



Dear Beloved in Christ,

We are sending out this month's email update a little early so we can remind you of the times and locations for our Holy Week and Easter services. We pray your Lenten journey has been fruitful. Spring is finally here (at least on the calendar) and we look forward to more fellowship events as we come out of our winter hibernation. On a more sombre note, we received word today about the death of the Right Reverend

George Bruce, former Bishop in the Diocese of Ontario. We pray for the repose of his soul and ask God to comfort and strengthen his wife Theo and family.

April Events Calendar:

https://leedsanglicanministries.weebly.com/uploads/9/8/7/0/98706180/24_apr_events_bulletin.pdf

Worship

- A full Holy Week worship schedule is available here:

https://leedsanglicanministries.weebly.com/uploads/9/8/7/0/98706180/holy_week_and_easter_for_web_24.pdf

Here are the timings and locations for March 31st Easter Sunday:

- Ecumenical Worship at Athens Cemetery and Toledo Cross at 7AM
- Ecumenical Worship at Seeley's Bay Dock at 8AM
- Holy Eucharist at Lombardy and Newbliss at 9AM
- Holy Eucharist at Athens at 11AM
- Holy Eucharist at St. Luke's (at Olivet United Church) at 11:30AM

- All Worship times and locations are listed in the Monthly Events Calendar. Please check closely for times and locations.

- We will have regional opportunities to gather for worship and fellowship in Holy Week: Maundy Thursday (Mar 28th) 6 PM at Holy Trinity Oak Leaf with potluck Agape meal and Eucharist; Great Vigil (Sat. Mar 30th) at 8 PM at Holy Trinity Lombardy. We will also have ecumenical Walk of the Cross events on Good Friday (Mar 29th) at 10 AM in Seeleys Bay and Athens with services following at 11 AM. There are also Good Friday services at St. Andrew's UC, Toledo at 2 PM and Holy Trinity Lombardy at 4 PM.

- We continue to offer worship online with weekly Sunday Morning Prayer at 9AM and Wednesday Evening Prayer at 7PM. They are always available following the service on both our YouTube channel and Facebook page so you can still worship with us any time.

Discipleship

- We have another great resource available for children and families for Holy Week. Activity bags with bible stories and activities are available through your congregation or Re-New Creation St. Luke's Thrift Shop. You can also download the booklet and recipes here:

https://leedsanglicanministries.weebly.com/uploads/9/8/7/0/98706180/holy_week_24.pdf

- Bishop William is scheduled to visit Leeds Anglican Ministries on Sunday June 2nd at 10 AM hosted by Holy Trinity Lombardy. If there is any interest in Confirmation by the Bishop, please let Rev. Trish or Nancy know as soon as possible so we can schedule Confirmation classes and advise the Bishop's office.

- Bible Remixed is offering a 6-week Easter course online (Zoom) titled "Sowing Resurrection: The Subversive Message of Acts"

- Online Bible Study continues on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM. We read the Gospel for the coming Sunday and informally talk about what stands out to us, what it is saying to us, and how we are being invited to act or change. The link can be found at the end of this update.

Ministry

- St. Luke's Leeds continues to offer free brown bag lunches and frozen meals at Re-New Creation St. Luke's Thrift Shop in Elgin (open Wed – Sat 10 AM – 2 PM at 18 Main St next to Gordaniers).
- St. Luke's Leeds offers a free community lunch on the last Friday of every month at the Elgin Community.
- We give thanks for all who volunteer their time, talent and treasure in support of our many ministries! April 14-20 is Volunteer Appreciation Week in Canada – if you can, write a note of thanks to the volunteers in your congregation!

Fellowship

- The Parish of Kitley and St. Andrew's Toledo are offering pancake breakfasts at St. Andrew's on Saturday March 30th and April 6th from 8 am – Noon.
- Christ Church Athens is hosting a Pizza & Movie night for youth (Grade 5-8) on April 7th from 5-8 pm.
- Christ Church is also hosting a Spaghetti Supper & Silent Auction April 12th from 5-7 pm
- Kitley Elders will meet next on April 18th at noon for a potluck lunch followed by entertainments at St. Andrew's United Church, Toledo.
- The Parish of Kitley is hosting a Spring Ham and Salads Supper at the Newbliss Hall April 27th starting at 5:30 PM.
- All are invited to monthly meals at the Junction Restaurant: Men's Breakfast 8 AM April 9th ; Women's Lunch 12:30 PM April 30th.

Mission

- If you like Old Time Hymns and supporting seniors' housing, you won't want to miss the Athens Ministerial fundraiser for G. Tackaberry and Family Home, Sat. April 20th, 2-4 PM at Athens Free Methodist Church.
- St. Luke's Leeds Jug Campaign for Kiva continues until Pentecost.
- The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund continues to do good work around the world with our aid partners. You can read about their partnerships to help victims of Sexual and Gender Based Violence (SGBV) build agricultural skills and create economic independence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo here: https://pwrdf.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/DRC-April-2024_EN.pdf

Resources

- The revised 2023 Financial Summary for all LAM congregations is now available: https://leedsanglicanministries.weebly.com/uploads/9/8/7/0/98706180/lam_summary__23.pdf

Links

Tuesday Study / Meditation Group: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83680869366>

LAM Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LeedsAnglicanMinistries>

LAM web page (you can find links to other parish pages here): leedsanglicanministries.weebly.com/ LAM

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZYMAKxAQA1PmdNY7uanaDQ>

“Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”

— Teresa of Avila (born March 28th, 1515)

On behalf of Rev. Nancy and myself,

In Hope Eternal, Trish