

Share the Spirit; Spread the Word – January 27, 2016

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.

Thursday, January 28 and February 25, 11:30 – 1:00

St Augustine's Church, Danville - Community Meal for Residents of Danville and Asbestos. This is a free meal for people who live in Danville or Asbestos. Come in from the cold for some hot soup and homemade rolls and desserts. Those who live alone are especially welcome, as are those who may be short of funds by the end of the month. Please contact lynndillabough@gmail.com to reserve a place.

Thursday, January 28, 5:15 – 6:45

St Augustine's Church, Danville - Messy Church. Our theme will be the baptism of Jesus with story-telling, crafts, worship, and dinner provided. All families with children are welcome, but please let us know if you are attending so that we know how many places to set at the table and how much food to prepare. For more information about Messy Church, please contact lynndillabough@gmail.com

Sunday, January 31, 10:30 am

St George's Church, Lennoxville – Fifth Sunday Deanery Service. As usual, a potluck lunch will follow. Please bring something to contribute to the meal, first course, salad or dessert. The Deanery will supply the juice, tea and coffee. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this deanery service. Hope to see you all there.

Sunday, January 31, 2 pm

St Paul's United Church, 221 rue des Pins. Ecumenical Christian Unity Service

Tuesday, February 2 and 9, 9:00 am

St George's Church, Lennoxville – Lectio Divina from 9:00 - 9:50. All are welcome to this gentle meditation on the Word in the Upper Room at St George's, Lennoxville. We follow the

lectionary and reflect on the gospel passage for the upcoming Sunday, making it excellent preparation for preachers. This is an open group for anyone who would like to enter holy silence and listen for God speaking in your life. If you would like more information about lectio divina, please contact lynndillabough@gmail.com

Wednesday, February 3, 5:15 - 6:45

St Paul's Church, Bury - Messy Church. Our theme will be the baptism of Jesus with storytelling, crafts, worship, and dinner provided. All families with children are welcome, but please let us know if you are attending so that we know how many places to set at the table and how much food to prepare. For more information about Messy Church, please contact lynndillabough@gmail.com

Sunday, February 7, 4 pm

St George's Church, Lennoxville – Service of sung evensong. The Venerable Bruce Myers, Bishop-Elect, will be preaching. Followed by a wine and cheese reception.

Tuesday, February 9, 5 pm

St Stephen's Church, Coaticook - Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on February 9th, 5pm at the Coaticook Golf Club. Freewill donation. For information please contact Lauraine Denis at [819 849 7196](tel:8198497196)

Ash Wednesday Services, February 10

St Barnabas' Church, North Hatley – 2:00 pm

St George's Church, Lennoxville – 5:00 pm

Saturday, February 13, 11:30 - 1:00

St Anne's Church, Richmond - Valentine Luncheon. Come and celebrate Valentine's Day with our annual luncheon. \$11 for adults and \$5 for children. There will be a bazaar table as well as door prizes and a raffle. We would love to see you! Please contact lynndillabough@gmail.com if you have any questions. (Please note correction to the price.)

Sunday February 14 and 21, March 13 and 20, 1:30 - 4:00

St Anne's, Richmond - "The Hatless Christians" Youth Group. All high school aged youth are welcome to attend. Please contact lyndillabough@gmail.com for more information.

Tuesday, February 16 - March 22, 9:00 - 10:00 am

St George's, Lennoxville – Six Week 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. If you have any questions, please contact lyndillabough@gmail.com

Wednesday, February 17 - March 23, 6:00 pm

St George's, 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 the course 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.

Saturday, February 20, 2:00 pm

St George's Church Hall, Lennoxville – Deanery Council meeting. All members of the Deanery Council are requested to attend this meeting. You are a voting member of the Council if you attended the last synod. If your congregation did not send a member to the synod, please elect a parochial member to be your representative. At this meeting the Rural Dean, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected. The current officers are willing to continue, but these are elected positions so others are welcome to put their names forward. The Rural Dean must be a member of the Deanery Council, but the Secretary and Treasurer do not need to be. Please send nominations to Ruth Sheeran

(rsheeran@ubishops.ca) before the meeting as nominations will not be received from the floor. The meeting is open to all interested members of the Deanery.

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 and co-mentor of this program in the deanery. You may contact her if you would like any more information. lynndillabough@gmail.com.

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 lynndillabough@gmail.com if you would like a drive or any other information.