

From the Bishop's Desk...

Go Another Way

The Magi travelled long distances guided by a brilliant star that led them to where the Christ child was. We don't know where they started or what route they took. We don't know what they experienced or endured along the way. What we do know, is that they persevered. They stayed focused on what mattered most - finding this one who was born into our world. The one who was spoken of by long-ago prophets, the one whom the celestial skies proclaimed. The stars conveyed a message they could not ignore. They didn't know who he was, but somehow they were led to him, knowing that this birth would change everything.

When they finally arrived at the place where Jesus lay, they immediately offered gifts worthy of a king as they knelt before him worshipping with great joy. Their encounter with Christ must have stayed with them. We never do hear more of their story, other than heeding a warning in a dream to go home another way. Their story reminds us of the ways that God finds us.

Sometimes our hearts are stirred when we read scripture, in a moment out in nature, in a conversation, or maybe in a dream. These epiphany moments awaken within us an awareness that God is truly with us. I wonder how God is stirring your heart these days. Is there something compelling you to pay attention or is nudging you to take the spiritual path that will bring you closer in relationship with Christ?

Perhaps the path that we have been on is no longer what it seems. Is it possible that God is calling us to a new path, a new way that will guide and prepare us for what the future might bring, so that we can thrive and give glory to God? May we be inspired by the Magi to go where Christ is found and to not allow the competing voices in our world to distract us from what matters most. And if we need to, we will take another way home.

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

In Christ's Service,

+Clara

Bishop's Schedule January/February

January

Jan 8 – Provincial House of Bishops (Zoom)
Jan 13 – Policy Review Committee – 7 pm (Zoom)
Jan 15 – Administration Committee – 7pm (Zoom)
Jan 17 – Provincial School for Congregational Development – 9 am (Zoom)
Jan 18 – St. Paul Cathedral – 2 services
Jan 20 – Clericus 3 pm (Zoom)
Jan 30 – Feb 3 – Ordination to Diaconate & Prince George Visit

February

Feb 1 – Grace Anglican Church – 2 services
Feb 2 – Ordination of Karen Dougan – 11 am rehearsal, 2 pm Service – St. Michaels PG
Feb 10 – Policy Review Committee – 7 pm (Zoom)
Feb 12 – Provincial House of Bishops (Zoom)
Feb 18 – St. Paul Cathedral – Ash Wednesday Services
Feb 24 – Clericus 3 pm (Zoom)
Feb 26 – Coordinating Council Meeting – 7 pm (Zoom)

Prayer Corner



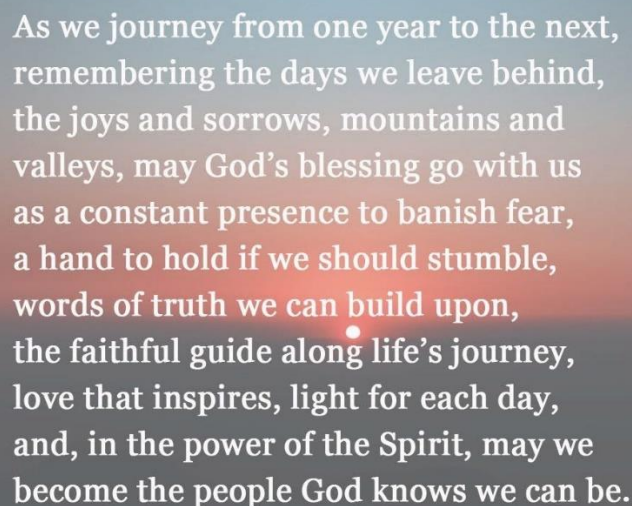
- * We pray for our neighbours, families, and friends that they may experience the love of Christ in and through us.
 - * We pray for our Pastoral Elders: Ursula Drynock, Amy Charlie, Pauline, and Ernie Michell.
 - * We pray for those who are discerning a call to a vocation in the church.
 - * We pray for Karen Dougan as she prepares, God-willing, for her ordination to the diaconate on February 2nd.
 - * We pray for the Diocese of Yukon as they elect their next bishop on March 21st, for candidates and all who will participate in the election.
 - * We pray for the Council of the North dioceses and their bishops.
 - * We pray for Indigenous Communities throughout the Territory, for healing, renewal and strength.
 - * We pray for leaders around the globe as they seek to work for the common good.
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- * We pray for all who are confined by illness or isolation, praying they may find peace and strength in the love and care they receive from others.
 - * We pray for peace in the world, especially in the Middle East (Palestine, Israel), Ukraine, Russia, and South Sudan.
 - * We pray for those who suffer through environmental disasters such as earthquakes, fire and floods.
 - * We pray for those who are nearing death or have died, and for those who mourn.

News Around the Territory

Clergy News in the Territory

- The bishop has announced that the Rev. Darren Bell will become the full-time Incumbent of St. Andrew's and St. Mary's Lillooet and will no longer be the incumbent of the Lytton Anglican Parishes effective March 1, 2026.
- The bishop has accepted the retirement notice of the Rev. Angus Muir effective July 1, 2026. Rev. Angus will continue his ministry in the parishes of St. Michael's Merritt and Scw'exmx Parishes). Effective March 1, 2026, in addition to his current two parishes, Rev. Angus will take on the role of Priest-in-Charge of the Lytton Anglican Parishes until his retirement.
- Effective March 1, 2026, the Rev. Angus Muir will step down as the Southern Region Regional Dean.
- Effective March 1, 2026, the Rev. Darren Bell will be appointed the Southern Region Regional Dean.

Please hold these communities and clergy in your prayers as they move into a time of transition.



As we journey from one year to the next,
remembering the days we leave behind,
the joys and sorrows, mountains and
valleys, may God's blessing go with us
as a constant presence to banish fear,
a hand to hold if we should stumble,
words of truth we can build upon,
the faithful guide along life's journey,
love that inspires, light for each day,
and, in the power of the Spirit, may we
become the people God knows we can be.

Other News

Exploring and Connecting in Ecumenical Shared Ministry

Two online sessions in February will offer opportunities to explore and connect around local congregational partnerships. On Feb. 12, a learning session introduces newcomers to ecumenical shared ministry. On Feb. 26, a networking session supports those already serving in partnerships. Both sessions are hosted by the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Commission via Zoom and will include special guest speakers.

[Register for the Feb. 12 Ecumenical Shared Ministry Learning Session...](#)

[Register for the Feb. 26 Ecumenical Shared Ministry Networking Session...](#)

Jan. 18-25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity extends an invitation to draw upon shared Christian heritage. Prayers and reflections for this year have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches.

Resources: [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](http://www.weekofprayer.ca) (www.weekofprayer.ca)

Around the Territory



Alexis Creek



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Lillooet



Kamloops



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Scw'exmx



Sun Peaks



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Prince George



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