

Share the Spirit; Spread the Word

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

Episcopal Ordination of the Ven. Bruce Myers, Co-Adjutor Bishop Elect

The Deanery is organizing a bus to transport deanery members to the Cathedral for the episcopal ordination on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 5th at 6:30 pm. The bus will leave at noon to allow sufficient time for supper before the service. There is a reception following the service so the return trip will be late in the evening. The bus will stop in Richmond and Drummondville if required. The cost will depend on the number of participants. Reservations and pre-payment required. Please contact Kay Hartwell for information and to reserve your seat. ([819 349-1971](tel:8193491971)) The more the merrier and the more economical so plan to join us for this happy event.

Monday, April 4 - Monday, June 13, 7:00 - 8:00p.m.

St George's Church Upper Room, Lennoxville - Lectio Divina. Please note that the change to Monday evening did not work out for many of the participants. There will be no session on Monday April 11th. Please contact lyndillabough@gmail.com with suggestions for a different time.

Saturday, April 8, 7:00 – 9:-00 p.m.

Alexander Galt Regional High School - The A.G.R.H.S. Visual Arts Concentration along with the Bishop's/Champlain Refugee Student Sponsorship Project are proud to present Sanctuary Art Exhibit and Auction on Friday, April 8 from 7 – 9 p.m. in the A.G.R.H.S. Library. Join us for a unique and inspiring evening as the students share their artistic reflections on refugee children's imaginary sanctuaries. Get involved and make a difference by making a donation or bidding on a painting in our silent auction. All proceeds benefit the BU/CRC Refugee Student Sponsorship Project.

Saturday, April 9, 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Opening to the Spirit Afternoon Writing Retreat at St Paul's United Church in Magog. Magog: All are welcome to join the authors of the weekly Opening to the Spirit column (Fridays in the Sherbrooke Record) for an afternoon of writing and sharing. Voluntary \$10 donation to cover the cost of a journal and refreshments. Please contact lyndillabough@gmail.com for more information and to register.

Sunday, April 10, 3:00 pm

St Mark's Chapel, Bishop's University – Les Amis de l'Orgue de l'Estrie. is holding an concert with organists Leslie Young and Jean-Yves Saint-Pierre who will play a program including works by Liederbuch, Bonelli, Gabrieli, Pasquini and Bach. Tickets are available at the door. Regular admission 10\$. Parking is free on the campus on Sunday. See the attached poster for the program.

Tuesday, April 12, 11:00 am

Christ Church, Eustis – The church which was moved to the Quebec Lodge property will be deconsecrated by the Archdeacon. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday, April 16, 8 am – Noon

St Anne's Church, Richmond – Spring Rummage Sale, 8 am \$3.00 bag sale / 10 am \$5.00 box sale.

Saturday, April 23, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Lennoxville - The Skills of Healing: Care For Others, Care For Yourself. All are welcome to attend as we are all, hopefully, caring for each other and would like to improve our abilities to do this. You do not need to be an official member of the Deanery Pastoral Ministry Team. The morning focuses on care for others and some of the skills of listening and being present, as well as some of the practicalities of visiting hospitals and nursing homes, particularly those with dementia, alzheimer's and other diseases that cause confusion. In the afternoon, following a lunch, which is provided thanks to a grant from St Peter's, Sherbrooke, we will focus on caring for yourself. Caregivers can sometimes deplete themselves and we need to learn the skills of proper self-care. Afternoon topics will include setting boundaries with difficult people, as well as ways to alleviate the depression and anxiety that can often occur for caregivers. Workshops will be led by Canon Lynn Dillabough. Lynn taught for several years at St Paul University in the Counselling and Spirituality program, supervising graduate students who were training to become psychotherapists. She also worked for fifteen years as a professional pastoral counsellor and has been invited to lead pastoral care workshops in many congregations. There is no cost for this event, but donations would be welcomed to offset the cost of future workshops. Please print and distribute the attached poster to your congregations. Please contact Canon Lynn Dillabough to register at lynnedillabough@gmail.com

Thursday, April 28 – Friday, April 29th, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Saturday, April 30, 8:30 – 12:00 noon

St George's Church Hall, Lennoxville – Rummage Sale, bag sale on Saturday. Articles for sale may be left at the church hall the week of April 24th. For big savings do you shopping with us.

Saturday, May 7, 8 am – 2 pm

Bishop's University - The BU/CRC Refugee Student Sponsorship Committee will be holding their annual large Garage Sale on Saturday, May 7 from 8 am to 2 pm in the Bishop's University W.B. Scott arena (old arena). Donations will be gratefully accepted from April 4, 2016 until May 4, 2016 and can be dropped off at the arena lobby from 8 am to 8 pm (including Saturday and Sunday). Please note we cannot accept tires, mattresses, TVs and very old computer monitors. Thank you very much for your donations, and we hope to see you at the sale on May 7, 2016. For further information please contact Heather Thomson at 819-822-9600 ext. 2718 or hthomson@ubishops.ca

Saturday, May 14, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Murray Memorial Hall, Georgeville - The Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald, the National Indigenous Bishop will be speaking on "The Gospel in Four Directions and New Horizon for Canada." \$10 workshop fee. Lunch and coffee \$10. Registration required at [450 292-3555](tel:450-292-3555). See attached poster.

Friday, May 27, 7:00 pm – Sunday, May 29, 2:00 pm

St Anne's Church, Richmond - Diocesan Youth Retreat & St Francis Deanery 5th Sunday Service. All youth, 17 and under, are invited for a 2 day retreat which begins on Friday, May 27th at 7pm and ends on Sunday May 29th at 2pm. Our retreat will end with a youth led worship service for our 5th Sunday deanery Eucharist followed by a pot-luck lunch. I hope everyone can come out and celebrate with us. Those who attended the deanery service in Danville last May will remember how wonderful it was to be worshipping with so many teenagers. This year we hope to get them even more involved in the service. Please print and share the poster that is attached with any teenagers you may know and post one in your church for others to see. Please contact lynnedillabough@gmail.com to get a registration form

Monthly Services of Holy Eucharist in Senior Residences

Third Wednesday of the month at the Wales Home, Richmond, 10:00 a.m. The Rev. Canon Fred Richardson celebrating, Ann Clark, pianist. Third Friday of the month at the Grace Village, 10:00 a.m. The Rev. Canon Fred Richardson celebrating assisted by Lorna Gordon, Sandra Gallichon, pianist. All are invited to attend.

Confirmation Class

St John's Church, Waterville - Confirmation classes to begin at St. John's, Waterville. All who are

interested please contact the Rev. Ruth Charleau ASAP so that she can plan the starting date and get material for everyone. 12 years old and up.

Wednesday Evenings until March 30, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

St George's Church, Lennoxville - The Nicene Creed: What Does the Church REALLY Believe? A six week course on the Nicene Creed led by the Archdeacon will be held on the Wednesday Evenings in Lent. This course is particularly suitable for those of mature years considering preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is also suitable for those interested in the theology and philosophy of foundational Christian thought. Participants need not be Christians but it is for all those who are interested in what the Church REALLY believes as opposed to what most people THINK it believes. Conversation will take part over a Lenten soup supper. A sung service of compline to follow.

Education for Ministry - Year One: September 2016 until June 2017

Beginning in September, there will be an opportunity for new participants from the deanery to begin the Education for Ministry program. Now is the time to start thinking about this. EfM is a four-year program of theological education for lay people. The commitment is high, but the rewards are many as you learn to reflect theologically on your own life and on the world in which we live. First year involves an intensive study of the Old Testament scriptures. The following three years are on the topics of: New Testament, Church History, Theology, Ethics, and Ecumenism/Inter-Faith Dialogue. All years have a strong component of practical theological reflection. In many dioceses this is the standard formation program for lay readers, but anyone seeking greater maturity in their faith will find the program enriching. Canon Lynn Dillabough is the registrar in the Deanery and co-mentors the program with the Rev. Ruth Charleau. You may contact her if you would like any more information.
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Spring Walk-a-Thon for the Deanery Refugee Fund and PWRDF

Members of the 3rd year Education for Ministry group are walking to raise money for the deanery refugee fund and PWRDF. Sponsors choose the recipient. This walk-a-thon is a little different, in that it takes place all spring. Walkers set their target number of hours they will walk between March 20 - June 20 and ask for donations per hour. So far, we are walking for about \$20 per hour, but we would like to increase that. Please contact the walker of your choice to make a pledge: Jane Bishop, Ruth Charleau, Lynn Dillabough, Joan Drinkwater, Sandra Gallichon, Lorna Gordon (shorter walks!), or Violet Konrad. They will explain their walking goals and help you choose an amount per hour that fits what you would like to give. Please contact us; we could use the motivation!!

First Saturday of Every Month, 9:00 – 11:00 am

St Matthias Church, Fitch Bay – Community Coffee hour. Coffee, tea and muffins. No charge.
Everyone welcome.

Every Tuesday

Wales Home, Richmond - Bible Study on the book of Luke from 1:30 – 2:30.

All are welcome to this bible study in the chapel at the Wales Home. All materials are provided. Just bring a bible. We now have several people attending who are not residents of the home, so please feel free to join us any time. It may be a good opportunity to visit friends while you are there. Sometimes transportation from Lennoxville can be provided. Please contact lyndillabough@gmail.com if you would like a drive or any other information.