

St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Langley

Holy Week & Easter 2018 Connector



Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday - Sunday, March 25

8:00 am & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday - Thursday, March 29

6:00 pm Supper & Service

Our friends from Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran will be joining us

Good Friday - Friday, March 30

10:00 am Good Friday Service

Easter Vigil - Saturday, March 31

7:00 pm at St. Dunstan, Aldergrove

3025 264th Street, Aldergrove

Easter Sunday - Sunday, April 1

8:00 am & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:00 am Easter Breakfast *(between the services)*

Sign up sheet in the Narthex to help out with breakfast!

A note from our Vicar

On February 28th I sent the following letter to the four care homes where we currently provide worship services:

Dear facility:

Clergy and volunteers have provided worship services in your facility for many years. It's been a joy to minister to your residents. Usually our worship services have included communion for residents.

Because of a move to part-time clergy staff and because of a policy clarification by our bishop, we have decided that worship services will no longer include communion. Anyone wishing to receive communion from the Anglican Church can receive it privately. That is to say, we will arrange for a volunteer or member of clergy to visit and offer the sacrament. Worship services will continue in an Anglican order.

We believe that it is the presence of a caring person who brings Jesus Christ to others who are too frail to attend church. We will continue us to do our best to ensure that those who want to receive communion will be able to have it on a monthly basis.

One challenge that we face is to identify Anglicans in the care homes. We will need your help in some way to do this, although I know that privacy laws make this difficult sometimes. Please let St Andrew's office know if anyone asks for communion. We will be working with the other churches in the Langley area to share this responsibility.

Please feel free to contact me through St Andrews at 604 534 6514 or at standrewslanglely@shaw.ca

**Sincerely,
Rev'd Helen Tervo,
Interim Priest-in-charge**

The issue of providing communion to those in care homes has a history at St Andrews. To my understanding, it began when curates (newly ordained 'apprentice clergy) organized a team of volunteers from the church to provide worship at four care homes in Langley. Because the curates were priests, they provided communion to the residents gathered at the services. After the curates moved on, Rev'd Paula carried on with the services. When I arrived as half time priest, it was clear to me and to Parish Council that I would not be able to keep up with the services and Penny Ames took over the services. For the past year, Penny has been providing worship faithfully to all four care homes, including communion.

In the meantime, I was informed that Bishop Melissa is giving direction that reserved sacrament will not be used in a worship service. Priests, Deacons and licensed lay volunteers will be able to

A note from our Vicar continued...

provide communion privately to care home residents and others who are not able to attend church services.

The upshot is that we are hoping that those licensed to be Eucharistic Assistants and others will be able to make visits to care homes to provide communion to those who request it. My experience with private communion services is that these are the simplest and most meaningful services. I really treasure my time in this ministry. So, I am hoping that many of you will consider putting yourself forward to take communion out into the community. We will certainly train anyone to do a simple service.

At this time, there are very few people who would want communion from us. But these numbers may grow if we get requests. I know that many in the care homes are now used to receiving communion monthly and may miss it. Penny has offered to pass names on to us of those who want a visit with communion.

Please prayerfully consider this request. And please pray for those in care homes and for the people who care for them. God's love is shown in word and deed.

A note from our Deacon

A Journey in Lent...

A number of us (about 10) in the Parish have chosen to go on a Lenten journey together by participating in the "Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John" program recommended by the Diocese. We've only met a couple of nights so far (and the first night in the midst of a snow storm!) but it has been a nurturing and intimate experience for me as we share our experiences of the videos and prayers.

It can be a bit challenging to grapple with the message that we are deeply loved by God just the way we are and just the way we aren't, that God's love is without condition. I know I grapple with the reality that we don't have to earn this love – it is unearned and undeserved. When I reflect on that I see all the places where I've worked so hard to earn love, approval, acceptance. All unnecessary, not helpful. It's been a chance to confront all the places in myself where I find myself unlovable, unworthy, where my shame lives. But I'm finding it very rich to explore this deeply with friends, where no roles exist, we are a community sharing together.

As we journey through Lent together, whether individually or as part of a group, we have the opportunity to bring all parts of our lives to Jesus, even the parts that we may not like, may not be proud of. And, as we do this, we can experience the freedom and joy of simply being a child of God, perfectly loved.

Blessings at this time and on this journey.

Rev. Helen Lingham, Deacon

Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

In the beginning, back in 1959, General Synod created *PWRDF* after 75 coal miners died in the 1958 Springhill, Nova Scotia mining disaster and Anglicans realized they needed an efficient way to respond quickly to emergencies.

Originally a relief agency, *The Primate's World Relief Fund* soon began to address long-term development needs. In 1969 the name was changed to *The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund*. In partnership with local communities and organizations, *PWRDF* works for social justice and global change through community development, emergency assistance, and support for refugees.

PWRDF is the official relief & development agency of the Anglican Church of Canada, YOUR development and relief agency. Together, we can make a world of difference. Since 1959 Anglicans have contributed over \$100 million dollars to the work of *PWRDF*. Administration costs are 7-8% and promotions & fundraising costs are 4% of the overall budget. This is largely due to the work of many volunteers across Canada.

PWRDF projects:

- Empower women to have healthy pregnancies
- Provide training & resources to nurture healthy babies
- Support small scale farmers to feed their families & communities
- Improve the health of people living with HIV & AIDS
- Provide micro-financing to help lift people out of poverty
- *PWRDF* responds to disasters in Canada & around the world
- *PWRDF* works with Indigenous Canadians to preserve language & culture & improve access to services such as clean water
- *PWRDF* uses a culturally sensitive approach & strives to work with & learn from the people in our programs.

To learn more about *PWRDF* please visit www.pwrdf.org

Or feel free to ask me questions, if I can't answer you immediately I can certainly find out about what you want to know!

Heather Clarke
Parish *PWRDF* Representative



**The Primate's World Relief
and Development Fund**

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Life around the Church...



Eamon learning the ropes!



Ash Wednesday, February 14.
Rev. Helen's beautiful new stole.



Snow Day!! The new snow blower and helpers!!



Companion Diocese

Our Diocese is now in communion with Diocese of Northern Philippines. Our Companion parish is Saint Andrew's Church, Bagnon Oriente, Bauko, Mountain Province. Their rector is Rev. Tristan Batil.

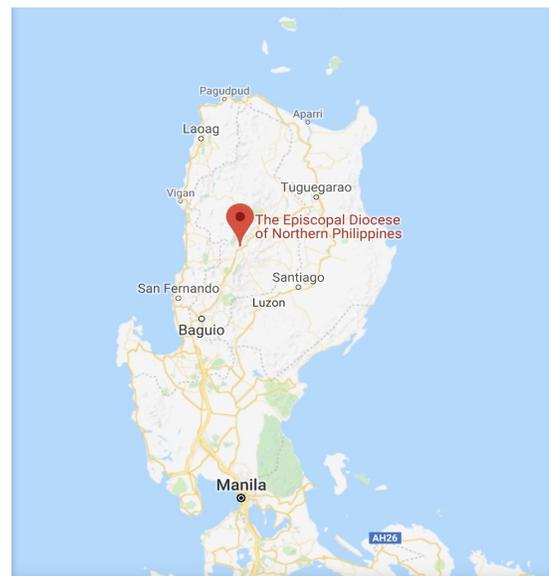
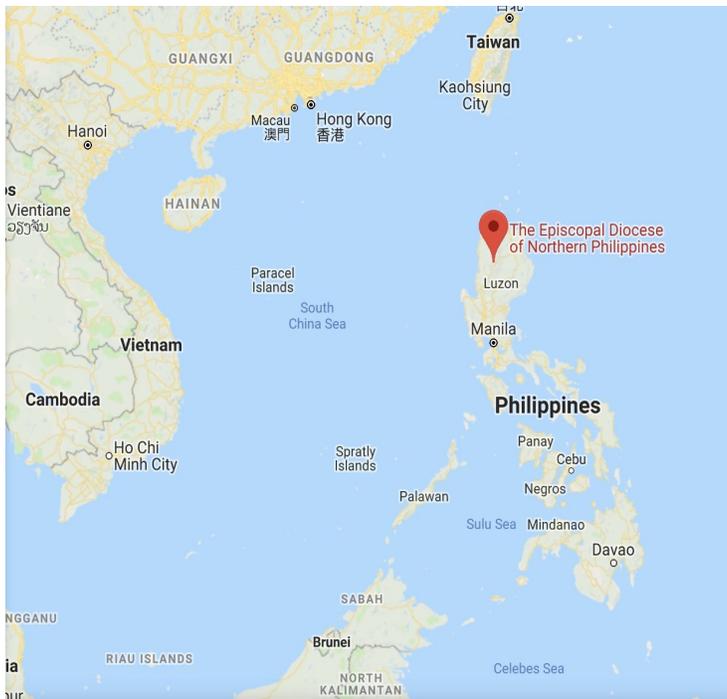
On Saturday, January 20, our Companion Parish Liaison Paulene Harris, attended a meeting at the Synod office, hosted by the Diocesan Parish Liaison Committee. This gathering was with the goal of assisting companion parishes in making connections with partner parishes in the EDNP.

Archbishop Douglas Hambidge related the history and development of the programme which evolved to become Partners in Mission, forerunner of the current Companion Diocese Programme. The goal is to model "mutual responsibility and interdependence in the Body of Christ", with emphasis on sharing the gospel, concerns and mission throughout the communion. Each part of the body should have an equal voice, wealthy and poor, in listening, in discussions and always as partners.

Some of the Ideas for Next Steps:

- E-mails will be taken by Bishop Brent Alawas and distributed to parish priests at the monthly meeting.
- Post a map of the EDNP in the parish hall with a marker to indicate the location of the partner parish.
- We will be defining ways of introducing the people of the partner parish to our parish.
- We will continue to pray for Saint Andrew's Church, Bagnon Oriente, Rev. Tristan Batil and their people on our cycles of prayer.

Please feel free to contact Paulene Harris (our liaison) for ways of deepening our relationship with the people of St. Andrew's, our companion Diocese in the Northern Philippine's.



Concerning the Canonical committee

From the December Connector...

This parish is embarking on an exciting new phase in the life of the church. Searching for a new priest is more complicated than most people think. There are obligations that we have to the diocese, to the future of St. Andrew's, and to the new incumbent priest.

We have struck a committee whose sacred work is to consider all these things and make an offer to selected priest to join St. Andrew's in ministry. The committee members are familiar to you: the wardens (Stuart Allan & Cathy Barnes), 2 synod delegates (John Graham & Lesley Glover), 2 alternate synod delegates (Donalda Whaites & Allison Minto), and our youth delegate (Trevor Barnes). Please pray for them over the next few months of discerning, interviewing and negotiating.

One of the big issues at this time is confidentiality. Some things, like where they are in the process, what qualities they are searching for, future visioning for ministry are all things that can be discussed openly. In truth, input is welcomed at all levels of the process.

Other things, especially who might be the priest of choice, have to remain confidential. We have to trust the committee to do their work and to discern on behalf of us all. St. Andrew's is fortunate to have people of such high caliber to represent the church. They cannot share, even with their spouses, the personal information of any candidates. As your interim priest in charge, even I cannot know this information until it is announced in church. The announcement we make is carefully timed with the announcement in the other church so that neither gets the news ahead of the other. This plan is written in stone.

If you ask a committee member a question that might involve disclosing information, please give them some time to discuss this or to seek guidance. There are good reasons for all these rules.

Rev'd Helen Tervo

Up Coming Events...

"Easter Breakfast" - Sunday, April 1.

Come and share in a Pancake Breakfast between the 8 am and 10 am services. Everyone welcome!! Please watch for a sign up sheet for how you can help out.

"Spring Clean up Day" - Saturday, May 5

We are having another cleaning up day!!! There will be lots to do inside and out. Please come...many hands make light work!!

"Garage Sale" - Saturday, June 2

We will be holding our annual Garage Sale June 2 from 9 am to 3 pm. We will need help on the day of and also set up day, Friday, June 1 (9 am to 2 pm). Please start putting items aside.

Check out the Diocesan Website for more news and events and to subscribe to the newsletter. www.vancouver.anglican.ca

Here are some more websites you might want to check out...

PWRDF	www.pwrdf.org
Fred Says	www.fredsays.ca
Anglican Foundation	www.anglicanfoundation.org
Anglican Church of Canada	www.anglican.ca
KAIROS	www.kairoscanada.org
Camp Artaban	www.campartaban.com

There are always opportunities to contribute to Sunday worship
and life around St. Andrew's:

*Readers

*Prayers of the People

*Administrators of the Cup

*Altar Guild

*Coffee Hosts

*Parish Council

*Senior Residents Care Services

*Eucharistic Assistants

Training Provided

Parish Mission Statement: We welcome everyone to seek spiritual growth through Jesus Christ, and to be instruments of God's love to all people.



St. Andrew's, Langley

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Monday to Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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