

A Message from your Regional Dean ...

How has living in Lent for a year affected you?

On March 15, 2020 the doors of our churches were closed, and we felt blindsided.

Where, how, when and why? I don't want to know this situation! But normal was gone.

Summer came with limited in-person gatherings and virtual gatherings taking centre stage.

Where do we go from here?

As winter came on we were locked down but at virtual Christmas there was hope on the horizon with the promise of vaccine, and we continue our Lenten/Easter journey as shots go into arms.

Dying alone, physically or virtually has become "normal." So many have died with barely a note in the newspaper. Jesus also died alone with people standing at a distance. Who came to his aid?

In our minds we know God our Creator is ever-present for us, and with us, but this year, alone in the desert, has really challenged us to find God in our hearts.

We will get through this.

Our Easter resurrection will come when we are no longer alone, and we see and feel the presence of God in one another.

Jesus lives!

Rev Angus Muir +

Regional Dean, South Rivers



On March 17th, Bishop Lincoln had a "meet and greet" hour via Zoom with the people of St. Paul's Cathedral Kamloops.

Bishop Lincoln shared some of his personal history about his life and family, his call to ministry and his journey to Episcopacy.

It was a great time of sharing, with time given for the people to ask the Bishop questions.

Bishop Lincoln welcomes the opportunity to meet and greet the people of other parishes in the Territory. He is saddened by the advent of Covid right at the beginning of his ministry in the Territory, which has prevented parishes visits and getting to know the Territory family.

If you would like to have a "meet and greet" with Bishop Lincoln, please contact the office:

office@territory.anglican.ca - 778-471-5573

Prayer for Holy Week...

Please, Lord, guide my mind with your truth.
Strengthen my life by the example of Jesus.
Help me to be with Jesus in this week
as he demonstrates again
his total love for me.
He died so that I would no longer
be separated from you.
Help me to feel how close you are
and to live in union with you.

(Prayer Resources from [Online Ministries](#))



May your life be
surrounded by the
grace and glory of the
Lord.
Have a blessed Easter

Prayer Corner



- * We pray for our parishes and congregations during this time of uncertainty, change and anxiety, as the Covid-19 Pandemic continues to affect our lives; and especially for those living alone
- * We pray for Bishop Lincoln, his wife Tanya, and their son Gavin
- * We pray for Pastoral Elder Ursula Drynock as she continues her recovery, praying also for Richard
- * We pray for the Rev Canon Isabel Healy Morrow as she continues her journey of recovery, giving thanks for her ministry to St. Michael's Merritt, and all who support her

- * We pray for Ron Sugiyama, Kamloops recovering from heart surgery, and his wife Lynn
- * We pray for Caroline Sharpe, 100 Mile House, and her husband Mal
- * We pray for Dwight Oatway, his wife Islay and their family
- * We pray for the Rev Canon Beth Marie Murphy as she continues her recovery
- * We pray for the Lillooet Shared Ministry in their search for new ministry leadership
- * We pray for St. Michael's and All Angels Prince George, Grace Church Prince George and St. John the Divine, Quesnel as they continue to search for new ministry leadership
- * We pray for all who are confined by illness, especially those with Covid, praying they may find peace and strength in the love and care they receive from others
- * We pray for the families of all who have died during the Covid pandemic, and for whom no funeral has been able to take place – with special prayer intention for the repose of their souls.
- * 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

“Sanctuary” – by Carrie Newcomer

A song of hope in our darker moments... click [here](#) for the music video

HANDY LINKS:

Anglican Church of Canada
Anglican Journal
Anglican Foundation
Book of Alternative Services
Common Praise online

Calendar of Intercessions Prayer Cycle – January to March 2021

Employee Assistance Program - Lifeworks

Pastoral Visitor – Jan/Feb 2021

PWRDF

Territory of the People website

Territory News:

- ☞ **COVID-19: Update** - from the BC Centre for Disease Control and the Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry recently announced a lightening of restrictions on gatherings and Events - including Churches and in-person worship. **We can now gather up to 50 people/vehicles in an outdoor setting.** Each parish will make their own decision as to how to proceed. We eagerly await further updates from Dr. Henry regarding indoor worship.
- ☞ **Annual Assembly** – October 15th -17th 2021, set aside the date in your calendar! We live in the hope everyone will have received their Covid-19 vaccine and we can celebrate an in-person Assembly – our theme will be “New Beginnings,” and our newly elected Metropolitan Archbishop Lynne McNaughton will be our guest speaker. Finer details about location and host parish(es) has yet to be finalized... so stay tuned for more information!

Territory News, continued...

- ⌘ **Anglican Fellowship of Prayer** - has been a part of our Territory for the last 10 years. During that time Gordon and Mary Dove have been the Coordinators for this ministry, working as a liaison between the resources of the national body and the Territory. Most parishes have a contact person whose ministry is to work on the importance of prayer in their parish. Gordon and Mary are retiring from this Anglican Fellowship of Prayer ministry and the Territory is seeking someone who feels called to pick up this responsibility.

Please give prayerful thought and contact either Gordon and Mary (778-471-4451) or the Bishop (778-471-5573) for more information

- ⌘ **Lenten Lectures** – St. Paul’s Cathedral Kamloops hosted its annual Lenten Lecture Series with the theme: “Mapping Life, Love and Lord.” Recordings of all the Zoom lectures can be found [here](#) on the St. Paul’s website. More information about the lecture series can be found [here](#).
- ⌘ **Book Report** – “*The History of Marion Hilliard House*” by Carol Leeuw and Janet Schneider
Carol, a social worker, and Janet, the house secretary gave many years to the Home. For them, as with others, it was more than a job, an appointment, or a volunteer job, it was a ministry. The Church of Cleopas was particularly involved but many other volunteers also came from a wider area. The book records the history of Marion Hilliard House from its inception in 1967 to its closing in 2002 with documentation and heart, reflecting the true spirit of the place. It includes the official documents, letters of appreciation, newspaper articles, pictures, and even an explanation of how Marion Hilliard House was named. As the authors state in the introduction, “This is an historical and personal recording of the direction committed, which wise and compassionate individuals took in order to offer help and give hope to unwed mothers and their families.” It is a story of the Church and people in action being present in a time of need.
The authors had planned on marketing the book themselves and giving the funds received to the Church, but Covid 19 made that form of exposure rather difficult....
Betty May Gore and the Resource Centre now have about 100 copies. These are selling for \$20.00 each and the book is free when you donate \$20.00 to your local parish. How’s that for a unique deal? Betty May Gore (bettymaygore.bmg@gmail.com) 250-376-9089
Gord & Mary Dove (gmdove579@gmail.com) 778-471-4451

Financial Officer - Update

We are pleased to announce the position of Financial Officer for the Territory of the People is being filled by a Team of competent and skilled persons with expertise to fulfill the duties of the Finance Team: Insurance, Property, Investments, bookkeeping and accounting. **Len Fraser** will be the Acting Finance Officer, **Jon Buckle** (St. Paul's Cathedral) giving oversight to the Insurance portfolio, **Andy Prodaniuk** continuing as book keeper. We are still looking for others to complete the Team – a person with expertise to give oversight to the Investment portfolio, and a Property Officer. If you or someone you know is willing to spare a couple of hours a month, we'd love to hear from you!

Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude are extended to **Dwight Oatway** who will be retiring May 15th from his volunteer position as Financial Officer for (APCI and) the Territory for the past 12 years. Dwight has been an integral part of the Territory Leadership Team and has steered us on a steady financial course through many ups and downs. Dwight also offers thanks for all the prayers on his behalf and looks forward to the new normal! Thank you Dwight ... “well done good and faithful servant... “



SapienceSpiritualDirection, Louise Peters - 250.318.2781

The Rev Louise Peters, recently returned to the Territory from Ontario, is offering this new ministry resource, a confidential on-line Spiritual Direction service. For more information visit the website [here](#).

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - Update

We are pleased to announce the addition to our Territory family of Betty Ann Harder, Administrative Assistant to the Bishop and the Territory effective April 1st. Until May 31st, Margaret will be assisting Betty Ann in transitioning to her new post.

Other News:

Companion Diocese of Montreal – click [here](#) for the Diocese of Montreal e-newsletter... full of good information and ideas to spark the imagination...

PWRDF – Until June of 2021 the Government of Canada is matching donations to PWRDF 6:1 for their “All Mothers and Children Count initiative.” This Initiative is a comprehensive health, food security and nutrition program in rural Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and Mozambique, which has been running since June 2016 and extended due to Covid-19. Click [here](#) to learn more about this initiative.

Sorrento Centre – The latest edition of the Sorrento Centre newsletter contained this tidbit.. to receive the full newsletter sign up [here](#)..



Just a few steps away, in our commercial kitchen, Food Services Manager Karrie and her team of Lori and Jesse, are working seven days a week to prepare breakfasts, lunches and dinners for people who are hungry in our region. As of the end of February more than 24,000 tasty and nutritious meals had been prepared. Each morning, a small crew of drivers take turns making the daily delivery. In the midst of the pandemic, people in our region need and deserve a good meal.

Unsolved Mysteries

What hair colour do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?

How *do* those dead bugs get into the enclosed light fixtures?

Bishop's Schedule:

March 25	Administration Committee via Zoom
April 1	Deadline Anglican Foundation Grants
April 15	Deadline Capital Fund Grants
April 12-16	National House of Bishops
April 25	Parish Visit – St. Michael's & All Angels, PG
April 30	Dean Ken Gray retirement day!
May 1	Coordinating Council – Zoom
May 14	Zoom Ultreya – guest speaker
October 15-17	Bi-Annual Assembly Location to be determined

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Territory Structure:

Assembly:

Delegates to Assembly are elected each year at the Parish Annual Vestry meeting. Assembly is held every two years in the odd numbered years (2019, 2021 etc). and elected Delegates or Alternates attend.

Coordinating Council:

At Assembly, the delegates elect members to Coordinating Council for a two-year term. These members sit on Council until the next Assembly when new members are elected. The Bishop seeks as equal a representation as possible from all three Deaneries and can also make two appointments.

Administration Committee:

Members are appointed by Coordinating Council for a two-year term. For more information or clarification, please contact the Territory office: office@territory.anglican.ca

If lawyers can be disbarred, and clergy defrocked, then doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?