

Share the Spirit; Spread the Word - March 2, 2016

Commemoration: Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672

DON'T BE LATE for Lent 5 Services on Sunday March 13th.

Daylight Saving begins at 12.01am, Sunday the 13th. Please remember to turn your clocks ahead before bedtime on Saturday Night 12th March. Spring - clocks spring ahead Fall - clocks fall back.

Deanery Grants

Please note that the application deadline for deanery grants has been extended to March 19th. All applications must be received by that date and no requests will be considered if submitted after. (Postmarked by Mar. 19th or received by email.) The application and guidelines are attached to the message. Please submit your request to the Rev. Ruth Charleau, Chairperson of the Committee. Her contact information is included on the application form. To expedite the processing of your request, please make sure that all the necessary information is included.

Tuesday, February 23 - March 22, 9:00 - 9:55 am

St George's Church, Lennoxville - Lenten Reflection Group. All are welcome for an hour of quiet reflection on the lectionary readings for Lent. We will use the method of lectio divina to listen for God's Word speaking in our lives. All materials are provided and there is no need to sign up. Please just come when you can. It is cold outside, but this group is warm and welcoming. We meet in the upper room at St George's, Lennoxville. If you have any other questions, please contact lynndillabough@gmail.com

Wednesday, February 24 - March 30, 6:00 pm

St George's Church, Lennoxville - The Nicene Creed: What Does the Church REALLY Believe? A six weeks 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.

Friday, March 4th - 2:00p.m.

Sawyerville Manse – Ecumenical World Day of Prayer Service. Please contact lyndillabough@gmail.com for more information.

Thursday, March 10th, 10:00 am

Ayer's Cliff, St George's Church – Annual vestry meeting at the church.

Note: The church is collecting food donations for the on-going food bank that operated with the United Church to help in the community.

Sunday, March 13th & Sunday, March 20th, 1:30 - 4:00p.m.

St Anne's, Richmond - The Walking Christians. All high school-aged youth and almost high school-aged youth are welcome to join this friendly group for worship, games, outings, and discussions. This is a safe place to explore life and religion and to just hang out and have fun. All are welcome. For more information, please contact lyndillabough@gmail.com

Sunday, April 3, 2:00p.m.

St Augustine's, Danville - Country Gospel Hour. Join with others from across the deanery as we hear scripture, pray, and listen to personal spiritual testimonies by guest speakers who reflect on the passage from scripture that has been most meaningful to them. Music is led by the Country Gospel band, "Dave and the Wranglers". Refreshments following the service are always a treat. If you would like tickets to this event (free but necessary so that we know how much food to provide) please contact lyndillabough@gmail.com

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

St George's Lennoxville Upper Room - Lectio Divina. All are welcome to join this gentle reflection on the gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. Using a technique that is at once both ancient and post-modern we listen for the leading of the Holy Spirit as we reflect on the meaning of the Word in our lives. Expect a lot of silence and expect to have your heart opened to God. If you have any questions about Lectio Divina, please contact lyndillabough@gmail.com

Tuesday April 5, 5:15-6:45

St Augustine', Danville - Messy Church. All families with children 12 and under are welcome for this time of learning and worship. Parents (or grandparents) attend along with their children as we learn about our faith and enjoy a good meal. Storytelling, crafts, worship and dinner with materials and food all provided. We do collect a freewill offering during worship. This month we are learning about resurrection and hope. If you would like to attend, or would like more information about the program, please contact lynndillabough@gmail.com

Wednesday, April 6, 5:15-6:45

St Paul's, Bury - Messy Church. All families with children 12 and under are welcome for this time of learning and worship. Parents (or grandparents) attend along with their children as we learn about our faith and enjoy a good meal. Storytelling, crafts, worship and dinner with materials and food all provided. We do collect a freewill offering during worship. This month we are learning about resurrection and hope. If you would like to attend, or would like more information about the program, please contact lynndillabough@gmail.com

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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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 4th floor living room 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.

Mark your Calendars for Upcoming Spring Events (Posters are attached. Please print and share with your congregation.):

- April 23rd, 9:30 - 3:30, Pastoral Ministry Workshop, hosted by the Deanery Pastoral Ministry Team
- May 27 - 29, Diocesan Youth Retreat & Deanery Service in Richmond