

# PASTORAL CARE MESSENGER

Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa, January 2023

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“The pain of the world is so apparent—climate change; wars; natural disasters; human greed or desire for power; and the legacies of human failures in the past that haunt us today. It can be overwhelming to face a new year wondering if the vision of God’s reign will prevail. God does not promise us when or how that will emerge—only offers us the revelations of God with us—now—inviting us one small action at a time to set in motion the change that is needed: pouring into the world forgiveness, love, mercy and compassion to our neighbours, near and far: working for justice and dignity for every human being; protecting and advocating for the climate: telling the story of God’s reign and living each day as a disciple of Jesus Christ; being the seeds of a different future.”

*From Archbishop Linda Nicholls’ New Year’s Day sermon at Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa*

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*As we turn the calendar to a New Year, may you be renewed with hope and a sense of God’s holy presence in your life all year long.*

*Canon Doug*



Holy God, whose years never fail and whose mercies are new each returning day: let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives, warming our hearts and giving light to our minds; that we may pass this New Year with a firm faith in you, through your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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*If you need to speak with one of the clergy, please don’t hesitate to contact Canon Doug Richards at 613-236-9149 ext. 19.*