

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN ANGLICAN

The Scriptures and the Gospels, the Apostolic Church and the early Church Fathers, are the foundation of the Anglican faith and worship. The basic tenants of being Anglican are:

- * We view the Old and New Testaments 'as containing all things necessary for salvation' and as being the rule and ultimate standard of faith.
- * We understand the Apostles' Creed as the Baptismal symbol, and the Nicene Creed as the sufficient statement of the Christian faith.
- * The two sacraments ordained by Christ himself - Baptism and the Supper of the Lord - are administered with unfailing use of Christ's words of institution, and the elements are ordained by him.
- * The historic episcopate is locally adapted in the methods of its administration to the varying needs of the nations and peoples called of God into the unity of his Church.

Anglicans trace their Christian roots back to the early Church and their specifically Anglican identity to the post-Reformation expansion of the Church of England and other Episcopal or Anglican Churches. Historically, there were two main stages in the development and spread of the Communion. Beginning in the seventeenth century, Anglicanism was established alongside colonisation in the United States, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa. The second stage began in the eighteenth century when missionaries worked to establish Anglican churches in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

As a worldwide family of churches, the Anglican Communion has more than 77 million adherents in 39 Provinces spreading across 161 countries. Located on every continent, Anglicans speak many languages and come from different races and cultures. Although the churches are autonomous, they are also uniquely unified through their history, their theology, their worship and their relationship to the ancient See of Canterbury.

Anglicans uphold the Catholic and Apostolic faith. Following the teachings of Jesus Christ, the Churches are committed to the proclamation of the good news of the Gospel to the whole creation. In practice this is based on the revelation contained in Holy Scripture and the Catholic creeds and is interpreted in light of Christian tradition, scholarship, reason and experience.

INVITATION

The St Francis Regional Ministry is a community of Anglicans which seeks to serve the whole of society and the world. We welcome anyone who wishes to join us for our activities and worship. Children, youth, and young families are especially important to us, and we endeavour to find ways to serve you and make you feel at home.

Many people find the fast pace of modern society and the conflicting messages it sends frustrating and confusing. Anxiety and depression in our society are common. It is said that most people are not seeking a meaning of life but a way of living that makes them fully aware of being alive. It is our belief that the Christian faith and the Anglican tradition offer a path that will lead to a life of peace and serenity, courage and endurance during times of suffering, as well as understanding.

The Church has a witness in these difficult times, and we offer to support and equip you and your family to find the way of joy and life and to help you deepen the meaning of your life.

The Vicar General, January 2017

**The Glory of God is the
human being fully alive.**

St Irenaeus of Lyons

WELCOME TO THE ST FRANCIS REGIONAL MINISTRY



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA
DIOCESE OF QUEBEC
DEANERY OF ST FRANCIS
ST FRANCIS REGIONAL MINISTRY

THE RIGHT REVEREND BRUCE MYERS OGS
BISHOP OF QUEBEC

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REGIONAL MINISTRY

The Regional Ministry is a grouping of nineteen parishes across the Eastern Townships in the St Francis Deanery of the Diocese of Quebec.

MINISTRY

It is served by two full time priests, one Honourary Assistant, two Deacons and two Deanery Lay Readers, who regularly give of their time. There are assisted by a dozen Parish Lay Readers.

FINANCES

All of the member congregations of the Regional Ministry contribute toward the costs of ministry through a central fund. The assessable income of all the member churches is totaled, and the percentage owned by each church is calculated. The funding needed for ministry is totaled and the same percentage is used to calculate the amount to be contributed by each church. If your church's assessable income is 6% of the total then your church will contribute 6% of the ministry costs.

GRANTS

The Regional Ministry receives grants from various sources which help to pay for the ministry costs. When a church closes the assets are invested in the Church Society pooled funds, and the revenue is used to help pay for the ministry costs. These funds reduce the amount paid for ministry that member churches contribute. The Deanery also receives a grant from the Synod to fund projects, for which applications from congregations are considered twice a year.

INDEPENDENCE

Each congregation in the Regional Ministry continues to have a corporation and to control their funds and their investments. The Bishop appoints a member of the Ministry Team to be the incumbent of each church.

The Regional Ministry enables all the member churches to continue to offer worship and outreach to their local communities regardless of size or financial assets.

CONTACTS & SERVICES

DEANERY MINISTRY COMMITTEE (DMC)

The Vicar General, The Venerable Dr Edward Simonton OGS – 679 9957; The Rural Dean, Ruth Sheeran - 566 4937; The Rev'd Canon Giuseppe Gagliano – 570 3433; & Jane Bishop - 887 6802

REGIONAL MINISTRY TEAM

The Venerable Dr Edward Simonton OGS - 679 9957; The Rev'd Canon Giuseppe Gagliano – 570 3433; The Rev'd Canon Fred Richardson, Honourary Assistant - 819 569 5277; The Rev'd Gabriel Kwenga - 342 3223; & The Rev'd Gene Ross - 563 8013

DEANERY LAY READERS (DLR)

Jane Bishop, DLR & PV (Pastoral Visitor) - 887 6802; & Marilyn Mastine, DLR & PV - 839 2554

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICE PATTERN

HOLY TRINITY, KIRKDALE

9:30am RS, 4th Sundays

ST ANNE, RICHMOND

9:30am HE, 2nd & 4th Sunday

ST AUGUSTINE, DANVILLE

11:00am HE, 2nd & 4th Sundays

ST BARNABAS, NORTH HATLEY

9:00am HE, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays:

9:00am SW, 4th Sundays

SAINT GEORGE, AYER'S CLIFF

9:00am SW, 2nd Sunday:

9:00am HE, 4th Sunday

SAINT GEORGE, DRUMMONDVILLE

3:00pm HE, 2nd Saturday

3:00pm HC – UC, 4th Saturday

SAINT GEORGE, LENNOXVILLE

11:00am HE, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday

11:00am SW, 4th Sunday

ST LUKE, MAGOG

11:00am SW, 2nd Sunday

11:00am HE, 4th Sunday

ST PAUL, BURY

9:30am HE, 1st & 3rd Sundays

9:30am SW, 2nd & 4th Sundays

ST MATHIAS, FITCH BAY

9:30am HE, 2nd Sunday

9:30am SW, 4th Sunday

ST PETER, COOKSHIRE

11:00am HE, 1st & 3rd Sundays

11:00am SW, 2nd & 4th Sundays

ST STEPHEN, COATICOOK

11:00am SW, 2nd Sunday

11:00am HE, 4th Sunday

HOLY TRINITY, DENISON MILLS, ST BARNABAS, MILBY, & ST JOHN'S, BROOKBURY have four services a year; **ST JAMES, HATLEY, ST MARK, ACTON VALE, ST PAUL'S, SYDENHAM & THE CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, WAY'S MILLS** have one to two service a year. These services can be found on the Worship Schedule on the Deanery Website.

REGULAR PATTERN FOR CARE HOMES

Grace Village, Huntingville

10:00am (RS) 3rd Friday

Place Sanborne, Ayer's Cliff

10:00am (Hymns) 3rd Wednesday

St Francis Manor, Lennoxville

10:00am (HE or RS) 2nd Friday

St Paul's Rest Home, Bury

3:00pm (RS) 2nd Monday

Wales Home, Richmond

2:30pm (ES) 2nd Sunday &

10:00am (RS) 4th Wednesday

CODE

HE = Holy Eucharist, **SW** = Service of the Word, **RS** = Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament by a Deanery Lay Reader.

For all Service Times, Contacts for the various Parishes, Weekly News & Bulletins and other information please visit the Deanery Website:

www.deaneryofstfrancis.com