

## **Share the Spirit; Spread the Word October 2, 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](mailto: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, meditations 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](mailto:sborsman@ubishops.ca)).

### ***Seeking God in a Secular Age***

Charles Taylor, a Quebec Roman Catholic, is one of the world's most important philosophers. His 2007 book, *A Secular Age*, has been praised as a "magnificent epoch-making work" in describing the origins of secularism and its relationship to contemporary religion. Its last chapter speaks of a series of Christian thinkers who have broken out of contemporary secularism, which Taylor describes as a kind of "conversion". Our discussion group will focus on Taylor's account of conversion—and its relevancy to our personal and communal lives—through a close reading of this chapter, as well as selections from earlier chapters of the book. We will also turn to other Christian thinkers in order to supplement Taylor's challenging reflections. We meet Wednesdays, beginning October 10th, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, at St George, Lennoxville.

### ***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 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### ***Sunday, October 7, 12:00 noon***

The Dedication / Consecration Ceremony of the first National Healing Forest in Quebec at 760 chemin Sheldon, rte 247, Fitch Bay with guest assembling at noon. This will be cross cultural, bilingual, and Indigenous led. The web site describing the project is :

<https://www.nationalhealingforests.com/>

### ***Grace Village***

Queen Elizabeth II requests the pleasure of your company at the Royal Wedding of Her Royal Highness Princess Eugenie of York on Saturday, October 13, at 5:00 pm. This Royal Wedding murder mystery is performed by Mead Baldwin and troupe. A three-course dinner will be served during the performance. Tickets are \$50.00 / person. Any questions about the event or to order tickets please contact Debbie Harrison at 819-569-0546 x5012 or email [dharrison@masscom.ca](mailto:dharrison@masscom.ca)

### ***Naskapi Sunday***

The unique contribution of the Naskapi people to our diocesan family will be celebrated on Sunday, October 14 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Quebec City. The Rt. Rev'd Mark MacDonald, our church's National Indigenous Anglican Bishop, will be the guest preacher, and we will recognize the designation of Kawawachikamach as a distinct region within the structures of our diocese.

### ***Sunday, October 14th, 2:00 pm***

Service of Covenanting at Centenary United Church, Stanstead (479 Dufferin St.) Come and celebrate the amalgamation with the Lennoxville United Church. A time of fellowship, with a light snack will follow the worship service.

### ***Annual Book Sale***

The Bishop's/Champlain Refugee Student Sponsorship committee is holding their annual used book sale at the Lennoxville United Church Hall, Lennoxville from Thursday, October 18 to Saturday, October 20.

### ***Sunday, October 21, 2:00 pm***

The Eaton Corner Museum is pleased to present a Musical Afternoon at the Foss House. The musicians are playing as a benefit for the Eaton Corner Museum. Entry is \$10 and includes light refreshments at intermission. Space is limited, so please call to reserve your seat at 819-563-8700. \$10 refreshments included.

### ***Fall Rummage Sale***

St-George's Church Hall, Lennoxville. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. October 25th & 26th with BAG SALE on Saturday October 27th - 8:30 a.m. to Noon. Articles may be left at the Church Hall week of October 21st. Further info or pick-up of articles please call 819-562-6245 or 819-346-5056. SAVE YOUR \$\$\$ - SHOP WITH US!

### ***Annual Bus Trip to Quebec City***

The Guild's Annual Bus Trip to Quebec City is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7th to deliver the Seafarers' boxes, etc., to the Port of Quebec. Now is a great time to pack a Christmas Gift Box enabling the sharing of your joy with those away from home at Christmas time. Lists of suggested articles to pack in the boxes are available at St-George's - Lennoxville. Cost of the trip is \$50.00 and to reserve a seat on the bus or for further information please call Kay Hartwell at 819-346-5056.

### ***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](mailto:ggagliano@quebec.anglican.ca)). To learn more about this Anglican Benedictine monastery, see [holycrossmonastery.com](http://holycrossmonastery.com).