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Praise and Proclaim the Word of God

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I realize that many of you are missing the Church Calendar that we prepared last year. If you are like us, here at St. Aidan's, your Altar Guild members rely on it to know which hangings to use. It also serves as a convenient reminder of the various Holy Days in our Christian year.

We are a diverse bunch within the Anglican Network in Canada, however, and one of the challenges that faced us last year in preparing the calendar that we published was that some of you are using the Book of Common Prayer calendar and lectionary, some the Book of Alternative Services and some Common Worship from the Church of England. I myself have gravitated toward the latter because, while it follows the Revised Common Lectionary in large part, it maintains some of our Anglican distinctives. That said, I'm sure we each have good reasons for maintaining the traditions that we do. Trying to blend all of these into a single calendar, however, does present challenges and calls for some compromises.

This year, since we were not trying to produce a professionally printed calendar, I have decided to put out three separate ones (one for each tradition). I offer them as my gift to you and hopefully as something that you will find helpful. We all have local traditions, so feel free to adapt them as you like.

I have attempted with each calendar to be faithful to the tradition of the book from which it is derived. I have not included all the 'Black Letter Day's' or 'Commemorations'. I have attempted, at Bishop Don's request, to include the saint's days for each of our parishes. I have also included secular holidays for Canada and the U.S.A. For those of you who would like to dig deeper and perhaps understand some of the rationale behind the dates for particular Holy Days, liturgical colours designated, transferences, etc., I commend to you the notes produced by the Church of England found on the 'Common Worship Texts' site at, <http://goo.gl/uzGH6>, 'Rules To Order The Christian Year'.

I realize this is coming to you a bit late, but I hope you will find the usefulness of these resources makes up for the delay.

Blessings to you all as we begin this holy season of Lent.

Yours in Christ,

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