

Share the Spirit; Spread the Word Sept. 18, 2018

Luke: A Journey with Jesus

Montreal Diocesan Theological College is providing a 5-part online course on the Gospel of Luke. This course is meant to be an introduction to the Gospel for people with no prior background, or a refresher for those who have studied it previously. People in the Deanery are invited to meet at the Rectory in North Hatley (645 ch. Sherbrooke) to participate in this class together on Oct 23 & 30 and Nov 6, 13, & 20 from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Please let Fr Giuseppe know if you plan to come (ggagliano@quebec.anglican.ca).

Christian Meditation

Centering prayer is a contemplative Christian practice. It involves sitting in silence, letting go of thoughts and emotions, in order to rest in the presence of God. All are welcome to join as we meet for a twenty-five-minute session of centering prayer followed by twenty minutes of discussion. No previous experience is necessary, and instruction will be provided. Starting Sept 18th & 20th, mediations will be offered from 6:00-7:00 pm at two sites: Tuesdays at St Barnabas, North Hatley and Thursdays at St George, Lennoxville. If you have any questions, contact Sam Borsman (819-620-6058; sborsman@ubishops.ca).

Deanery Pastoral Visitors

A meeting of the Deanery Pastoral Visitors will be held on Tuesday, September 18th at 10:00 am at St George, Lennoxville.

Lay Readers' Workshop – St George, Lennoxville

Saturday, September 22, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. A time of training and education for Parish and Deanery Lay Readers will be held in the upper room at St George, Lennoxville on Saturday, September 22nd, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We will be focusing on funerals and end-of-life pastoral care and joined by our Canon Theologian, the Rev'd Canon Jeffrey Metcalfe. Please bring a lunch for mid-day. If you plan to attend, please send a note to Fr Giuseppe (ggagliano@quebec.anglican.ca).

Regional Ministry Committee Meeting

A reminder that the Regional Ministry Committee will be meeting on Saturday, September 29th at 10:00 am at St George, Lennoxville. This is an opportunity to hear about the goings on in our churches and to engage in discussion. All are welcome to participate.

St Barnabas Church, North Hatley

Men's Breakfast will resume for the fall season on Thursday October 4th at 7:30 am. Come and join us for a good breakfast and an exciting time of fellowship. All are welcome. For more information contact Archdeacon Salt at 873.888.7936.

Blessing of Pets

A Blessing of Pets will take place on Saturday, October 6th at 10:00 am in River Park, North Hatley. Bring your furry (or scaly or slimy or what-have-you) friends as we commemorate the life of St Francis, patron saint of animals.

Christ Church, Stanstead

Help us celebrate our 160th Anniversary on Sunday, October 7th at 9:15 A.M. Bishop Bruce will be celebrant for this Holy Eucharist. This will be followed by Coffee, Refreshments and fellowship in the hall. Don't miss this occasion to greet & visit with our Bishop.

Silent Lenten Retreat

Once again, all in the Deanery of St Francis are invited to attend a silent retreat this Lent. We will spend four days at Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, NY, from April 2nd to 5th, 2019. Cost is \$340 US per person, travel not included. This year, we are taking reservations in advance. Spots are limited, so do let Fr Giuseppe know if you are able to make it by October 21st (ggagliano@quebec.anglican.ca). To learn more about this Anglican Benedictine monastery, see holycrossmonastery.com.