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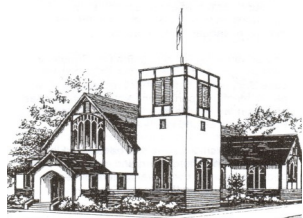
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## THE CATHEDRAL OF ST JAMES' DIOCESE OF ATHABASCA

### The Epistle

Deans Update— September 2019



#### Parish Ministry Office

##### Hours:

Tues/Thurs 1030-1200  
Friday 1100-1500

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome Back Sunday	Sept 8th
Birthday & Anniversaries	Sept 29th
Open Door Event	Sept 28th 11-3
Fall Work Bee	TBA
Food Bank Sunday	Sept 15th
Vestry	Sept 17th



Dear Fellow Cathedralites,

In the weeks that have followed the news of Bishop Lawton's resignation, I have been considering a number of things such as the people who have served the Church in this part of the world and those who pioneered the ministry of the Anglican Church in Western Canada. In particular, there is a missionary who has had a great affect on my life and ministry though most have no idea who he is. The fellow's name? The Rev. James Reynard, the first resident missionary to the Cariboo Goldfields in the late 1860's. He designed and basically paid to build his carpenter gothic ``cathedral`` for the building up of the Church in the midst of the wild life that was the Canadian frontier.

Reynard, his wife and children came to Williams Creek (Barkerville, BC) from Yorkshire, England. By most accounts he was a frail man who was sent from England to Canada to regain some vigour and his health. There were complaints about his manner and his preaching was called less than edifying by local critics. He laboured under much scorn and derision by the local population including trying to leading worship on Sunday mornings over the noise and gesticulations of the saloons. In the Great Fire of 1868, Reynard lost the few meager possessions that belonged to the church and the rented saloon that doubled both as a school and as a church for worship. He and the family knew hunger and often faced starvation, isolation and ridicule. There was little encouragement or support from his Bishop who sent him though Reynard would complain about the circumstances in which he was living and ministering.

The interesting thing is, in spite of all this, Reynard persevered in the face of all that seemed to stand against him. He continued the labour of building his church, even on a broken leg with the aid of his two young sons. He had a gift and a way to draw people in: music. He taught people (men women and children) how to play musical instruments and how to sign. Eventually it led to the founding of the St. Saviour's Institute where community members would come and share in music, poetry and other forms of art. Subscriptions were paid to aid to augment the quarterly stipend of the missionary. Reynard was also employed as a tutor for local children to help with their schooling. The congregation grew and enjoyed at time of grace but it did not last. About 1874, Reynard's health completely collapsed and he and the family left the goldfields for good. He was placed in charge of St. Paul's, Nanaimo where he served until his death a few years later. The odd behaviour and his ill health were attributed to a brain tumour that was discovered during an autopsy.

St. Saviour's today still operates as a church and is used for the training of men and women for ordained ministry. These people provide its leadership and I am proud to say that St. Saviour's is part of my Ministry DNA. Tourists and Park staff are the regular attendees and givers. The Gospel is still preached 150 years later and Christ is still made present to all those who tread the boards of Reynard's building. As we move forward into our future, let us keep in mind something that Reynard himself said of ministry in challenging times, "I am not afraid of poverty or of labour, but I am afraid of doing less than my all or of offering to God that which costs me as little as possible."

Jason+

# Welcome Back Sunday

## Programs Resume

Services and Choir Practice Resume

Wednesday Service and Choir Practice

September 4, 2019

8:30 am service September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Sunday School September 8th



## Start-Up Sunday

Start-Up Sunday will take place on

Sunday, September 8th the 10:30 a.m. service.

Immediately after there will be beef on a bun provided for lunch, please bring salads, desserts or veggies. This will also be the first day for Sunday School



# ACW NEWS



**Anglican  
Church Women**

**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!!!!**

## **What's Happening?**

ACW will be hosting the **Synod 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 and lunch prep and cleanup volunteers.

If you can help with baking or can volunteer some of your day November 16th let Nova know.

# Farewells

St James bids farewell

to Kathy Budd,

Bishop Fraser and Veronica Lawton

While we are all saddened to see them go, we know God will be using them in the next chapter of their lives.



Kathy you will be truly missed ,  
for the wonderful person you are,  
seeing your happy smiling face.

We thank you for your work on the many  
projects and jobs  
you had undertook for the benefit of  
St James!!!







Diocesan Evening  
of fun, laughter, roasting  
and saying farewell to the Lawtons  
God's blessings, Frazer and Veronica!!!



**August 23, 2019**

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# St James Celebrations



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

**We appreciate all the hours and time you give  
for the many jobs 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 !



Peace River  
Food Bank