

A Message from Bishop Lincoln...

Friends,

I love to share with people there are two times a year when traditionally the Church forbids fasting (unless for medical reasons!) and those two times are from Christmas to Epiphany, and from Easter to Trinity Sunday. I for one heartily make use of these times to celebrate as much as possible.

We do have much to celebrate, even as Lent swiftly approaches. I would hope everyone in the Territory thanks God for all their blessings, and asks for guidance to use these blessings well, for our celebrations are not for our own selves, but for the gifts God has given us to use for all around us. Our hopes, our loves, our joys, can be a celebration to inspire love in others.

We do not live for ourselves, we live as Christ lives: for the whole world. Our celebrations are for the joys here and the joys hereafter. Our celebrations are for the love shown to us and to all people. Our celebrations have not ended, they are always beginning again and beginning afresh. These celebrations have a meaning, and their meaning is hope.

+*Lincoln*



*Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!
Darkness covers the earth and its people,
but the radiance of God's Light
burns away its shadows,
illuminates the smallest corner,
and heralds in the start of a new dawn,
where hearts no longer fear,
souls might be set free,
and sister shall follow brother,
nation shall follow nation,
and kings and princes bow down in awe
before the one who comes to reign.
Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!
Alleluia!*

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 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

Prayer for the Second Week of Ordinary Time – January 17-23

Dear Lord,

At times, my heart is quite sluggish. Give me hope today. Lift my spirits and give me perspective. When I find myself stiff and inflexible, make me into a new wineskin to receive the alive, new wine with which you wish to fill me. And let me be open to your call to discipleship today. What are the opportunities to preach your word today?

Where can I drive out demons, rather than sit with their discouragement and division?

Please fill my home, my workplace, my heart with your Spirit, that I might join you in bringing good news for the poor.

[From Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer from [On-Line Ministries](#)]

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. Henry has extended the current restrictions on gatherings and Events - including Churches and in-person worship - until February 5th. And so we continue as we are until the Province gives us a further update in early February. Let us be gentle with ourselves and each other in these times and may Christ bless us all with patience to get through these days.

If you have to wear both mask and glasses, you may be entitled to condensation...



∞ **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 this prayerful thought and contact either Gordon and Mary (778-471-4451) or the Bishop (778-471-5573) for more information.

∞ **Not Toast - but Yeast!** Curious about the future of the church? Curious about your role in it? During the Lenten Season Bishop Lincoln will be leading an online series to discuss this and other questions based on the book "*Unlocking the Growth*" by Michael Harvey. This amazing little book "*offers the building blocks for a culture change, practical steps towards becoming an inviting, engaging, hospitable church where people make friends with each other and God.*" The book can be ordered through the Resource Centre, your local bookstore or online [here](#) at Amazon.ca. This course is for anyone and everyone who wants to be involved in finding creative ways to be Church in the future, and especially in the post-Covid time. You are encouraged to spread the word and invite groups from your parish to participate. Further information regarding dates and times will be emailed to parishes in the coming weeks. **To register**, please email the Territory office at office@territory.anglican.ca - should there be a good response, multiple sessions each week will be offered.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Territory of the People is seeking a part time (18 hrs/week) **Administrative Assistant** for its Kamloops office. Requires a good knowledge of all Microsoft Office programs including Publisher, good office skills and experience. The applicant must be able to work independently with minimal direction. An understanding of the Anglican church will be helpful. Please forward your résumé, cover letter and letters of reference to office@territory.anglican.ca
Posting closes February 12, 2021.

Dates to Remember:

January 28	Administration Committee 7:00pm via Zoom
January 30	Consecration of Anna Greenwood Lee - Diocese of BC
February 28	Deadline for Annual Vestry Meetings (AVM)
March 15	Deadline for all AVM Reports to the office
March 15	Deadline Ministry Fund Grants
April 1	Deadline Anglican Foundation Grants
April 15	Deadline Capital Fund Grants
May 28-29	Bi-Annual Assembly - more

And now for some more Covid humour...

Lego store re-opens after lock down!
Folks are lined up for blocks!



When you said life
would get back to normal
after June - Julyed

More Territory News:

Annual Vestry Meetings – As you are aware in accordance with Territory Constitution and Bylaws, and Policies, all annual vestry meetings must be held prior to February 28th of each year. These will be handled differently this year due to Covid restrictions, and most will be held either by Zoom video, telephone conference call, or a combination of both. Information as to the how to's of handling virtual attendance, mail in ballots, suggested procedures and process has been sent by email to all clergy and wardens.

The Annual Report packages were mailed to all Clergy and Wardens on January 7th - the reports need to be completed and returned to the Territory office by March 15th. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Territory office: office@territory.anglican.ca or by phone: 778-471-5573. Thank you!

Wanted!!

Dwight Oatway has been the volunteer Financial Officer for the Territory of the People for the past 11 years and is now looking to retire. The Territory is seeking a person or persons with financial acumen to take on the role of Financial Officer and/or be a member of a small financial team.

For a full description of the duties, please contact the Territory Office —
office@territory.anglican.ca

Other News:

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: January 18-25 - Under the direction of the Primate, the national office is preparing a series of videos to offer an ecumenical service in observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) which kicks off next week on January 18, the Feast of the Confession of St Peter, continuing through the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul (January 25). Video components of the service will be available for download at www.anglican.ca/weekofprayer by end of day on January 18th. Parishes are welcome to use the videos to supplement and/or replace services during this week of prayer. The videos will also be shared to the national office social media accounts beginning on Monday, January 18, and you are invited to share the videos as you are able.

World Interfaith Harmony Week: February 1st to 7th - In the next week or so, I hope to be receiving from the national church, a list of resources to support parishes for the World Interfaith Harmony Week. In the meantime check out their website [here](#).

PWRDF - The Government of Canada is matching donations to PWRDF 6:1 for their All Mothers and Children Count initiative up to June 2021. Click [here](#) to see more.

Unsolved Mysteries ...

Why is it that when someone tells you there are one billion stars in the universe you believe them, but if they tell you there is wet paint, you have to touch it to check?

Why do people run over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, and then put it down to give their vacuum one more chance?