



# Monthly Newsletter

ST FRANCIS  
ANGLICAN  
CHURCH  
Sept 01, 2024

## Eight weeks of Services at St Francis each with a different theme within Season of Creation

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. As followers of Christ from round the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. We are co-creatures and part of all that God has made. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth. This year, the theme for the season is "To hope and act with Creation".

Join us as we celebrate the season with a full calendar of Services with themes for each week. From a guest presenter, a special outdoor blessing for the animals of Lake Country, to a half day Garden Retreat, we have a full calendar of events to honour God and his creation



**TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)

## Calendar of Events:

<b>Sept 1st</b>	<b>An Introduction to the Season of Creation</b>
<b>Sept 8th</b>	<b>Guest presenter - Betty Chenoweth - The Healing Pathway</b>
<b>Sept 11th</b>	<b>Garden Retreat at Paul's house</b>
<b>Sept 15th</b>	<b>Healing Prayers</b>
<b>Sept 22nd</b>	<b>Theme: Stewardship with Guest Musician</b>
<b>Sept 29th</b>	<b>Theme: Truth and Reconciliation</b>
<b>Oct 6th</b>	<b>St Francis Day - Outdoor blessings to follow Service</b>
<b>Oct 13th</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Service</b>
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## Healing Pathway

Join us on September 8th as Betty Chenowith a Level 4 Trainer with the Healing Pathway introduces us to the Program. Betty is the cornerstone of Vernon's program and is regarded as one of the most knowledgeable healers doing energy work.

*"The Healing Pathway is a ministry that offers transformational opportunities within a heart-centered, inclusive community. The training promotes self-care and assists in restoring wholeness, balance, and harmony at all levels of being – physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually through grounding techniques, meditation, and a series of healing sequences. The foundation of the program lies in the tradition of healing within the Christian faith but is open to people of all faiths and spiritual paths."*

[www.healingpathway.ca](http://www.healingpathway.ca)

### Upcoming Workshop

Trinity United Church Vernon, BC Is Offering Healing Pathway

Introduction to the Healing Pathway - Phase 1

October 4th, 5th & 6th, 2024

Trinity United Church  
3300 Alexis Park Drive  
Vernon, BC

*"When doing energy work is when I feel the closest to God. It gives me great happiness & satisfaction to help others feel relaxed, balanced, light, at peace & with less pain."*

*Betty Chenowith*

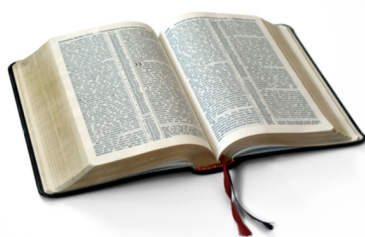


## Garden Retreat

In celebration of the season of Creation Paul will be leading an outdoor, in the garden, retreat in place of our regular Bible Study on **September 11 (9/11)**.

Bring a Bible, a thermos, a snack, a notebook, your favorite lawn chair, and your curiosity as we explore a few of the spiritual disciplines that could help us reframe this new addition to the Church Calendar.

Meeting from **9:00 am–Noon**. Address and parking info provided to those who RSVP.



BIBLE STUDY RESUMES	ZOOM
Link	<u><a href="https://zoom.us/join">Click on this link or go to https://zoom.us/join</a></u> and enter the <u>following number</u>
<b>September 04 Wednesday</b>	<b># 5116 676 229</b>

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## St Francis Outdoor Blessing of the Animals of Lake Country

St. Francis Anglican Church is delighted to announce a special community event in celebration of St. Francis Day on **October 6th**. This event follows our regular Sunday Service and will feature a unique outdoor ceremony to provide blessings for the animals of our community in Lake Country.

### Event Details:

- Date: October 6, 2024
- Time: 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM
- Location: St. Francis Anglican Church,
- 10162 Newene Rd

We invite all community members to bring their beloved pets, photos, mementos, or even stuffed animals to receive a special blessing. This event is a wonderful opportunity to honor the bond between humans and animals, reflecting the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment.

This event starts a beautiful tradition that allows us to celebrate and give thanks for the animals that bring so much joy and companionship into our lives. We welcome everyone to join us in this special celebration.

We look forward to seeing you and your furry, feathered, or stuffed friends at this joyous event!

### Highlights of the Event:

- **Blessing Ceremony:** A heartfelt blessing for all animals present, as well as those represented by photos or mementos.
- **Community Gathering:** An opportunity for fellowship and connection with fellow animal lovers.
- **Refreshments:** Light refreshments will be provided for attendees.

### Planning Your Visit:

- Children are welcome. This is a fun way to introduce your child to church!
- All species are welcome, even stuffed animals.
- Please make sure your pet will be safe, contained and comfortable when you visit. Use a leash, carrier or crate as appropriate.
- If you can't transport your pet or are grieving the loss of a special pet, consider bringing a picture or other token.

All God's creatures love to sing—a little extra noise on St. Francis Day is okay with us!





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## Join the adventure of discovering your personal ministry and spreading some love!

In our journey of faith, discovering our personal ministry is about recognizing the unique gifts and passions God has placed within us and using them to bless others.

One wonderful way to put this into practice is by supporting our after-service fellowship coffee time. This cherished tradition is not just the responsibility of the Anglican Church Women (ACW); it's an opportunity for all of us to share the love and contribute in meaningful ways. It's a chance for all of us to sprinkle some love and make a difference.

Whether you're a baking maestro or not, there are plenty of ways to get involved. If baking isn't your forte, you can help with setting up, serving, or tidying up. The secret sauce is to find a role that matches your strengths and availability. Together, we can keep our coffee gatherings cozy and inviting for all.

Kathy will be the keeper of the kitchen schedule, so do reach out to her to sign up for a Sunday slot and pick a task you're game for. Let's unite as a community, uncover our unique callings, and spread love with every cup of joe and every act of kindness.

Remember, your ministry doesn't have to be flashy or on display; even small gestures of kindness can create ripples of change. Embrace the journey of discovering your personal ministry, and let your light shine bright in our community.





## Diocese of Kootenay

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

Ask yourself: Why are you interested in growing your parish? What is God doing in the life of your congregation that's worth sharing? Why would a newcomer want to return to your church?

These are the kinds of questions we will wrestle with in this upcoming Diocesan workshop.

This Fall, join Bishop Lynne and Canon Andrew Stephens-Rennie in a five week workshop focused on concrete ways of inviting and greeting new people who visit your congregation.

In this course we will explore:

The purpose and work of a congregation

Several lenses through which we can understand our work

Practical tools for inviting, greeting, orienting, and incorporating new members

Participants from congregations of all sizes and shapes will walk away with new ideas and practical tools to implement immediately (and in the lead up to Advent and Christmas).

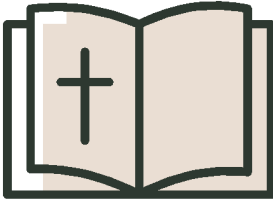
Where possible, congregations should try to send teams of two or more.

This will help your congregation to build a common language and practice, and to work through ways that your learnings can be applied in your own context.

### Dates

Mondays 6.30-8.00pm Pacific Time

September 9, 16, 23; October 1,8, November 4



## Readings & Readers

### September 1st

First Reading - Deb

**SONG OF SOLOMAN 2:8-13**

Second Reading - Doreen

**JAMES 1:17-27**

Gospel - Denise

**MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

## 2025 Anglican Calendars

### Anglican Calendar Orders

Please let Julie know if you would like to have a 2025 Anglican calendar. Julie will send in the order by Sept 11, They will be \$7 each (drops to \$5 if we order more than 20).

Please email her by Sept 10 with your request and she will order accordingly.



## 🥧 PIE LOVERS UNITE! 🥧

Our amazing church ladies are in a bit of a pie-dicament! To keep baking those scrumptious fruit and meat pies that everyone craves, we need your help. We're on the lookout for donations of flour, white and brown sugar, Crisco, and Tenderflake shortening. Without these essentials, our pie magic might crumble! So, next time you're out grocery shopping, why not toss a little something extra into your cart for our church pantry? Your generous contributions will ensure our fundraising efforts stay as delicious as ever.

Thank you for your support and happy shopping! 🛒

*Thank you for reading!*

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