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PRAYER NEEDED

The Rev. **Vause Carlsen** has taken a fall and is in hospital; remember her husband, **Jack**, as well.

Rosemary Walker, the mother of Carol Moggo, Council Rep from St. Francis, Grayling, died this past Friday.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Short-falls in tithing income to the Diocese could force convocations to rethink their 2009 budgets. Here is a [letter from the bishop](#) who together with the presidents and deans is calling the convocation councils to enter into a collaborative process to work jointly on this.

PAROCHIAL REPORT

this an item for this month's vestry meeting. the vestry has to receive the Parochial Report and the clerk, treasurer, and rector have to sign it. they are due in the Diocesan Center by March 2nd, so the Vestry will need to act in February. the instructions, the workbook, and a **Congregational Data Form** can be found online at the [Diocesan website](#). while most will file the Parochial Report online, signed paper copies, together with the Congregational Data Form must arrive at the Diocesan Center by the deadline.

DOWN UNDER HELP NEEDED

All Saints, Marysville is trying to do a good thing and invites you to join them. they are collecting prayer shawls (and prayers, of course) for some folks who lost their church and whole town in the catastrophic fire in Australia— Marysville, Australia. [Help](#).

SOME CHRISTIANS DON'T BELIEVE

...in evolution, that is. turns out that people who attend church frequently are less likely to believe in evolution. [Gallup survey](#). our Presiding Bishop, a scientist herself, [offers this reflection](#) on the impact Charles Darwin and his theories have had on her life.

HAVE YOU EVER NEEDED A GOOD STRONG BIBLICAL CURSE?

Lost for a smart remark to see off your enemies? Unable to deliver that killer insult? Ship of Fools has the [curse generator](#) you've been looking for.

opportunities for you and your congregation

2/22 — *World Mission Sunday*

3/9-11/09 — *Spiritual Directors*

3/28/09 — *Spiritual Retreat Day*

4/17-18/09 — *Diana Butler Bass*

7/13-19/09 — *Music Conference*

the Cycle of Prayer

...for the first quarter of 09 [here](#),
and the second quarter [here](#).

news sources

[Anglican Connections](#)

[This month
archived](#)

[Episcopal Life Online](#)

[Anglican World](#)

[AC News Service](#)

THE ANNUAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT DAY

the topic of this year's Day of Prayer (Saturday, March 28 at St. John's Midland) is: *"Stay with Me, Remain Here with Me": Three Meditations Leading into Holy Week.* for everyone, clergy and lay. [reservation form](#). deadline— March 15.

Old stuff....

but it still might be useful.

IT'S NOT JUST DISASTER RELIEF

Episcopal Relief and Development [assists victims of civil conflict](#) as well. lately that's meant food, water and medical supplies for displaced people in Sri Lanka, the Philippines, and the Sudan. you can help.

IN TIMES LIKE THESE—IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

the Rev. Chuck Curtis recommends [this book review](#) and the book reviewed. it's from the *Alban Weekly*. real good stuff.

MORE RESOURCES FOR LENT

Episcopal Life has collected [a long list of resources](#) you might find helpful.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION DIRECTOR

St. Paul's, Flint, is looking for someone to direct their program of education and moral formation for children, youth, and adults. Strong, personal Christian faith required. Experience in education or education management strongly preferred. Familiarity with Episcopal Church helpful. Part-time. Salary based on experience. E-mail resume to stpaulschurch@ameritech.net or call for alternate way to apply: 810-234-8637.

NEW SUPPLY LIST

[here's](#) the latest list of clergy available for supply work. Make a copy and mail all the old copies lying around in your files to your enemies to confuse them.

WORSHIP LEADERS

a new list of competencies and exam have been developed for those who would be Worship Leaders, i.e., folks who lead Morning/Evening Prayer services in the absence of a clergy person. Contact Barb (877-75206020) for details.

MAKING YOUR CHURCH SAFE

most of us are familiar with the two workshops offered by the Diocese called *Safeguarding God's Children* and *Safe Church*. *Safeguarding God's Children* is now available online. here's [a letter from the Bishop and instructions](#) on how to get started.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

February 22 has been designated World Mission Sunday. the Church Center website has a [host of resources](#) for focusing on the work of our missionaries around the world.

FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

there will be a colloquium for spiritual directors on March 9-11 at the Dominican Center for Religious Development in Detroit titled God Is Into Groups: Thinking Systemically about Spiritual Direction. [Flyer](#)

CHRISTIANITY FOR THE REST OF US

Diana Butler Bass is coming to the Horizon Conference Center, Saginaw, on April 17-18, 2009. Bass, an Episcopalian, is an author, speaker and scholar specializing in American religion and culture. [Details](#).

SEWANEE MUSIC CONFERENCE

July 13-19. [a conference](#) for organists, choir directors and clergy. at the University of the South in Tennessee. they have 2 full-time scholarships for first-time attendees. contact Janet. application deadline, May 1st.

Minutes and Notices

- Blue Water Convocation
- Flint River Convocation (unapproved) [Minutes](#) for 8-08
- Northern Convocation [Minutes](#) for August
- Saginaw Valley Convocation [Minutes](#) for 1-09

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