THE CATHEDRAL OF ST JAMES' DIOCESE OF ATHABASCA

OCTOBER 2019

Deans Update—The Epistle

Dear Fellow Cathedralites,

What is there in this world that we really have? Cars? Homes? Clothes? Food, perhaps? In recent days I have realized that there are lots of things that I call my own but in reality, they are not mine. My possessions are here in this world and they are of this world but they are not mine. Over the years, I have worked and money was given in compensation for that work and with that money bought things like food, clothes, and cars and shared them with wife and family. But none of these things has ever been truly mine for my own possession and consumption.

Jesus challenges us to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to give to God what belongs to God. I believe that this is more than a statement of how to use our money. It is a call to set our priorities straight so that we can do what we can through giving to the world through government while remaining faithful to God in all the things that God calls us to. The problem that we each of us must face is what we really value? And it is more than likely that we are going to value that which we hold dear – the very things I have already described. What is there in your life or in mine that God did not give? We have forgotten to some extent that God knows what we need and what we are going to need. And that is why we so often pray, "give us this day, our daily bread". It is not just to make sure that the deep fridge is full of the multigrain substance we like to have with a cup of coffee or tea in the morning. It is to stop and acknowledge everything that we have is there by grace and that we are thankful for it.

Moreover, everything that we see that is not ours seems to hold a better value than whatever we have in our grasp. That beautiful movie screen size projector television looks great in the store but what does it really do at home? And it's not just the physical things like homes, cars and the like. Its also relationships like marriages, with children and neighbours and with important people in the community like political leaders and even Caesar. If we let it, life becomes a constant race to be one up on each other. Doesn't such ways and life pull us away from what really matters?

Letting go of those things that we think we have in our possession enables us to better stewards of what we have because we know that those same things are not ours but that all belongs to God. So let us remember some simple things that will help us to do just that:

- Remember that we will not be forsaken and forgotten we are promised this in scripture over and over again.
- Remember that we always belong to God and because we belong to God we have each other.
- Remember to surrender ourselves to God because we are his that his power and grace would be evident in our lives and in the world.

Let us go and let us render, in Jesus' name.

Jason+



Parish Ministry Office <u>Hours:</u>

Tues/Thurs 1030-1200 Friday 1100-1500

UPCOMING EVENTS

| Parish Planning Event | Oct 5th |
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| Vestry | Oct 15th |
| Fall Work Bee | Oct 19th |
| Potluck Sunday | Oct 20th |
| Food Bank Sunday | Oct 20th |
| Birthday & Anniversaries | Oct 27th |



Thank You to all the people who give their time and talents to make this Cathedral Church run...

Vestry is organizing a clean up work bee at St James
October 19th 10-3pm !!!!!

Projects will be the bonus room and racking the yard with the many leaves.





We are seeking spaces for billets

for the weekend

of the Episcopal Election

Please email Rose at stjamesadmin@telus.net

or

Danielle at dioath@telusplanet.net



ACW News



The St. James ACW executive.

Nova Haggstrom President.

Rose Gish Treasurer.

Susan Bowling Secretary.

We would like to encourage all of the ladies at St. James to participate in the activities of the ACW;

all help is appreciated!!!!

Anglican Church Women

What's Happening?

ACW will be hosting the Episcopal Election (Bishop's election)

November 15 and 16th

with Luncheon and am and pm coffees for approx. 80-90 people

If you are able to help out let Nova Haggstrom know.

We will need

Baking, lunch prep and cleanup volunteers.

If you can help with baking or can volunteer some of your day

November 16th Contact Nova



MING and Teresa Congratulations on 65 years!!!!







Thank You to all who volunteered their time!

Here is a couple of

smiling and helpful hosts of the

Open Door Event

and especially for the homemade welsh cakes.

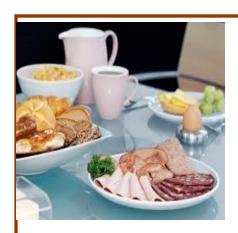


In 1884, Reverend John Gough Brick established the Anglican Mission at Shaftesbury Flats, down river from the future town of Peace River. A small cabin was constructed which became the heart of the Shaftsbury mission. In 1905, newly appointed Robert Holmes began expanding services to the Peace River Crossing, held in the Hudson's Bay Company House every Sunday. A log church was constructed in 1910 on land given to the Anglican Church by a local Metis man, Patrick Wesley. As part of his dying wish Pat Wesley was interred on the grounds of the Cathedral.

In the 1930s, Bishop Sovereign advocated locally and abroad for a new church suitable to be the cathedral of the diocese. The present St. James Cathedral and Athabasca hall that you see now were built in 1936 with funds raised by the congregation and also that of an anonymous English donor. The Church was built according to designs by Vancouver architects Twizzel and Twizzel, who designed many churches in the Vancouver area. The style they chose was a Tudor-revival cruciform design with off-centre bell tower. This kind of design is recognizable by its exposed timbers and stucco on the exterior and shallow Gothic arches on the windows and doors. The body of the church forms a crucifix, although it has since been altered by additions

Submitted by Laura Love BFA, MA | Curator

Oct 20th



Potluck

At

St James

PEACE RIVER FOOD BANK

The food bank continues to need

breakfast cereal, granola bars, canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter and tinned meat.

They have plenty of canned soup and pasta in stock so those items are not needed at this time

We will be collecting the 3rd Sunday of the Month

A volunteer from the Food bank will pick up the food baskets from St James office area!

Coming Soon

Fill our tree with hats,mitts toques, socks & scarves Made or bought

St James Mitten Tree