

# The Territory of the People Anglican Church

Email: [office@territory.anglican.ca](mailto:office@territory.anglican.ca)  
Email: [finance@territory.anglican.ca](mailto:finance@territory.anglican.ca)  
Web: [territoryofthepeople.ca](http://territoryofthepeople.ca)



360 Nicola Street  
Kamloops BC V2C 2P5  
Ph: (778) 471-5573  
Fax: (778) 471-5586

July 2, 2021

Dear Friends,

It has been a long day for many in the Territory of the People since our communication on July 1. The people from the village of Lytton, the Lytton First Nation, and surrounding areas are continuing to seek to find those they love as they process the devastating news coming out of their community. They are beginning to receive information about their homes and community.

Our prayers continue, and we are in contact with Angus Muir, priest in the community, the pastoral elders, and John Haugen, Acting Chief.

Lightning strikes, resulting in forest fires, have struck many communities in the Territory of the People. We are monitoring the situations closely and preparing to respond if needed.

The generosity of prayer and financial donations from across the country continue to be shared with the Territory. Substantial contributions have been received from the Primate's Discretionary Fund, the Brothers with the Society of Saint John the Evangelist, the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, the Anglican Diocese of Niagara, and numerous private donations.

This support is a tangible reminder that we in the Territory of the People are not alone. As we seek to find ways to walk together alongside the people of Lytton, the Lytton First Nation, and surrounding areas, people across the Church are joining us in that walk. We are assured of prayers from many including Primate Linda Nicholls and the National Indigenous Archbishop Mark MacDonald. For this we are deeply thankful.

The Territory of the People continues to receive donations for immediate needs by cheque, clearly marked "Lytton Fire." We are also in the process of setting up a platform for online donations. In the meantime, one online option is to send financial donations through St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, clearly marked "Lytton Fire." These donations will be sent through to the Territory: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/53639>.

The Primate's World Relief and Development fund is accepting donations for the Lytton Fire response: <https://pwrdf.org/anglicans-invited-to-support-territory-of-the-people-in-aftermath-of-fire/>

This Sunday, The Rev. Angus Muir and the congregation at All Saints Shulus will gather at 10:30 am. Bishop Barbara and The Rev. Canon Isabel Healy-Morrow will be with them. In our worship services throughout the Territory this Sunday, let us join together in giving thanks for one another, and offering prayerful support for all affected by the Lytton fire and other local fires.

We continue to pray:

O God, you are our refuge and our strength,  
our help in times of trouble:

Have mercy on the lands and communities devastated by fires,  
and especially the people of the village of Lytton and Lytton First Nations.

Have mercy on those who have lost their lives, homes and livelihoods.

Protect those who have had to evacuate.

Bless and keep safe all firefighters.

And strengthen those who seek to rebuild hope  
that all may face the future without fear.

We pray this in the name  
of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

May grace and peace be with all,

Archbishop Lynne McNaughton

Bishop Gordon Light

Bishop Barbara Andrews

*On behalf of the:*

**Territory Interim Steering Committee:**

Bishop Barbara Andrews

Ms. Melissa Green

The Rev. Jo Ann Hinter

Bishop Gordon Light

The Rev. Barbara Liotskos

Archbishop Lynne McNaughton

Pastoral Elder Ernie Michell (*in training*)

Mrs. Margaret Mitchell

The Rev. Angus Muir