



Athabasca Update

March 3rd, 2011 Update

This week in the Diocese of Athabasca Prayer Cycle. February 27th – March 5th we are praying for Sexsmith and Spirit River and the future growth of the Church there. March 6th – 12th we are praying for the parish of Wabasca. St. John's in Wabasca: Atikameg and Gift Lake and the incumbent, The Reverend Richard Wayer. March 13 – 20th we have the parish of Emmanuel East Smoky, St. Anne's Valleyview, St. Paul's, Goodwin and St. Luke's Fox Creek and the leadership in the parish.

Bishops' Itinerary

March 4 & 5 th , 2011	Diocesan Executive Council		High Prairie
March 9 th	Ash Wednesday		
March 16	Clergy Day		Slave Lake
March 26 -27	Parish Visit		Beaverlodge
April 9 - 16	House of Bishops		Niagara Falls
April 17	Stuart Mennigke Installation		All Saints Ft. McMurray
April 23 - 24 th	Three people being received into the Anglican Communion		Parish of Northern Lights
May 1	Ordination – Janice Orr	7:00 p.m.	Christ Church Grande Prairie
May 3 – 6	College Council		Saskatoon
May 6 – 8	Women's Conference		High Prairie
May 15	Parish Visit – Confirmation		St. Peters, Slave Lake
May 20 -24	Away		
May 26	Ordination – Chris Boyce		St. Paul's, Boyle
June 4	Away		
June 10 & 11 th	Diocesan Executive Council		TBA
June 26 th	Athabasca Centennial Celebrations		Athabasca
September 2 – 4 th	Diocesan Youth Conference		Athabasca
September 9 & 10 th	Diocesan Executive Council		TBA
September 21 – 23	Council of the North		
October 27 – 30	Diocesan Event		Athabasca
November 20 – 24	House of Bishops Meeting		Mt Carmel
November 25 & 26 th	Diocesan Executive Council		TBA
June 7 – 10, 2012	Provincial Synod		Manitoba

Dean's Itinerary

March 4 – 7	Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee	Toronto
April 9, 2011	Peace Deanery Meeting	Cathedral, Peace River
May 19 – 22	Assessor - Provincial ACPO	Lumsten, Saskatchewan
October 14 – 17	Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee	Toronto
June 7 – 10, 2012	Provincial Synod	Manitoba

Archdeacon's Itinerary

January 10 - Easter	Work in Parishes	St. Thomas, Fort McMurray
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Upcoming Events in the Diocese

March 4 & 5 th , 2011	Diocesan Executive Council		High Prairie
April 5 th	Management Meeting		Peace River
April 9, 2011	Peace Deanery Meeting		Cathedral, Peace River
May 1	Ordination of Janice Orr	7:00 p.m.	Christ church, Grande Prairie
May 6 – 8 th	ACW Conference		High Prairie
May 26	Ordination – Chris Boyce	7:00 p.m.	St. Paul's, Boyle
June 10 & 11 th	Diocesan Executive Council		TBA
September 2 – 4 th	Diocesan Youth Conference		Athabasca
September 9 & 10 th	Diocesan Executive Council		TBA
October 15 th	Peace Deanery Meeting		St. Helens, Fairview
October 27 – 30 th	Diocesan Event – Growing/going Deeper		Athabasca
November 25 & 26 th	Diocesan Executive Council		TBA

Special Days for March

On March 5th Terry Leer will be celebrating his birthday, on the 14th Kimberly Greenwood celebrates and on March 22 Leah Lawton. Happy birthday to all.

What's New –Postulant Chris Boyce has been working hard and will be ordained Deacon on May 26th. Way to go and congratulations Chris! Let's all make an effort to pray and support Chris.

Hot off the presses – Our speaker for the fall diocesan conference is going to be The Rev'd Canon Dr. Neal Michell from the Diocese of Dallas. We have also chosen the town of Athabasca as our location as it is centrally located in the diocese (sort of) and we have found what we hope to be a suitable facility. Keep October 27 – 30 open on your calendar for this event! Watch for more information.

Diocesan Youth Camp – This year's theme – Creation – So get ready for August 1-5, 2011 Camp Artaban (on Lac Cardinal just north of Grimshaw) Take your children and grandchildren. Campers - ages 8-12 years counsellors: ages 13+
Cost: \$85/camper - Some bursaries available.
For more info contact: Rev. Victoria Luke 780-624-4433 valuke@telus.net

Diocesan Youth Conference - Youth Daze '11 - *My God is Alive!*
September 2-4, 2011 (Labour Day weekend)
All Saints, Athabasca - For ages 12-20 (gr. 7+)
Watch for posters and registration forms in your parish soon!!
Contact: Kim Marceau 780-322-3269 marceaus@telus.net

New news – Spring ACPO – We have three people (possible postulants) to send to provincial ACPO in Saskatchewan.

What else is new? - The Reverend Stuart Mennigke has arrived in Canada and is trying to adjust to a new country, new parish, new home and new weather!! All Saints in Fort McMurray has welcomed him and he will be a blessed addition to their parish. Stuart came to Canada with his sons and his wife Jane will join them in the spring. Keep praying for Stuart and his family and the parish of All Saints as they go through this transitional period. (Do you think it has been cold enough for a shock to Stuart's system?? brr)

Other Parishes – The end of February saw St. Anne's in Valleyview saying good-bye to Pastor Glenn Widdis as their priest. Glenn is looking for a new position or guidance for the next stage of his life. Regretfully Glenn also just found out last week that his father has cancer and will be in Ontario visiting his family. Please add Glenn and his family to your prayers. When he gets back from his father's he will remain in the rectory in Valleyview until Easter.

Did you know? – Charlie Hand from St. Helen's in Fairview and Danielle MacKenzie from St. Bartholomew's in Grimshaw have been appointed to DEC by the bishop. Welcome Danielle and Charlie!!

Canons and Regulations – Kim has been doing a lot of work bringing the Canons and Regulations to the 21st century. They are now on the computer and will be easier to update when changes occur. New copies will be going out to all the parishes and Diocesan Executive members, if you wish an electronic copy please let me know. Thanks Kim for all that work.

My Life – I am having a grandson, hopefully next week, so I won't be in the office. Yeah!

Insurance – Insurance certificates for 2011 arrived yesterday so they will be out to the parishes soon.

❖ Hermann Dittrich has asked that we pray continually for the Lawton family.

O Lord our God, to you and to your service we bring Fraser our bishop, his wife Veronica and their children, James, Rebecca, Leah and Robert, body, soul and spirit, Lord. Fill his memory with the records of your mighty works; enlighten his understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of his heart centre in what you would have him do. Make him an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to his care, and let him by his life and speaking set forth your true and living word. Be always with him in carrying out the duties of his vocation; in praises heighten his love and gratitude; in speaking of you give him readiness of thoughts and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your Holy Word all the world may be drawn to your blessed kingdom. All this we ask for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Further information on the above notices/events can be obtained by contacting the Anglican Centre.

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