

# The KEY JUNE 2026

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



### Amendment to Pastoral Charge & A Proposal from the Diocese

Between September 2025 and this month, a number of communications have been sent out by me in the KEY. The Saturday before writing this we had a meeting of congregations and vestries of LAAMB (Lutheran and Anglican Ministries on the Bruce) & Christ Church with our Bishop (Todd) and Territorial Archdeacon, Rob Lemon. These communications and meeting were intended to address changes to the pastoral charge for LAAMB and Christ Church on the Peninsula.

**Background:** I began here in September 2022, serving the LAAMB and Christ Church as a 100% appointment by Bishop Todd, to the Diocese of Huron. This 100% appointment was to serve Christ Church at 30% and LAAMB at 70% making a 100% full-time-equivalent appointment.

There are ecumenical arrangements between the ELCIC (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada) and the ACC (Anglican Church of Canada), which allow Lutheran pastors such as myself to serve a mix of Lutheran and/or Anglican churches. A 100% appointment by an Anglican Bishop means a 5-6 day ministry week (including Sunday), and one day of Sabbath each week. The appointee is available 24/7 in that 7-day work week for emergency needs.

Our ministry area, here on the Peninsula spans about 25 km West-East, and about 77 km North-South. Bishop Todd identified this ministry area as, geographically, the largest ministry charge for one pastor in the Diocese. Those who live here year-round know that the geography presents challenges year-round: winter challenges with weather and summer challenges with summer traffic. Most of our road fatalities occur in the summer.

Our main hospitals are Lion's Head, Wiarton and Owen Sound, so pastoral visits often take me to Owen Sound Hospital. Between pastoral visits, parish administration and the various other duties of a rural multi-point pastor, I identified, in 2025, that continuing to serve all of LAAMB and Christ Church was not sustainable for me.

**Process:** A review process of how LAAMB and Christ Church work together with one incumbent, was, faithfully done by the lay leadership of LAAMB, Christ Church and myself, at request of our territorial Archdeacon, after his visit with Christ Church Council in November 2025. Notes and updates were faithfully provided to Archdeacon Rob and Bishop Todd by myself and the churchwardens of LAAMB and Christ Church. These activities all prevailed



Follow The Spirit



in a spirit of love and friendship, recognizing that we were facing a shortfall in pastoral energies in me to serve the span and entirety of ministries on the Peninsula. LAAMB, Christ Church & Bishop Todd all expressed a desire for me to continue to serve on the Saugeen (Bruce) Peninsula, which I too want to do.

In Fall 2025, the Bishop's office requested I continue to serve in the 100% appointment capacity until the end of Lent (April 5) or possibly the end of the season Easter (May 17<sup>th</sup>). In February, my resignation from Christ Church was effectively acknowledged by the Diocese, for the end of Easter (May 17<sup>th</sup>).

Why was the resignation from Christ Church only? It was what I could offer to the Diocese and remain in appointment on the Peninsula – at the remaining 70% serving the LAAMB only.

Why did I choose to release Christ Church from my charge and not the LAAMB? Because I couldn't survive, financially, on a 30% appointment. The decisions were a matter of practicalities and not a matter of loss of love, friendship or commitment to remain in good Christian relationship with each other. These decisions have hurt our family members at Christ Church, who have received this hurt in the spirit of sacrifice required when we need to protect and preserve one whom we love. I thank Christ Church for their graciousness and continued friendship with me, and the love that has prevailed through this process.

Being available, full-time, week-over-week on the Peninsula has meant being available by telephone and otherwise, not only to parishioners, but to the variety of community members with whom we engage in all the churches. When I take 2-3 days off at a time, invariably I remain connected and deep rest is compromised. As such, the amendment to my appointment, from 100% to 70% was confirmed by Bishop Todd as follows:

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- Your appointment as the Rector of the Parish of the Bruce (Trinity, Wiarton [co-located with St. Peter's Lutheran], the Church of St. Edmund, Tobermory, St. Andrew's Memorial, Howdenvale, St. Margaret's, Cape Chin) is a 0.70 FTE appointment (70% time);
- Over a ten (10)-week period, you will work full time (1.0 FTE, 100%) for seven (7) weeks and be off for three (3) “ (taken from amendment letter)

I am responsible for sharing with Bishop Todd and Archdeacon Rob the schedules that serve my new appointment. The three weeks off in every 10-week block give me a chance to rest deeply (refill my cup). For each week off, emergency pastoral care will be identified, and I can unplug. The seven weeks at full time equivalent in every 10-week block means a 5-6 day ministry week (including Sunday), and one day of Sabbath each week. In the full time weeks, I am available 24/7 in that 7-day work week for emergency needs.

My expectation is that the leaders and congregations of LAAMB will assess the 7/10 weeks on model over the summer, requesting Diocesan help with concerns we have after trying this system for the season. Summer is the easiest time to fill vacancies in the schedule with many summer clergy and lay leaders available to help. We have different challenges in the winter. All of this is new, and needs to be evaluated and worked on as we go forward.

LAAMB continues to pay me the same 70% stipend and housing as before the amendment. There are implications for LAAMB budgeting in pastoral coverage and pulpit supply for the weeks I am off. These implications will be assessed by your Parish Partnership Council and presented at a Townhall to be announced.

A complete solution has not yet been identified for Christ Church. I continue to remain in deep Christian friendship with the people of Christ Church, and Lion's Head. I am praying for ministry solutions to be revealed to us all. I ask you all to join me in both the deep Christian friendship and prayer.

Bishop Todd and Archdeacon Rob's visit with us on May 23<sup>rd</sup> included a proposal for ministry on the Peninsula, which I have included in full below.

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### **Saugeen (Bruce) Peninsula Proposal**

presented by The Venerable Robert Lemon,  
Northern Territorial Archdeacon,

Diocese of Huron, Anglican Church of Canada.

(at joint meeting of LAAMB & Christ Church on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026)

- Dissolve LAAMB Agreement.
- Simplify
  - 1 Vestry, 2 wardens, and a Parish Council for the whole Peninsula.  
Parish Council is formed by 1 representative from each congregation along with the 2 wardens.
    - The Vestry and Parish Council deal mostly with shared concerns like clergy compensation or major decisions like property sales and congregational status change.
  - Each congregation has a congregational council.
    - Congregational councils will deal with all the rest of the business of church life for their congregation autonomously. They will manage their finances and property from which they will contribute to shares expenses at the agreed upon percentage.
    - Programming and liturgy will be offered in consultation with parish clergy.
- Staffing
  - 1 Rector over the whole Peninsula primarily responsible for the churches in Tobermory, Cape Chin, Howdenvale and Wiarton.
  - 1 Associate primarily responsible for the church in Lion's Head
  - Both clergy licensed to the whole parish.
  - Both clergy paid by the whole parish based on an agreed percentage share.
- Rationale
  - Congregations have local autonomy for their congregational life.
  - Congregations remain in relationship throughout the Peninsula.
  - Clergy can function as a team and offer mutual support to one another and pastoral care throughout the Peninsula.

Before Archdeacon Rob’s proposal was presented, Bishop Todd lead us through a process of appreciative enquiry which I found most helpful. We were asked these questions by Bishop Todd:  
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- What do I want for me?
  - What do I want for others
  - What do I want for God? (recognizing God doesn’t really need anything! but what might God want with us?)
  - What have we got to work with (appreciating our resources)
  - How would we set things up, if we were just arriving here? (with these assets, resources and faithful people).
- “ (from Saugeen Peninsula Forum Agenda pages)

I found Bishop Todd’s leadership of the appreciative enquiry process very helpful in focusing me on what we have, rather than on what we are lacking.

Recognizing that we are living in changing times for mainline churches across Turtle Island (the North American continent), we continue to strive to bear witness to our faith and the Gospel of Jesus in our local and regional contexts. We want to love God with all we have, all we do and all we are. We want to love our neighbours as ourselves. This means we have to ensure we are taking care of ourselves and each other as we journey in these changing times.

My appointment change is a measure to move me from fire-fighting mode into a more grounded way of pastoral leadership and care-giving.

This communication covers a lot of ground. I encourage you to reach out to me and our Diocesan leadership to discuss this communication if you feel so moved.

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Peace and blessings as we journey into summer, in hope and in love

Janaki

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# JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## Year A

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, June 7, 2026 (G)**  
GENESIS 12:1-9/PSALM 33:1-12  
ROMANS 4:13-25/MATTHEW 9:9-13, 18-26  
9:30 St. Peter's/Trinity (Fr Mark C.)  
10:00 St. Andrew's (Rev'd. David F)  
10:00 St. Edmund's (Pastor Janaki)  
11:30 Christ Church (Rev'd Graham & Rev'd Mona)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, June 14, 2026 (G)**  
GENESIS 18:1-15, 21:1-7/PSALM 116:1, 10-17  
ROMANS 5:1-8/MATTHEW 9:35-10:8-23  
9:30 St. Peter's/Trinity (Rev'd Carol M.)  
10:00 St. Andrew's (Pastor Janaki)  
10:30 Light & Life Church, Tobermory  
Chi Cheemaun Service  
11:30 Christ Church ( Rev'd Carol McCurdy)

**National Indigenous Day of Prayer, June 21,  
2026 (G)**  
ISAIAH 40:25-31/PSALM 19  
PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9/JOHN 1:1-18  
9:30 St. Peter's/Trinity (Pastor Janaki)  
10:00 St. Andrew's (Rev'd Carol M)  
10:00 St. Edmund's (Bernie LLR) (w)  
11:30 Christ Church (Carl)

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, June 28, 2026 (G)**  
GENESIS 22:1-14/PSALM 13  
ROMANS 6:12-23/MATTHEW 10:40-42  
9:30 St. Peter's & Trinity (Ft. Mark C))  
10:00 St. Andrew's (Rev'd Karen Kovats)  
10:00 St. Edmund's, (Rev'd Annie V.D.)  
11:30 Christ Church (Rev'd Graham & Rev'd Mona)

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## Sponsorship Opportunities

**The KEY may be sponsored for \$60.00  
An individual congregational bulletin may be  
sponsored for \$30.00**

*If you wish to make these donations, please speak  
with Satomi in the Parish Office.*

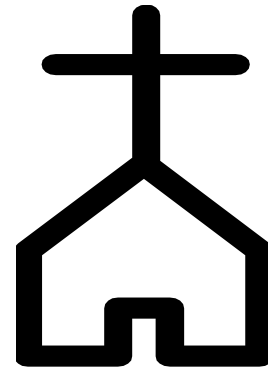
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## LUTHERAN & ANGLICAN MINISTRIES OF THE BRUCE PENINSULA

Together in faith,  
loving and serving God  
by helping others.

We pledge to:

- be led by Holy Spirit
- embrace differences
- adapt to changing times



*MISSION STATEMENT,  
adopted by PPC, November 14, 2018*





## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### JUNE EVENTS

#### Wiaraton Ladies Group

June 17, 2026

Lunch at Harrison Park

Meet at the church at 12:30

Carpooling to Owen Sound

Lunch at 1:00 p.m.

Please sign up at the church or let Shirley or Marleen know as soon as possible.

Shirley Dimoff

#### St. Andrew's Memorial Howdenvale

Will open for the season this year on  
June 7, 2026

With Rev'd David Franks, Holy Eucharist

#### NEXT AVGEN ORDER

Orders Collected

**Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup>**

Cheques must be made payable to  
Christ Church

In the memo line record 'Avgen in trust'

**An easy way to help your  
church fund outreach**



#### *A Pause For Prayer*

Colourful Creator, daily demands sometimes threaten my pause for prayer. Your vibrant stop signs abound, in tulips and daffodils, in crocuses and bunnies, in robins flashing red breasts - reminders to pause for prayer. These pauses may be as simple as breathing in deeply and observing your delight ... offering up a simple sigh, or a word of thanksgiving. Pausing for prayer might be closing my eyes to experience the darkness which has never, will never overcome your everlasting light. Pausing for prayer might be a moment of remembering with thanksgiving some glimpse of your creation which reminded me: you hold all time in your grasp, just as you hold all striving and struggling. There is no daily demand more precious than your love, no deliverable from which you cannot deliver me, no timeline or appointment greater than the timeline of your grace, or the appointment I make to pause for prayer and connect with you. Help me to heed your vibrant stop signs that invite me to pause for prayer. Amen.

Pastor Janaki

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## JULY EVENTS

### St. Edmund's Church – Update

Will hold their annual Garage Sale on  
Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

Proceeds from the sale will be distributed  
between

The Tobermory Outreach Committee  
which arranges transportation to medical  
appointments for locals without cars and  
assists in paying utility bills for those in  
need

And Local Outreach Through the  
**'Summer in the Spirit Program'**  
Starting

July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3p.m. – 9p.m.

**Sacred Fire** - at the Gap by St. Edmund's  
(Johnny Keeshig & April Jones)

July 29<sup>th</sup>, 7p.m.

**Songs of the Canadian Spirit**  
Tobermory Legion (Brian Taylor & Friends)



### A Little Reflection Psalm 32:8

I will instruct you and teach you in  
the way you should go.

In the busyness of life, God calls us to  
still waters, to quiet resting places, to  
the simplicity of faith, and to the all-  
embracing comfort of His love.

## FATHERS DAY

### More Than Just a Card

For some, a card is enough—a simple gesture  
of love and gratitude. But for many, this day  
carries a deeper weight. Some of us remember  
fathers who have passed away and feel the  
ache of their absence. Some live far from the  
men who shaped them and miss the sound of  
their voice or the warmth of their presence.  
Some never knew their father at all, and this day  
stirs questions, longing, or grief. And some give  
thanks for the men who stepped in with love and  
steadiness, even though they were not fathers  
by blood.

There are countless stories behind Father's  
Day—stories of joy, loss, gratitude, complexity,  
and grace.

So today, we thank God for fathers who taught  
us what it means to be people of honour,  
integrity, and compassion. We thank God for the  
life skills they passed on, the wisdom they  
shared, and the love they offered in ways big  
and small.

We thank God for the "Dads" who showed up for  
us even when they didn't have to.

Because Father's Day is more than just a card.

It is a reminder that love—like God's love—  
holds space for every story, every memory,  
every hope, and every heart.

Charlotte Ewbank, LLR

# SUNDAY HUMOUR



“Our mouths were filled with laughter”

Psalm 126:2



Never forget the three powerful resources you always have available to you:  
Love, Prayer and Forgiveness



## Definition of a SECRET

Something you tell to one person at a time!



## Biblical Anagrams

### SIGNS YOUR GETTING OLDER

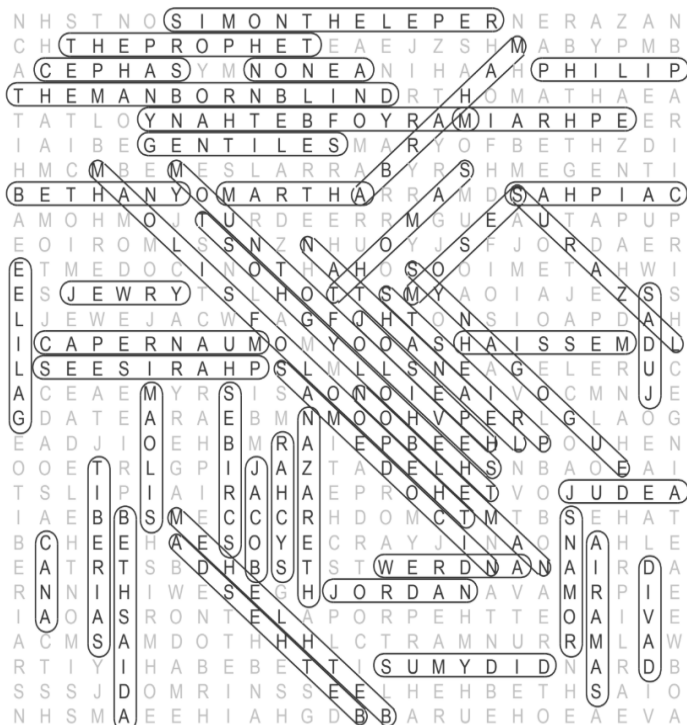
Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt doesn't work.

May Answer:

Honour your Father and your Mother

...Exodus 20:12

### Answer May Wordsearch Puzzle



### New Anagram for June

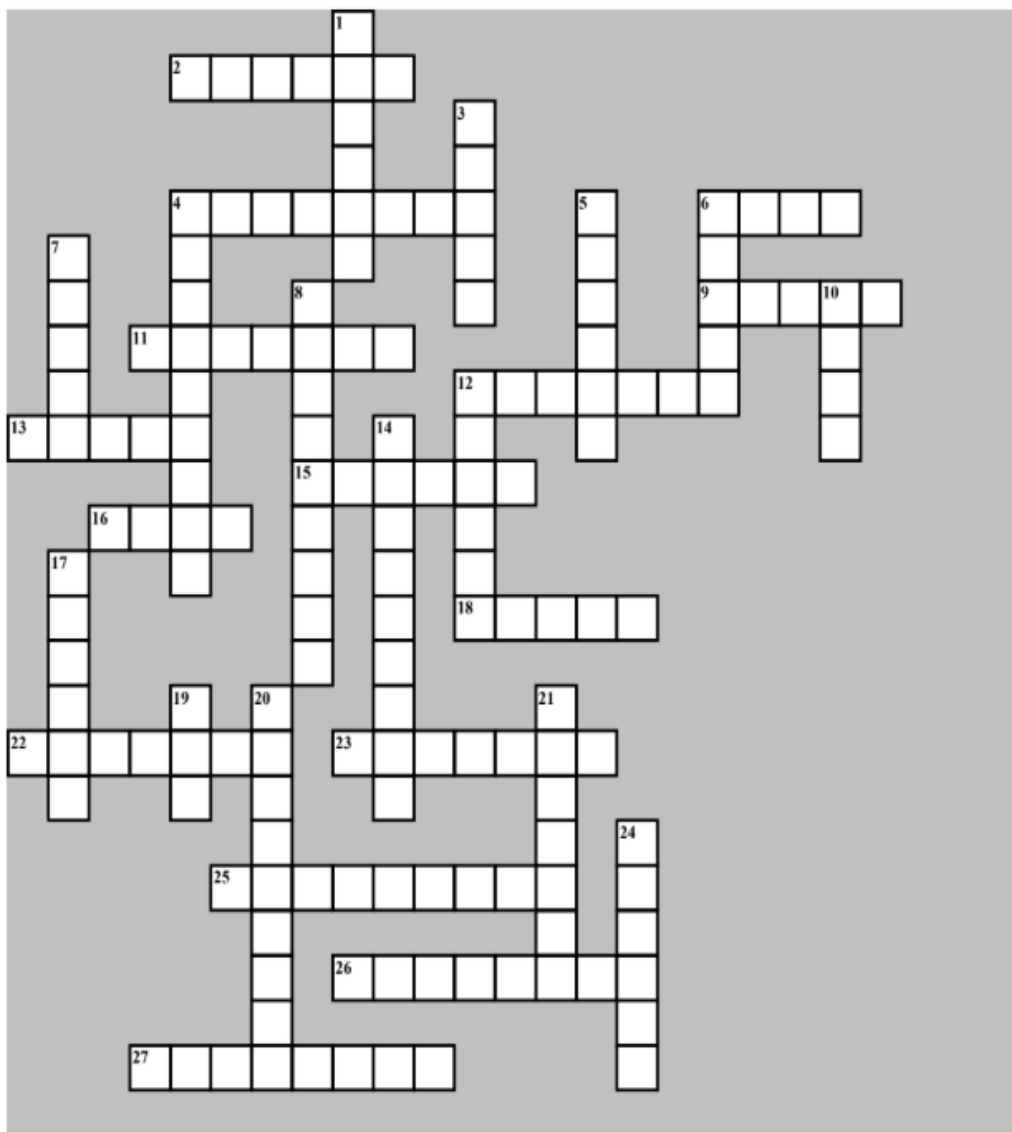
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starts with: ...H

Hint: verse.is in Matthew



# JUNE CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## Across

- 2 A river in Palestine.
- 4 Who has power to become a son of God?
- 6 Animal Messiah is like.
- 9 Nathanael had none.
- 11 John gave this concerning the Word.
- 12 Moses said Messiah would be one of these like himself.
- 13 The son of Jonah.
- 15 What John saw descending from Heaven like a dove.
- 16 Born by the will of God.
- 18 Andrew's brother.
- 22 John did this with water.

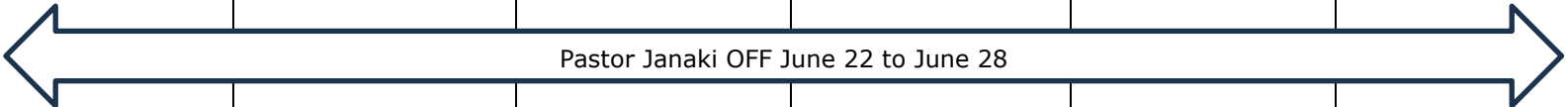


- 23 Ladder upon which Jacob saw angels ascending and descending.
- 25 Bartholomew
- 26 Jesus' hometown.
- 27 Work the Word performed in the beginning.

## Down

- 1 John unworthy to loose this.
- 3 Made by the Word.
- 4 When the Word was with God.
- 5 Jesus' legal father.
- 6 What the darkness could not comprehend.
- 7 Master or teacher.
- 8 Hometown of Philip, Andrew and Peter.

- 10 What the Word was to men.
- 12 Probably Nathanael's brother (Lk. 6:14).
- 14 Andrew and Philip were this to John.
- 17 Prophet that wore a leather girdle.
- 19 Jesus saw Nathanael sitting under this kind of tree.
- 20 One of the places where John baptized.
- 21 Region of northern Palestine.
- 24 Hebrew equivalent of Peter.

# LUTHERAN & ANGLICAN CONGREGATIONS EVENTS CALENDAR – JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1.	2.	3.	4. 10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>	5.	6.
7.  9:30 St. Peter's Trinity 10:00 St. Andrew's 10:00 St. Edmund's 11:30 Christ Church	8.	9.	10.	11.  10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>	12.	13.
14. 9:30 St. Peter's Trinity 10:00 St. Andrew's 10:00 Tobermory <i>Chi Cheemaun Sunday</i> 11:30 Christ Church	15.	16.	17.  1:00 Wiarton Ladies Lunch at Harrison Park	18.  10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>	19.	20.
21. <b>Father's Day</b> 9:30 St. Peter's Trinity 10:00 St. Andrew's 10:00 St. Emund's 11:30 Christ Church	22.	23.	24.  10:00 am Wiarton Joint Council Meeting	25.  10:00 a.m. <i>Virtual Bible Study</i>	26.	27..
 <p>Pastor Janaki OFF June 22 to June 28</p>						
28. 9:30 St. Peter's Trinity 10:00 St. Andrew's 10:00 St. Emund's 11:30 Christ Church   <b>AVGEN ORDERS DUE</b>	29	30.  10:00 am PPC <b>Budget</b>  4:00 W.I.G. - Wiarton	 <p><b>Lutheran &amp; Anglican Ministries of the Bruce Peninsula</b> Office 519-534-1604 Office Hours: Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.</p>			