

April 26-May 2, 2010

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF EDMONTON



# Synod Scene

## Prayer Requests

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- For those who are sick or suffering: Anne, Alana, Betty, Brian, Carol, Dan, Diane, Doreen, Gavin, Gordon, Ida, Izith, Jim, John, Kathy, Khaled, Meaghan, Nathan, Redha, Seumas, Sister Doreen.
- For those who have died and those who mourn: Pat Crane, Adrian and family.
- Theological students, all in the discernment process and all in theological colleges.

## **Toll-free Number**

For the benefit of rural parishes, the Synod Office can be reached toll free by calling:

**1-877-494-8890**

## Diocesan Appointments

The Rev. John Gifford appointed Co-Rector of the parish of St. Stephen the Martyr, Edmonton, effective May 1, 2010.

## Diocesan Announcements

The parishes of St. Mary and St. George, Jasper and St. Francis of Assisi, Hinton are seeking a full time Priest to lead a small, friendly, active worshipping community in the heart of Jasper National Park; and a worship minded congregation which seeks spiritual education and enrichment in the community of Hinton. For further information, and a copy of the parish profiles, please contact: The Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander, Bishop of Edmonton  
The Synod Office, 10035 – 103 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 0X5  
phone: (780) 439-7344 fax: (780)439-6549  
E-mail: [bishop@edmonton.anglican.ca](mailto:bishop@edmonton.anglican.ca)

Closing Date for applications is April 30, 2010. Applications should include a response to the parish profiles plus a curriculum vitae.

**Outreach and Social Justice Meeting:** On Saturday, May 1, 2010, from 9:30 to 11:30 am, there will be a meeting for all parishes of the Edmonton Diocese regarding Outreach and Social Justice. Each parish is encouraged to send a member of their own Social Justice and Outreach Committee or one of their Wardens. **Please note there has been a change of venue since the announcement of this meeting at Clergy Day.** It will be held in the Lower Hall of St. Augustine of Canterbury Anglican Church, 6110 Fulton Road. RSVP to St. Augustine's at 780-466-5532. Please be prepared to report on your parish's efforts toward Outreach and Social Justice.

## Ordination Service

Bishop Jane is delighted to announce that God-willing, the Rev. Jonathan Connell will be ordained to the priesthood, and the Rev. Keith Marsh will be installed as Canon Pastor for Rural Ministry on Sunday, May 2, 2010, 7 pm, at All Saints' Anglican Cathedral, Edmonton. Clergy are invited to vest. The colour is white. Please keep Jonathan and Keith in your prayers.

**Messenger Editorial Team/Submissions:** Are you interested in current events? Do you like to create with Adobe Photoshop and InDesign? The *Messenger*, the newspaper for the dioceses of Athabasca and Edmonton, is looking for volunteers to form an editorial board. If interested, please send an email to Edmonton Editor, Margaret Marschall at [anglicanmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:anglicanmessenger@gmail.com).



The *Messenger* welcomes articles (maximum 500 words) and photo submissions. Items must be submitted by May 5<sup>th</sup> for the June issue. The *Messenger* is not published in July and August. Please send enquiries/submissions to Margaret at: [anglicanmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:anglicanmessenger@gmail.com).



**Post Partum Support Ministry:** New Life Postpartum Ministry, an initiative that seeks to bring the good news of the gospel to mothers and families who are struggling with Post Partum Depression, will meet Thursday mornings from May 6<sup>th</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, in the lounge at Christ Church Anglican Church in Edmonton from 10:00am-12:00 noon. A second group will be starting in September. Child care is available, and the cost is free. See attached brochure.

Contact the Rev. Madeleine Urion, NLPM program co-ordinator, at [momslife@telus.net](mailto:momslife@telus.net) or at 780-716-3980 for more information. Please visit our website at <http://www.newlifemomsgroup.com>.

**U of A Chaplaincy Dinner:** Are you looking for a way to support the Anglican Chaplaincy Ministry? Are you interested in learning more about the ministry and meeting some of the students involved? If so, then please plan on attending our annual fundraising dinner on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the U of A Faculty Club, at 6 pm. Cost is \$50 a ticket and funds raised go directly to the ministry. Our guest speaker is Dean of Students, Frank Robinson. There will also be a silent auction. (If you are able to donate new items for the auction, Sue would be most grateful). For tickets please call St. George's Anglican Church (780-439 1470).

**Mark His Word:** The **EP Wahl Centre** is very happy to partner with the **Diocese of Edmonton** to offer a unique opportunity to experience the entire Gospel according to St. Mark dramatized and brought to life. "Mark His Word" - reimagining the Word of God with actor storyteller Hunter Barnes ([www.MarkHisWord.org](http://www.MarkHisWord.org)) will be held Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, at the parish of Christ Church, 12116-102 Ave., Edmonton. Come out for an extraordinary evening! Admission is by donation. *For more information, check the **Christ Church Facebook** page, or contact the Rev. Myron Penner at 780-488-1118 or [mpenner@christchurchedm.ca](mailto:mpenner@christchurchedm.ca).*



**VCP West Conference:** The Vital Church Planting West Conference will be held May 18-20, 2010, at Taylor Seminary, Edmonton. This conference - the first of its kind in western Canada – will provide an opportunity for balanced discussion centered on ministering in rural and aboriginal communities, as well as urban and sub-urban neighbourhoods. An **updated** description of sessions, tri-fold brochure and registration form are available online at: [www.edmonton.anglican.org/](http://www.edmonton.anglican.org/).

**General Synod Information Event:** The parishes of the Whitemud Deanery will be holding a General Synod Information Event on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's Church, Leduc. Coffee will be at 9.30 am and the event will run from 10 am - 12 noon. Some of our General Synod delegates will be on hand to walk us through the agenda items, and there will be an opportunity for comments and input. Clergy, wardens, vestry members and diocesan synod delegates are especially encouraged to attend this event. Parish rectors are asked to notify St. Paul's Leduc and the Rev. Tim Chesterton (Whitemud Regional Dean) by Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> regarding the number of people from their parish attending the event.

**Lay Reader Training Courses:** For those who would like to serve their parishes as licensed lay readers, the course takes place over six Saturdays (**May 15**, "Introduction and Prayer Books"; **May 29**, "Leading Morning and Evening Prayer"; **June 12**, "Preaching #1"; **June 26**, "Preaching #2"; **September 18**, "Responding to a Death in the Parish"; **October 2**, "Leading Public Prayers and Wrap Up"), leading to a lay reader's license. All sessions take place at St. David's Anglican Church (corner of 79<sup>th</sup> avenue and 85<sup>th</sup> street in Edmonton), from 9:45 am to 4:00 pm. To register, or for more information, please contact the lay reader co-ordinator, the Rev. Cameron Burns, at 780-469-7530, or via email at [rev.cameron.burns@gmail.com](mailto:rev.cameron.burns@gmail.com). Registration forms are available online at [www.edmonton.anglican.org/resources/forms.htm](http://www.edmonton.anglican.org/resources/forms.htm). Continuing education sessions for licensed lay readers will be planned for 2011.

**Our House Donations:** Our House Addiction Recovery recently relocated to a larger premises at 22210 Stony Plain Road, and has since been able to reach a larger clientele. For many years, the St. Stephen the Martyr ACW has collected essential items (toiletries, socks, etc.) and food donations for "Christmas Stockings" for Our House residents. In order to maintain and expand this important outreach program, the ACW would appreciate donations of items, or money to purchase items. The director of Our House, Patricia Bencz, has also asked for help obtaining a quilt for each resident. Should any parish wish to contribute to this worthwhile outreach program, please contact St. Stephen's ACW members, Julie Malone (780-484-8174); or Ethel Tookey (780-477-1891). Cheque donations payable to: St. Stephen the Martyr ACW, "Our House Donation", can be mailed to Julie Malone, 8818-162 St., Edmonton AB, T5R 2M4.

### **Parish Announcements & Events**

**St. Faith's Seeking Musician:** St. Faith's, 11725-93 St., Edmonton, is in urgent need of a musician for Sunday morning worship at 11 am. If you can help, please call Rev. Wendy at 780-477-5931.

**Ministry Volunteers Needed at St. Faith's:** St. Faith's, 11725-93 St., Edmonton, is in need of cooks, or those who like to cook, who can come in to help prepare community meals from 2- 7 pm on one Friday per month. The menus are already done, and the food is provided. We also welcome parishes who would like to assist through serving opportunities at the community meals. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please be in touch with Rev. Wendy at St. Faith's at 780-477-5931. Thank you.

**Rummage Sale @ Holy Trinity:** Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 10037-84 Ave., Edmonton, will hold a "HUGE" Rummage Sale on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, from 6-9:00 pm; and Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, from 9:30 am-1:00 pm. The sale will feature: furniture, clothing and household items, books, toys and treasures. Admission is free.

**St. Faith's Dinner and Silent Auction:** St. Faith's Dinner and Silent Auction will be held this year on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> commencing at 6 pm. Come for a wonderful roast beef dinner, lively entertainment and fierce, but friendly, bidding wars. Tickets are still only \$25 and are available through the church office at 780-477-5931.

**Annual Spring Tea at St. Stephen's:** Please join the ACW of St. Stephen the Martyr at their annual Spring Tea and Baked Good Sale on Saturday, May 15, 2010 from 1:30–3:30 pm at Prayer Works Hall, 11725–93<sup>rd</sup> Street, Edmonton. The feature this year is delicious shortcake with fresh strawberries and piles of whipped cream! Tea/Coffee and cake is \$5.00 and children under 6 are free.

**St. George's Spring Bazaar:** It's time for St. George's Spring Bazaar, to be held Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm. This year we are concentrating on the things you REALLY need, like plants for your garden, baking for your table and books for your reading pleasure. St. George's book selection is well known! Browse the tables of goodies, then relax and enjoy a bite to eat. Deluxe hot dogs, dessert and coffee or tea will be available. Come and have a good time with us at St. George's Anglican Church, 11733-87<sup>th</sup> Ave., Edmonton.

**Services at St. Aidan and Ste. Hilda:** Sunday services at St. Aidan and Ste. Hilda, Rexboro (Highway 16 West – Range Road 45) will be held at 10:30 am, beginning May 16<sup>th</sup> through October 10<sup>th</sup>. For information, please phone (780) 892-3417, or (780) 963-4479.

### **Beyond the Diocese**

**Death, Grief and Mourning: Caregiving Principles and Practices:** A one-day seminar for caregivers addressing death, grief and mourning, will be held Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 4 pm at the Westin Hotel, 10135-100 St., Edmonton. Dr. Alan Wolfelt, Ph.D, a recognized author, educator and grief counselor, will be presenting. If you are interested in attending, please contact Kirstie Smolyk, at Park Memorial Funeral Home, 1-877-426-0050. Please see attached brochure.

**Servicewomen's Stories Sought:** Lauren Auger, a Ph.D student from Ontario, who is writing a thesis on Second World War British Women's Auxiliary Services, is interested in the experiences of British women who immigrated to Canada following the war. This summer, she plans to conduct an oral history project interviewing former British servicewomen now living in Canada. If you have a memory or story to share with Lauren, please forward your contact information to Lauren Auger, P.O. Box 27007 CDO Gardiners, Kingston ON, K7M 8W5; or email: [lauger16@gmail.com](mailto:lauger16@gmail.com). Participants will remain anonymous.

**Welcoming Ethnic and Diverse Cultures:** All are invited to: "May I Be Included? Continuing the Intercultural Journey!", a conversation with the Reverend Stephen Willey, United Church of Canada Toronto, Program Coordinator Education / Leadership Development Intercultural and Diverse Communities in Ministry Unit (ICDC). Willey will explore "Pathways of Inclusion for All" and welcoming ethnic and diverse cultural communities within our city, within our neighbourhoods and within our Churches. This event, hosted by the Interchurch Interfaith Committee of the United Church, will be held Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 2-4:00 pm, in the Bissell Board Room (Main Floor – Bissell East Building, 10527 96 St., Edmonton). Parking is on the street. For further information call, 780-424-7652 or email the Rev. Rick Chapman: [rick@icpmedmonton.ca](mailto:rick@icpmedmonton.ca).

**Canadian Bible Society Annual Meeting:** The North Alberta District of the Canadian Bible Society will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm, at the McKernan Baptist Church, 11103-76 Ave., Edmonton.

**Conversation with a Canon:** The Anglican Communion Alliance, formerly the Anglican Essentials Federation, is hosting a conversation with Canon George Kovoov, principal of Trinity College, Bristol, UK, and Chaplain to the Queen. The event will be held Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm, at the Edmonton Petroleum Club, 11110-108 St., Edmonton. Canon Kovoov will present a brief address on: "Transformational Leadership for Mission and Ministry". Please RSVP to Bruce Clark via e-mail at [bclark@cci-industries.com](mailto:bclark@cci-industries.com).

### **Spring Programs @ Star of the North:**

- Spring Tune Up with Purna Yoga:** Come strengthen & stretch to prepare yourself for spring and summer fun! These Purna Yoga classes include physical postures and meditation. Purna means 'complete', and the classes are intended to nourish your body, mind, and spirit. Teacher: Cassie McColl.

May 3 - May 17: Mon. Mornings 10:00-11:30 am, \$33.00 (3 weeks)

May 4 – May 25: Tues. Evenings 5:15-6:45 pm; or 7–8:30 pm, \$44.00 (4 weeks)

May 7 - June 4: Wed. Mornings 10-11:30 am, \$44.00 (4 weeks)

*Wear comfortable clothing; bring a yoga mat and a blanket. Call 780-459-5511 to register*

- Heart Spa: Retreats for Women Letting Go & Inviting In: Making Peace with the Self**

Facilitator Michelle Jensen, a counseling therapist

A guided retreat experience to facilitate the personal growth of women, as they seek to let go of unhealthy beliefs about themselves. Gift yourself with a day away to renew your mind, heart and Spirit and learn to embrace the beautiful woman you are. Participant's growth will be nurtured through group sessions, guided reflection exercises and private reflection times. *(Retreats include Friday night accommodation, and breakfast & lunch Saturday. Limited to 8 participants per session, so register early to avoid disappointment).*

Friday, May 28-29, 6:30 pm to Saturday, 4:00 pm, \$159.00

Call (780) 459-5511 to register before May 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Spring Programming @ Providence Renewal Centre:**

- Spring Seniors' Christian Spirituality Day:** Walking the Sacred Path of Life

*Wednesday, May 5 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Jeannette Filthaut, SP (accompanied by some of the seniors)*

We invite you to a day of reflection and sharing on your life's experience within the context of community as together we experience the courage to embrace ongoing change.

\$15.00 (fee includes lunch and snacks)

- Spring Preached Retreat: Enlivened By God's Fullness**

*Friday, May 14 (7:00 pm) to Friday, May 21 (1:00 pm) Fr. Paul Fachel, OMI*

On this seven-day retreat we will encounter the fourth gospel's rich and life-transforming teachings on the eight signs performed by Jesus. We will thereby experience some of the "fullness" that Jesus Christ has come to share with us. Spring is a great time to open ourselves more fully to God's grace as we journey together allowing God's Word to soak deeply into us. Register early and save!

Before April 30: Single Room \$470.00 Private Suite \$610.00

After April 30: Single Room \$485.00 Private Suite \$620.00

For more information or to register for any of these programs, please contact Wendee Paul at (780) 701-1854 or [retreats@providencerenewal.ca](mailto:retreats@providencerenewal.ca).

**halfSpeed Creative Worship Retreat:** Come join a community of learning and growing Christians who serve in a variety of roles as leaders within worship, theology and the arts. We will be gathering at [King's Fold Retreat & Renewal Centre](#) from June 13-18, 2010 to collaborate, share ideas, worship together, and enjoy God through the opportunities that the Retreat Centre offers. We would love to have you be a part of this, as we seek to slow down, become attentive to the deep currents of God's work among us, and take opportunity to be available to God and each other at a deep level. Our goal is to discover new and renewed sources for our work, worship, and leadership as we find community, rest, reflection, and an invitation to inhabit God's Kingdom in relevant and life transformational ways. Cost is \$875 per person, with meals and 5-nights accommodation and conference fee included. See [www.halfspeed.org](http://www.halfspeed.org) for more information.

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