

ANIC Newsletter 13 September 2010

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News - ANIC and AEN

ANIC synod registration is now open!

Registration for ANiC's synod, November 4-6 in Ottawa, is now open. You can <u>register online here</u>. Please register as soon as possible as the deadline for the early-bird rate is October 21. More information, including a tentative agenda, is available <u>on the ANiC website</u>. Accommodation Information is also provided on the ANiC synod page.

ANiC clergy day – November 3

All ANiC clergy are invited – and active clergy are expected – to attend our annual clergy day in Ottawa, the day prior to synod. This will be an important time of ministry and spiritual refreshment. Clergy can register online for the clergy when registering for ANiC's synod by simply responding in the affirmative to the question about attending Clergy Day.

Time: November 3, 10am – 4pm Cost: No charge for the day

Meals: Lunch and refreshments are included (Other meals will be at your own expense.)
Location: Travelodge Conference Centre, 1376 Carling Ave, Ottawa, Ontario (the synod hotel)

Please pray this week for...

Vancouver court appeal, September 13-16 – The Appeal will be heard by a panel of three judges – Madam Justice Nicole Garson, Mr Justice P D Lowry and Madam Justice Mary Newbury – starting at 10am on Monday, September 13 in Courtroom 60 at the BC Courthouse, 800 Smithe Street, Vancouver. By the way, there is a <u>new page on our website</u>, linked from the home page and menu, which compiles information about litigation involving ANiC parishes.

Meetings of ANiC leaders in Toronto -

- Tuesday (September 14) ANiC's examining chaplains will meet with Bishop Don.
- Wednesday The archdeacons including the four who are newly appointed to this ministry will meet with the bishops.
- Thursday ANiC's House of Bishops meets.
- Friday ANiC's board meets.

These are important meetings as our leaders consider weighty decisions and set ANiC's future course. Bishop Don's asks you to "uphold these gatherings in your prayers as we move into action following the relative quiet of the summer". Pray for eyes to see what God is doing, ears to hear His bidding, and hearts eager to align with His purposes.

Report from mediation meeting in Ottawa, September 10

Thank you for praying for the mediation process that our Ottawa parishes, St George's and St Alban's, were involved in with the Diocese of Ottawa on September 10. The Rev George Sinclair (St Alban's) reports, "It was a long and exhausting day and it ended with an agreement that we will meet again on Thursday at 3:30pm. As you can gather, this means that some progress was made, but also that no conclusion was reached. Unfortunately, because of confidentiality, we cannot say very much at this time. We ask that you continue in constant hopeful prayer."

Please continue to pray for the visit of Archbishop John Chew next weekend September 18-19, Archbishop John Chew (Southeast Asia) will be ARDFC's guest at a series of meetings held at Good Shepherd (Vancouver). Information is available on the ARDFC website. All

are welcome to come and hear from one of today's most influential leaders in our global Communion.

Announcing... Christ The King, Toronto

ANiC's Toronto Centre Project is now Christ The King Anglican Church, Toronto – our newest church plant. Beginning September 26, there will be regular Sunday services at 6:30pm at Blythwood Baptist Church, 80 Blythwood Road, Toronto. On October 10, instead of the regular service, the congregation will serve at Yonge Street Mission. Then, on October 24, there will be a service of celebration and thanksgiving with the Rev Ray David Glenn preaching and Bishop Don presiding at the inaugural Eucharist. All are welcome! Watch for more information.

Clergy wanted...

Please remember these needs in prayer:

- Anglican Network Church of the Good Shepherd (Vancouver, BC) is still seeking an
 associate priest to work with Bishop Stephen Leung. Job description and parish profile are
 available on the ANiC website.
- Emmaus Anglican Church (Montreal) also continues to seek a full-time rector. The job description and parish profile are posted on the ANiC website. Deadline for applications is September 24. CVs should be sent to rmbresnen@gmail.com.

Our condolences...

Mrs Nona and Bishop Stephen Leung and their family are grieving the passing of Nona's 96-year-old father but are rejoicing that "he died in peace and in God's grace".

Excellent training opportunity for Ontario clergy

Heritage College and Seminary in Cambridge, ON, is offering its annual Heritage Preaching Lectures on October 7 with Dr Darrell Johnson, the highly-regarded pastor of First Baptist Church (Vancouver) and author of a number of books, including of *The Glory of Preaching: Participating in the Divine Transformation of the World.* Topics will include: *The Transforming Power of Texts*, *How Preachers Cooperate with Texts* and *Why Is This Work So Hard?* See <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/jher.2015/jhe

Are you interested in a church planting workshop, October 15 in Burlington, ON? ACNA – and mission partners – clergy and lay leaders are invited to a proposed *Anglican 1000* workshop in Burlington, Ontario on Friday, October 15 from 10am to 4pm. The workshop, led by Canon Ron McCrary of *Anglican 1000*, will focus on church planting and church growth. Ron has 20 years of parish and church planting experience and consults widely throughout the US. Clergy, key lay leaders and student ministers would all benefit from the workshop. Please respond by September 14 with an initial indication of interest and the number from your parish or group who might attend to: gillian@stgeorgesonline.com or 905-335-6222. If there is sufficient interest arrangements will be finalized.

More church planting training opportunities

West coasters interested in church planting might want to check out the "Acts 29 National Boot camp" in Seattle, Washington, September 29-30, at Mars Hill Church (Ballard Campus).

Ordinations planned at Holy Trinity, Marlborough, MA

The Rev Andrew Carlson and the Rev Christopher Logan will be ordained to the priesthood on September 29 at Holy Trinity. Bishop Don will officiate, accompanied by Bishop Charlie.

Bishop Don reports that, prior to these ordinations, he and Bishop Charlie will attend a retreat for New England clergy. They then will make Episcopal visits, including the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, to each of Holy Trinity's four church plants in New England, culminating in the ordinations on the Feast of St Michael and All Angels. Following the ordinations in Marlborough, the bishops will travel to Montreal for the "Christ Awakening".

Christ Awakening for Mission Worldwide in Montreal, October 1-3

<u>Christ Awakening Montreal</u> – co-sponsored by the Billy Graham Center and the Isaiah 40 Foundation – is slated for October 1-3 at <u>Trinity Pentecostal Church</u>, 1050 Shevchenko Blvd, LaSalle. Bishop Charlie Masters, who is on the organizing team, encourages all those who can to attend. Main talks will include: *Raising up the whole church for ministry; Gaining the heart of Christ; Moving in the gifts of the Holy Spirit; and Global unity of the Church for mission.*

Friday, October 1, will feature a <u>free youth night</u> for ages 12-18 from 6:30-9:30pm. It will be an evening of worship, Christ-centred teaching, and prayer. Participants include local music groups, a former Nashville recording artist, an energetic and entertaining youth evangelist from Mississippi, and a Cirque du Soleil-trained drama teacher and actor.

Pre-registration is required. The conference will be in English with simultaneous translation into French and Spanish. See <u>the website</u> for more information and register instructions.

Bible in a Day training opportunity

St John's Richmond (Richmond, BC) will host its second *Bible in a Day* seminar on October 23 at the church. *Bible in a Day* is a one-day seminar that offers a clear and coherent overview of the Bible – the big picture of God and man from Creation to "What went wrong"... o Redemption...to New Creation. Through lectures, exercises and discussion, attendees will grasp the breadth and depth of these writings that continue to inspire and transform the world. The inaugural *Bible in a Day* seminar was held in May 2009. The Rev Sean Love and the Rev David McElrea will be the main presenters." For information see the <u>St John's Richmond website</u>.

No room in the inn

ANiC's St Alban's (Ottawa) made headlines recently when a movie/discussion event they'd planned was unceremoniously cancelled by the pub which was to host it. The <u>National Post reports</u> that the Heart and Crown pub decided to renege on the reservation for fear the film would offend its clientele. The film, Collision, follows the 2008 tour of atheist Christopher Hitchens and evangelical theologian Douglas Wilson in which the two debate Christianity. A flyer advertising the event apparently triggered the cancellation. It quotes Hitchens, saying: "[Christianity] is a wicked cult, and it's high time we left it behind", and Douglas responding: "There are two tenets of atheism. One, there is no God. Two. I hate him."

The event was hurriedly relocated to St Alban's where a surprisingly large and engaged crowd of about 70 took in the video and participated in the discussion. Many participants came as a result of the media coverage generated by the pub cancelation. Event organizer, the Rev David Robinson says, "I'm hoping this will encourage our churches to hold conversations about God in public."

Parish, church plant and ministry news

Christ the King Anglican Church (Victoria BC) has relocated its Sunday morning main worship service to 950 Kings Road, while maintaining the office administration at 2185 Theatre Lane. The larger facility provides storage and opportunities for more expansion and new ministries. In addition to getting to know the new neighbours, the church hosted a very successful garage sale and Vacation Bible School this summer. Fall plans include continuing to study Acts, launching a ladies Bible study on the Parables, and a congregational celebration and evening of entertainment.

Anglican Church of the Good Samaritan (St John's, NL) hosted a three-day parish mission with Bishop Keith Ackerman, retired bishop of Quincy, IL. The event focused on targeting and reaching those in the community with practical forms of evangelism. There was a workshop for parish leaders, and each night ended with Sung Evensong and a time of interactive teaching. The weekend concluded with a Holy Communion where Bishop Don Harvey celebrated and Bishop Ackerman challenged parishioners not to cheapen the unique message of the Gospel.

If your parish has news that would be of interest to others in ANiC, please <u>email Marilyn</u> or call 1-866-351-2642 extension 4020.

Calendar of upcoming events – for your interest and prayer support

Sept 13-16 – BC Court of Appeal hearing in Vancouver

Sept 17-19 - St Luke's, Spiritual renewal seminar with Bishop Malcolm & Ven Paul Crossland

Sept 18 – St George's Ottawa, *Day of Prayer* in preparation for ANiC synod (with Garth Hunt)

Sept 18-19 - Archbishop Chew visits Vancouver on behalf of the ARDFC

Sept 23-26 - Clergy retreat in New England

Sept 26, 6:30pm – Christ The King (Toronto) launches

Sept 24-26 - St Timothy's (Montreal), Pursuing Intimacy with God led by the Rev Garth Hunt

Sept 25 - ACA conference at St Brides, Clarkson, ON entitle "The plans I have for you"

Sept 29 - Holy Trinity, Marlborough, MA - Ordinations to the priesthood

Oct 1-3 – Christ Awakening Montreal

Oct 7 - Heritage Preaching Lectures with Dr Darrell Johnson, Cambridge, ON

Oct 16 - Billy Graham Association Cross the Street conference, Burlington, ON

Oct 23 - St John's Richmond, Bible in a Day seminar

Oct 24, 6:30pm - Christ The King (Toronto) service of celebration and thanksgiving

Nov 3 – Clergy day, Ottawa, ON

Nov 4-6 - ANiC synod with featured speaker Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali, Ottawa, ON

Jan 25-27 - ACNA 2011 church planting summit in Plano, TX with speaker Tim Keller

March 29-31 – ANiC's 2011 pastors' retreat near Abbotsford, BC

News shorts – Anglican Church in North America (ACNA)

Anglican 1000 Church Planting Summit 2011 is now taking registrations

You can register at the early bird rate for the Anglican 1000 annual church planting event, designed to help "...raise up congregations and communities of faith through encouraging, networking, and resourcing everyone who is part of this exciting missional movement. Summit 2011 is a chance... to come together to build relationships, be renewed, gain fresh insights, and network..."

Speakers: Pastor and author Tim Keller and Bishop Todd Hunter

Dates: January 25-27 2011

Place: Plano, Texas

Registration and information on the Anglican 1000 website

Seeing Christ in ACNA's fragile beginnings

In the second of a three-part series, ACNA chaplain, the Rev Canon Phil Ashey, draws lessons from his struggles during his pre-mature daughter's three month stay in the neo-natal intensive care unit. He says we must, "look beyond mere appearance at what God was doing behind the scenes" in order to "move beyond dismay and discouragement to faith and trust in Christ for the future". When overwhelmed by our circumstances in ACNA, he recommends we ask "Where is Christ in the fragile beginning of the ACNA?" and then fix our eyes on Jesus.

Father Ashey says he has seen Christ "everywhere" in ACNA. "He is in the spiritual freedom and renewed vision for mission in our clergy and churches. He is in the unity of Spirit we have experienced in provincial and diocesan gatherings. He is in the excitement of new churches that are being planted. He is in the missionary partnerships we are enjoying with overseas Anglican dioceses - with brother and sister Anglicans in the Global South who are modeling New Testament faith and life for us in Christ. He is in the testimonies I heard several weeks ago in the class I was leading at Christ Church, Savannah, where people under the threat of eviction shared how they are learning to forgive those who are suing them, experiencing release from anger, and how they are turning their eyes from the building to the needs of the community around them."

The Table (Victoria) is launched

Thanks for praying for the launch of The Table – a church plant in Victoria that is a partnership of the Anglican Coalition in Canada and two ACNA dioceses, including ANiC. The report from the launch last Sunday was very encouraging, with more people than seats – between 120 and 140 people participated. Continued prayer is requested.

Christ Church Savannah, Georgia gets its message out with video

Christ Church Savannah <u>has produced</u> a 30 minute video, called *Stand With Us*, to outline the theological rationale for their departure three years ago from the Episcopal Church – a departure that has landed them in court with the Diocese of Georgia attempting to wrest away their building and property. Their case has been appealed to the Supreme Court of the US. Christ Church hopes to show the video to other Christian groups in their community.

Other ACNA news

Sacramento Bee – September 2 2010 – Episcopals sue for Stockton church

News shorts - Canada

Other Canadian news

Church of England Newspaper – Sept 10 2010 – <u>Diocesan mergers ahead in the US and Canada</u> Anglican Journal – September 8 2010 – Will Igaluit's igloo-shaped cathedral rise from the ashes?

News shorts – United States

Presiding Bishop calls TEC congregations to study the Anglican Covenant
In anticipation of the Episcopal Church (TEC) General Convention in 2012, Presiding Bishop
Katharine Jefferts Schori is asking congregations to consider the now nine-month-old Covenant.

Alarming changes planned to TEC clergy discipline canon

The Anglican Communion Institute has <u>posted a paper</u> on proposed revisions to the disciplinary canon (Title IV) of The Episcopal Church (TEC) which are to come into effect 1 July 2011. They say, "In summary, these revisions:

- remove procedural safeguards for accused Clergy, greatly increase the number and nature of Clergy offenses, broaden the reach of existing offenses, and dramatically allow a Bishop (and Presiding Bishop...) not only to be involved in the decision to charge Clergy with offenses, but also effectively to control those decisions;
- are an unconstitutional infringement on diocesan authority;
- give unprecedented and unconstitutional authority to the Presiding Bishop;
- were passed without adequate disclosure and debate."

The paper concludes:

"There are few descriptive terms that adequately describe what faces all Clergy next July....

One cannot help but be both simultaneously saddened and angered by the extensive revisions masked with soothing rhetoric... Underneath this veneer lies a disciplinary strategy, which places all Clergy at the mercy of those in power and weakens Diocesan independence. That this has been deliberate is obvious. That communication about the extent of these changes has been less than candid seems obvious unless one believes that the Clergy of the Episcopal Church simply do not care about their future. The deafening silence about these revisions forces us to believe that the sheep's clothing strategy has been successful."

News shorts - International

Further analysis of the All Africa Bishops Conference and the Anglican Communion Writing in the Church of England Newspaper, ACNA Bishop Martyn Minns says "the tables were turned in Entebbe, Uganda" at the All Africa Bishops Conference when both the Prime Minister and President of Uganda delivered "challenging biblically based sermons" to the 400 assembled bishops. Bishop Minns writes:

"The Prime Minister called on the participants to sit lightly on their status as bishops and stay true to the plain teaching of Scripture. The President reminded them of the dangers of religious intolerance and challenged them to follow the example of Jesus especially in his commitment to preach the Word, feed the hungry, heal the sick and love the downtrodden... Throughout the conference there were many calls on the various governments of the countries represented to be faithful stewards of their people's trust and their nations resources. This healthy interchange

between church and government leaders was a reminder that Anglicanism has historically embraced the call to serve the common good through deliberate engagement with those in civil government...

"One of the most moving moments in the Conference took place when bishops from those countries experiencing violent conflict were invited come forward and kneel for extended prayer from the rest of the conference participants. This willingness to be humbled before one another and before the Lord is, of course, a distinctive element of the East African Revival and was embraced by all present."

<u>David Virtue provides an analysis</u> of the current state of the Anglican Communion based on his experiences at the All Africa Bishops Conference. His view is that the majority of Global South primates will rally around the Jerusalem Declaration prepared by the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCon) rather than the Anglican Covenant. He also feels that future GAFCon meetings will replace the Lambeth Conference as a forum for orthodox Anglicans.

The <u>East African newspaper</u>, basing its story on unnamed sources, paints the outcome of the meetings in terms of a clear split between the Global South and Canterbury.

News in brief from around the world and around the Communion

Kenya – <u>The Daily Nation reports</u> that Mama Caren Nakhumicha Wabukala, wife of Archbishop Eliud Wabukala, Primate of the Church of Kenya, died unexpectedly in Nairobi on September 5. Please pray for God's comfort for Archbishop Wabukala in this great loss.

Scotland – The Scottish Episcopal Church has approved for use an order of service that has made all references to God gender-neutral. The <u>Telegraph UK reports</u> that the bishops have approved the removal of gender specific references such as "Lord, he, his, him, mankind," as an acknowledgement that "God is beyond human gender."

New Zealand – <u>Episcopal Life Online reports</u> that a number of church buildings on the South Island in and around Christchurch were seriously damaged in the September 4th earthquake. Many of these buildings are among the "*oldest, most iconic and best-loved*" buildings in the area.

Pakistan – In an article on the murder of three US flood-relief workers by the Taliban, the <u>Church of England Newspaper states</u> that "The minority Christian community in Pakistan has also joined forces to provide relief assistance. Roman Catholic Bishop Andrew Francis of Multan and Church of Pakistan Bishop Alexander Malik of Lahore led a convoy containing food items and bottled water to the southern Punjab town of Khan Bela." <u>Anglican Mainstream has posted</u> a first-hand account of the needs and the work Christians are doing in Pakistan. The <u>ARDFC is accepting donations</u> for flood relief efforts by Anglican dioceses in Pakistan.

England – The Archbishop of Canterbury is <u>reported by the British press</u> to have vigorously opposed the thesis of a book co-authored by renowned scientist Stephen Hawking. Hawking's *The Grand Design* challenges Sir Isaac Newton's theory that creation out of chaos requires God, postulating instead that the laws of physics make God irrelevant. Dr Williams responded that "*Physics on its own will not settle the question of why there is something rather than nothing.*"

The pope <u>will visit England this week</u> – the first official papal state visit to that country in half a millennium. On his schedule is a meeting with the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth Palace.

Sudan – Archbishop Daniel Deng Bul Yak (Sudan) has warned that Southern Sudan is pivotal in efforts to Islamize Africa. He is reported by the Church of England Newspaper saying, "Fundamentalist elements... [wish] to keep [Southern Sudan] underdeveloped and to use the southern people as cheap labourers in the North whilst taking all the minerals of the South for the development of the North. Their long-term intentions are to use the conversion of the south to Islam as a springboard for the Islamization of East Africa and beyond." The archbishop is concerned that the upcoming referendum on secession of the south will not be conducted fairly and that violence will ensue. He asks for prayer, especially for the persecuted church in northern Sudan.

India – The Church of England Newspaper reports that legal disputes over property are, sadly, not unique to North America. The article states, "While Anglican attention has focused on the 55 US church property lawsuits, the DNA India news service has reported that over 5000 church property lawsuits are making their way through the Indian courts... Upon independence [of India] in 1948, the government of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru decreed that title to property held in trust for the Church of South India and the Anglican churches in the North would pass to the state. Local church trusts and associations would administer the properties." Attempts by congregations to reclaim ownership of their properties have, so far, been unsuccessful.

Somalia – <u>Compass Direct reports</u> that another Christian in perhaps the most dangerous country on earth for Christians, Somalia, has been murdered and his four children kidnapped for "conversion" to Islam. The tiny underground church in Somalia is in desperate need of prayer.

Other international news

Church of England Newspaper – September 3 2010 – Questions over Anglican honours claim for Robert Mugabe

Church of England Newspaper – September 3 2010 – <u>African bishops call for doctrinal discipline</u> Church Times – August 20 2010 – <u>Sydney thwarted on lay presidency</u>

Soul food

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WHY DON'T YOU STOP WONDERING WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE WORLD AND READ THE MANUAL

Worth reading

• Dr Albert Mohler writes about the importance of reaching Cities for Christ. He says, "The human future is an urban future. In one of the greatest social shifts of all human history, over half of all living humans now inhabit cities. Driven by population shifts, immigration, and human reproduction, massive new cities are springing up all over the globe. Will the church rise to this challenge? ... The cities were the strategic platforms for ministry and missions in the first century, but the last century and more has been a time of retreat in terms of Christian impact in many of the world's great cities. The twentieth century was, in terms of Western cities, a period of radical secularization... Thankfully, there are standout examples of faithful church planting and ministry in many of these cities, but the populations remain overwhelmingly secular and unevangelized."

- A US military officer and counter-insurgency expert <u>writes in the Telegraph</u> that the best way to commemorate 9/11 would be for Christians in the west to stand up for the millions of persecuted Christians in Muslim nations who are routinely abused and oppressed. He writes:
 - "... murder, kidnappings, forced conversions and attacks against Christians by radical Muslims are common in the Islamic world, especially in the Middle East and in Pakistan. Every year, hundreds of Christians are murdered by religious fanatics. Even when a Muslim government disapproves of such violence, officials and police often stand aside and allow the attacks rather than confront a politically powerful radical Islam.

In short, Christians are today living in one of the great eras of persecution. That persecution comes from a minority of Muslims – but an influential minority. Christians should use this day to educate the Western public about the suffering of fellow Christians, and to confront peacefully the rulers and populations of Muslim nations with their failure to maintain rights supposedly guaranteed by the UN Charter.

Christians and Muslims need to talk. And the first item on the agenda ought to be the treatment of Christians in majority Muslim nations. As a Christian, I cannot believe that Christ would approve of deliberately insulting and angering others to the point of violence. But He would approve of Christians standing up for the basic human rights of their oppressed brothers and sisters.

• An article on churches' use of the *Internet* and social networking sites, like Facebook, features Anglican Coalition in Canada rector the Rev Ed Hird, who maintains a busy online presence.

Resources

- A newly launched UK-based website offers video sermons drawn from a number of preachers.
- A shocking number of Christians say they don't believe in hell. The September/October edition of 9Marks eJournal focuses on the reality of hell, with articles explaining: the importance of the doctrine of hell to the gospel; how to address the subject pastorally; and how to avoid fear mongering and manipulation. In *There's something worse than death*, Pastor Kevin DeYoung says the doctrine of hell is "ballast in our boats". He says, "If we lose the doctrine of hell, either becoming too embarrassed to mention it or too culturally-sensitive to affirm it, we can count on this: the boat will drift. The cross will be stripped of propitiation, our preaching will be devoid of urgency and power, and our work in the world will no longer center on calling people to faith and repentance and building them to maturity in Christ. Lose the ballast of divine judgment and our message, our ministry, and our mission will all eventually change."

Please pray...

For the planning and preparations for ANiC's 2010 synod in Ottawa, November 4-6.

For our **bishops and clergy** and their families – especially those battling illness. Pray for renewed passion and energy for the ministry this Fall. Pray especially for **Bishop Stephen and Nona Leung** as they mourn the passing of her father.

For the meetings this week involving ANiC leaders.

For **ANiC projects**, **church plants** and **parishes**, and for their proclamation of Good News to those in their communities who desperately need new life in Christ.

For **Archbishop John Chew** as he ministers in Vancouver on behalf of ARDFC, Sept 18-19 For the hearing this week (September 13-16) before the BC Court of Appeal, in which **Vancouver-area ANiC parishes** are appealing an earlier court decision and the subsequent award of costs against the parish trustees. Pray for the parish's legal counsel **Geoff Cowper & Stanley Martin.** Pray that ANiC representatives would seek to **glorify God** by our conduct in all court proceedings. For the other legal challenges faced by ANiC parishes, including:

• For the mediation process involving **St George's & St Alban's (Ottawa)** and their former Anglican Church of Canada diocese.

• For St Aidan's (Windsor) as litigation is moving forward, increasing expenses.

For all the **congregations** involved in court proceedings and disputes. Pray for a continued focus on, and blessing upon, their ministry in the midst of this turmoil. Pray for peace for the **wardens and trustees** who are on the front lines and bear the burden of risk and responsibility.

For the **leaders and parishioners of the dioceses** pursuing eviction of and legal damages against ANiC congregations and wardens.

For much needed donations to the legal cases and disputes involving ANiC congregations:

For funding of the **ARDFC's** malaria prevention project in Kenya.

For Christians in Pakistan, Sudan and Somalia who are severely oppressed and suffering.

For the necessary steps to be taken in **the Sudan** to ensure a fair and peaceful referendum in January.

For repentance and revival in **our nation** – as well as a hunger for God and a thirst for His Word.

For all those in positions of leadership and influence in the **Anglican Communion**, that they would seek to honour and obey God above all else.

And now a word from our sponsor

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! You have said, "Seek my face."

My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."

Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in.

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Psalm 27