Lent: Practicing Forgiveness with all your Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind". Join Bishop Clara for a time of learning as we walk together through the season of Lent focussing on the spiritual practice of forgiveness. Contact the Territory Office to register.
- **Anglican Foundation of Canada:** A reminder that the next deadline for applications is April 1st. All applications are to be reviewed and approved by Coordinating Council and the bishop. For more information go to: www.anglicanfoundation.org



Bishop Clara speaking at the Cathedral Men's Breakfast Jan 27th

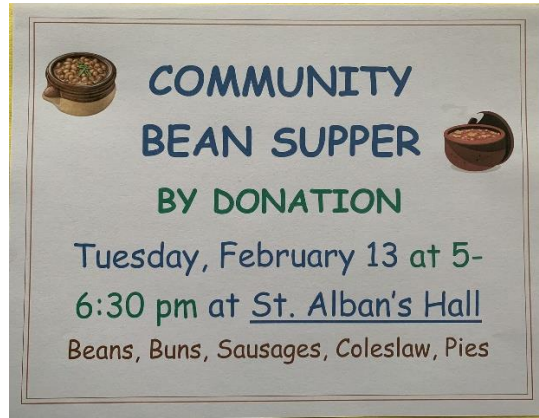
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Other News:

- **Sorrento Centre Summer Program is online:** <https://sorrentocentre.ca/2024-summer-program-activities/>



Prayer Trees in Lillooet at St. Andrew's and St. Mary's and in Lytton at St. Barnabas



All are welcome to join the Community Bean Supper in Ashcroft at St. Alban's on February 13 at 5pm

Good news out of Lytton!



Here is a photo of the first house package arriving in Lytton on January 18/24. Concrete is poured for the first house and this is the package for the second one. Photo Credit Angus Muir