

From the Bishop's Desk...

For all the Saints...

On All Saints Day and All Souls Day (November 1 and 2nd) we remember with gratitude all the saints who have gone before us. Some of them are listed in our "For All the Saints" book that lists the more recognized saints of long ago. It's not that they are more special or above anyone else. They have been identified because of the way they lived their lives, giving witness and hope to the church throughout the ages. Their witness inspires us to do the same. At this time of year, it is an opportunity to remember all who have gone before us – the communion of saints – all the souls who are now at rest. We remember our loved ones and those whose lives have left a legacy of faith and dedication for us to aspire to. We remember with gratitude those who sacrificed their life for the sake of peace in our world as we mark Indigenous Veterans Day on November 8th and Remembrance Day on November 11th.

In these days of remembrance, my thoughts turn to the recent and tragic events of the Canadian Forces Base Wainwright fire that, sadly, resulted in the loss of lives and an incredible number of critically injured military members. Stories of bravery and courage are now emerging from this incident. One example I recently heard is about Corporal Liam Keene, a 23-year-old combat medic with the 3 PPLCI platoon who went into action to respond to those who were injured. It is reported that he ran back and forth into the wall of flames several times to rescue others before collapsing with his own severe injuries. His recovery will be long and hard as he remains in critical condition facing numerous surgeries. He was not alone. He is one of many who stepped in under extreme conditions to try to pull the injured to a safer triage area.

When we think about Saints, we sometimes think of the martyrs who endured unimaginable situations and many ended up losing their lives in the name of their faith. The word martyr at its most basic level means "witness". Their lives are a witness to what matters most – love of God and love of neighbour, and yes, sometimes at all costs.

What we realize is that there are people all around us giving witness to what matters most in this life. We saw that in Wainwright; we see it in places like the West Bank of Israel and Gaza as Christians and many others who struggle to survive in hostile situations.

We remember with hearts filled with gratitude for the cloud of witnesses both present and who have gone before us. May their lives remind us of who we are and to whom we belong. May they remind us that we too are saints, called to be witnesses to our faith and to Christ's way.

In Christ's Service,

+Clara

Bishop's Schedule November/December

November

Oct 29-Nov 1 – Council of the North in-person mtg – Winnipeg MB
Nov 4 – 8th – Council of General Synod – Toronto ON
Nov 12th – Provincial House of Bishops – 9 am (Zoom)
Nov 12th – Administration Committee – 7 pm (Zoom)
Nov 17th – Clericus Meeting – 3 pm (Zoom)
Nov 20th – Vancouver School of Theology board meeting – 9:30 am (Zoom)
Nov 21st – Coordinating Council Meeting – 9 am (Zoom)
Nov 23-26th – 50th Anniversary of Priesting of Women in ACC – Victoria BC

December

Dec 5 – 14th – Prince George Parishes Visit/Meetings
Dec 15th – Clericus Meeting – 3 pm (Zoom)
Dec 24th – St. Paul Cathedral Christmas Eve services – Kamloops

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 the Council of the North dioceses and their bishops.
- * We pray for newly elected municipal mayors and councils and for provincial members of legislative assembly.
- * 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 caregivers, for strength and encouragement.
- * We pray for the Canadian Armed Forces, especially the CFB Wainwright community in the recent devastating fire that resulted in lives lost and dozens critically injured.
- * We pray for those who long for peace, especially in war-torn places: Israel, Palestine, Iran, Ukraine, Russia, South Sudan, Myanmar...
- * We pray for those who suffer through environmental disasters such as earthquakes, fire, floods and cyclones.
- * We pray for those who are nearing death or have died, and for those who mourn. We give thanks for the life of Peggy Chute who was a significant person in the life of the Lytton Anglican parishes and Village of Lytton.

News Around the Territory

Bishop Announcements:

The bishop has appointed the Rev. Ann Westgate to serve as incumbent of the parish of St. Michael's in Merritt BC beginning November 1, 2026.

The bishop has appointed the Rev. Wendy McRae as Interim Priest-in-Charge for St. John the Divine, Quesnel, St. Michael's and All Angels, Prince George and Grace Anglican Church, Prince George effective November 1, 2026.

The bishop has conferred the honorary title of Lay Canon of the Territory of the People to Philomena (Phil) Churchill of St. Peter's Monte Creek on the 100th anniversary of the parish.

Canon Phil Churchill is one of the longest-serving members of St. Peter's and has served in numerous roles including warden, building and cemetery committee, worship liturgical roles, chaired various anniversary of the parish committees, and as an Assembly delegate and regional council member. She has attended and supported various events in the Territory and in nearby parishes. She is known for her pastoral heart and deep commitment to God and in serving those around her. Please join us in celebrating her ministry amongst us!



The bishop has appointed Claire Tosoff of Kamloops as the Territory Alongside Hope Representative effective November 1, 2026. She replaces Joy Gothard, who has been in this role for several years and who will continue as a parish liaison/representative for St. Paul Cathedral.

On behalf of the Territory, the bishop wishes to express deep appreciation for the dedication and service of Joy Gothard as our Territory Representative. She has inspired many of us to support and learn more about Alongside Hope. We are grateful for her faithful service.

Representing the Territory at the Alongside Hope National Gathering – by Claire Tosoff

I am honoured to have been asked to represent the Territory at the Alongside Hope National Gathering in Toronto on October 15-17, 2026. This gathering is a meaningful opportunity to connect with others from across the country who share a commitment to compassion, justice, service to communities in need, and to hear from our partnerships and programs. I learned about the work being carried out by Alongside Hope, and I was able to share the experiences and perspectives of our Territory. We received so much support from the staff and our partners – it made learning so much fun!!! (and there was Karaoke)

Alongside Hope plays an important role in connecting the Anglican Church of Canada with communities around the world through its commitment to sustainable development, humanitarian assistance, and building a more just and compassionate world. They do SUCH good work!

The more I learned about this role, the more I recognize the important foundation established by our outgoing Territory Representative, Joy Gothard. I want to extend my sincere gratitude to Joy for her many years of dedication, commitment, and service in this position. The time and care she has invested as the Territory Representative is greatly appreciated, and her contributions will be acknowledged and celebrated. She will be a tough act to follow! Thank you, Joy, for your years of faithful service and for the example you have set.

I look forward to connecting with our current Parish Reps and visiting the Parishes to share all the things I have learned. My heart and my brain are totally full, and I can't wait to share them both with you.



Alongside Hope Wild Ride was a Success!!



The Wild Ride officially finished on October 18, the Feast of St. Luke.

What an amazing Wild Ride this has been. **We are especially grateful to all those who donated to Team Territory of the People Light Seekers. Our team raised \$2,845 of the \$82,063.80 as of October 26.** Thanks to your donations, our Team and National goals have been exceeded.

The Alongside Hope 2026 Wild Ride will bring clean, reliable solar power with 70 solar panels (which includes installation, maintenance and other costs) to St. Luke's Hospital in Nablus, West Bank. The hospital serves a population of 455,000 people.

A big thank you to Anita Bourassa, Lynn Snook and Natasha Lyndon who took on a personal challenge and helped spread the word about the work of Alongside Hope. And thanks to Sue Cane for joining me on some of my rides.

On September 10, Alongside Hope hosted a webinar, "Light for St. Luke's" which can still be viewed on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YhBnEuyTJlc>

A video to wrap up the campaign will be sent to everyone who has donated to the 2026 Wild Ride.



Successful African Service at the Cathedral



Thanks to Ido and the team for putting on an amazing service of worship and praise. The 2nd annual African service was a huge success with standing room only in the Cathedral. But most importantly, we gathered together to worship the Lord. Hallelujah! Praise God!

Following the worship service, everyone gathered in the hall for a special meal and fellowship.

Other News

Joint Clergy Conference at Sorrento Retreat and Conference Centre

The Territory of the People and the Diocese of Kootenay have held a joint clergy conference for several years and are held at the beautiful Sorrento Centre on Shuswap Lake just outside of Sorrento BC. This year, clergy gathered October 19-22nd to participate in the theme - "Rooted in Hope: Lived in Community" led by the head of the Iona Community, Ruth Harvey. Drawing on her experience of a life lived in Christian community, Ruth helped us gently to explore the fractures facing our world today. We dug deep into Scripture and other sources of wisdom, including rich resources from the world of conflict transformation, to reveal hope beyond optimism. We also looked at models of intentional community to learn from one another about how to live now for the good of all.



Welcoming Jesus – 4 week Zoom Bible Study

St. Paul's Cathedral presents:

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A 4-week zoom Bible Study on Colossians

**Wednesdays. 7pm - 8pm.
November 18 - December 9th.**

Join Dean Kyle and explore how the book of Colossians can help you prepare for, and celebrate, the coming of Jesus this Christmas.

Contact: deankylespce@gmail.com to receive the zoom link.

All Welcome!

Around the Territory





Cowboy Church at St. Peter's in Monte Creek



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