

September, 2011 – Diocese of Saskatoon Calendar of Prayer

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4th

12th after Pentecost

The First Anglican Eucharist in Canada, 1578

Our heavenly Father we offer our praise and thanks to you Father, Son and Holy Spirit for your mystery of Holy Communion.

May Thy Kingdom come.

In the Anglican Communion world-wide, we give thanks for:

The Rt Revd Paul Keun-Sang Kim Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of Korea & Bishop of Seoul;
Sceyelles - (Indian Ocean) The Rt Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song;
Sheffield - (York, England) The Rt Revd Steven Croft;
Sheffield - Doncaster - (York, England) The Rt Revd Cyril Guy Ashton;
Shyira - (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Laurent Mbanda ;
Shyogwe - (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Jered Kalimba;
Sialkot - (Pakistan) The Rt Revd Samuel Sant Masih Pervaiz;
The clergy and the people these parishes and dioceses.

In our Diocese we pray for:

Our Bishop, David and Joan Irving;
St. Mark's Parish and the people as they celebrate the parish's 100th Anniversary this weekend;
Christ Church Anglican, Pastor Jim Halmarson, with Cindy his wife and the people of the parish.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11th

13th after Pentecost

In the Anglican Communion world-wide, we give thanks for:

Sittwe - (Myanmar) The Rt Revd Barnabas Theaung Hawi;
Suffragan Bishop of Sittwe - (Myanmar) The Rt Revd Sein Aung;
Sodor & Man - (York, England) The Rt Revd Robert Paterson;
Sokoto - (Province of Kaduna, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Augustine Omole;
Soroti - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Charles Bernard Obaikol-Ebitu;
South Rwenzori - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Jackson Nzerebende Tembo;
South West Tanganyika - (Tanzania) Vacant
Western Tanganyika - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Gerard E Mpango,
Western Tanganyika - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Marko Badeleya,
Western Tanganyika - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Sospeter Ndenza ;
South Western Brazil - (Brazil) The Rt Revd Francisco de Assis Da Silva;
The clergy and the people of these parishes and dioceses.

In our Diocese we pray for:

Our Bishop, David and Joan Irving;
The people of Holy Trinity Parish;
The upcoming ACW Women's Retreat;

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September 14, 2011

Holy Cross Day –

Early in the fourth century the emperor Constantine took the Christian Church under his protection, and to show his imperial benevolence he ordered a grand church to be built in Jerusalem. The site he chose was Gol'gotha, the hill where Jesus of Nazareth was crucified and buried. It had once stood outside the city walls, but before the time of Constantine the entire hill had been levelled and buried under tons of debris. The entire area had to be excavated for Constantine's new church, and the emperor put his mother Helena in charge of the work. In the course of digging the labourers discovered a large beam; and the authorities soon decided that it was a remnant of the very same cross on which the Lord had been crucified. Portions of this beam were enshrined near the altar of the new church when it was dedicated in honour of the Resurrection on September fourteenth in the year 335; and ever since then, in the East and in the West, Christians have kept this date as Holy Cross Day.

*Excerpt from For All the Saints
Prayers and Readings for Saints' Days*

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

14th after Pentecost

In the Anglican Communion world-wide, we give thanks for:

Southeast Florida - (Province IV, USA) The Rt Revd Leopold Frade;
Southwest Florida - (Province IV, USA) The Rt Revd Dabney T Smith;
Southeastern Mexico - (Mexico) The Rt Revd Benito Juarez-Martinez;
Southern Brazil - (Brazil) The Rt Revd Orlando Santos de Oliveira;

Wednesday 21-Sep-2011 *Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist International Day of Peace*

*PRAY for the **Anglican Peace and Justice Network (APJN)** as it lifts up the prime importance of justice and peace in Gods mission and provides resources to enable Anglican Provinces, dioceses and congregations to educate and advocate, wherever there are injustices.*

Southern Highlands - (Tanzania) The Rt Revd John Mwela;
Southern Malawi - (Central Africa) The Rt Revd James Tengatenga;
Upper Shire (Southern Malawi) - (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Brighton Malasa;
Southern Nyanza - (Kenya) The Rt Revd James Ochiel;
Southern Ohio - (Province V, USA) The Rt Revd Thomas E Breidenthal;
Suffragan Bishop of Southern Ohio - (Province V, USA) The Rt Revd Kenneth Lester Price;
The clergy and the people of each of these parishes and dioceses.

In our Diocese we pray for:

Our Bishop, David and Joan Irving;
Humboldt Parish, St. Bride's, Watson; St. Andrew's – Humboldt, the Rev. Wayne Sturgess, with Janet his wife and the people of the parish;

For September 21st - International Day of Prayer for Peace

Grant us grace, O Lord, to learn of your judgments which overtake us when we set brother against brother and nation against nation. Give us wisdom and strength to fashion better instruments for our common life, so that we may dwell in concord under your providence; and may your kingdom come among us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reinhold Niebuhr
Contemporary Parish Prayers

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September 21, 2011 – *Saint Matthew the Evangelist – Holy Day*

Today we honour Saint Matthew, a disciple and apostle of Christ who is traditionally believed to be the author of the first Gospel in the New Testament. According to that Gospel, Matthew was a tax-gatherer when Jesus called him; the Gospels according to Mark and Luke agree, but say that the tax-gatherer's name was Levi. It is probably one and the same person, the disciple we call Matthew.

In first century Judea, tax collectors were viewed as foul collaborators who extorted money from their own people in order to sustain the Roman occupation and enrich themselves. Matthew was an outcast in his own nation, so polluted by his job that he could not take part in the worship of Israel. The fact that Jesus consorted with the likes of Matthew, and even called him into his circle of disciples, was one of the things that scandalized his fellow Jews the most.

With such a background it may be ironic that the Gospel according to Matthew is considered the most Jewish of the four versions in the New Testament. It takes the greatest pains to show that Jesus was faithful to his Jewish heritage and constantly cites Old Testament texts to prove that he did not come to abolish the law and the prophets, but to fulfill them.

Matthew's Gospel is also the work of a true literary artist who not only wrote well but also knew how to organize his materials to their best advantage. These qualities have made it, down through the centuries, the favourite version for many of the preachers, teachers, and reading public of the Church.

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WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25TH

15th after Pentecost

In the Anglican Communion world-wide, we give thanks for:

Southern Virginia - (Province III, USA) The Rt Revd Herman Hollerith;

Southwark - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Christopher Thomas Chessun;

Southwark - Croydon - (Canterbury, England) Vacant;

Southwark - Kingston-upon-Thames - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Richard Ian Cheetham;

Southwark - Woolwich - (Canterbury, England) Vacant ;

Southwell & Nottingham - (York, England) The Rt Revd Paul Roger Butler;

Southwell - Sherwood - (York, England) The Rt Revd Anthony Porter;

Southwestern Virginia - (Province III, USA) The Rt Revd Frank Neff Powell;

Thursday 29-Sep-2011 *Michael and All Angels*

Spokane - (Province VIII, USA) The Rt Revd James Edward Waggoner;

Springfield - (Province V, USA) The Rt Revd Daniel Hayden Martins;

St Albans - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Alan Gregory Clayton Smith;

St Albans - Bedford - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Richard Neil Inwood;

St Albans - Hertford - (Canterbury, England) The Rt Revd Paul Bayes;

The clergy and the people these parishes and dioceses.

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Our Bishop, David and Joan Irving;

Jessica Latshaw, Hospital Chaplain; Emily Carr, Diocesan Youth Coordinator; our postulants, and all individuals beginning their training in the Locally Raised Trained Clergy Program;

September 29 – Saint Michael and All Angels – Holy Day

Today we celebrate those mysterious beings which Scripture calls “angels” a name which comes from the Greek word for “messengers”. Messengers from God can be visible or invisible, and may take human or non-human forms. Christians have always felt themselves to be attended by healthful spirits – swift, powerful, and enlightening. These spirits are often depicted in Christian art in human form, with wings to show that time and space do not constrain them, with swords to signify their power, and with dazzling raiment to represent their ability to enlighten faithful humans. Of the many angel mentioned in the Bible, only four are called by name: Michael, Gabriel, U’riel, and Raphael. In the Book of Revelation, the Archangel Michael is presented as the powerful agent of God who wards off evil from God’s people and delivers peace to them at the end of this life’s mortal struggle.

Many good and faithful Christians find it difficult to accept the existence of angels; for them, angels have no more reality in fact than unicorns, griffins, or the phoenix. It may be true that the existence of angels is not one of the things in which Christians must believe if they want to be saved. Yet whenever Christians say the Nicene Creed, they confess that God has created “all that is, seen and unseen”. Entertaining the possibility of angels may be one way acknowledging the sheer diversity of life, visible and invisible, that God has ordained in creation.

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