

The Dean writes:

Greetings as summer moves to a close in the Thompson Rivers Valley.

As **Claire returns to the office next week** this will be my last missive to you. And speaking of returning to the office there are some changes afoot. **The office will now be publicly open Tuesday through Thursday.** In time volunteers will staff things on Fridays.

Another change is that **I have appointed Colleen Stainton as deputy rector's warden** effective immediately. A deputy people's warden will be elected at our February 2017 Annual General meeting after which time we will stagger appointments thus ensuring continuity while increasing capacity.

While the **Season of Creation** will fully launch on Sunday Sept 11, everyone is invited to gather for prayer in the chancel of the cathedral one week from today, that is **Thursday September the first at 5 p.m.** This will be a drop-in style of meditative service where we will individually and collectively pray using Pope Francis' words from Laudato si'. These texts will be mailed out next week for those unable to attend.

In other respects, **art is in production and music about to be rehearsed** for what will be a very special time in our cathedral community life. The brochure and posters are attached for your distribution.

Concerning worship, **the chapel now re-opens for liturgy** on Sunday morning and Wednesdays. We will shortly return to our normal worship format at 10 a.m.

All church school teachers, wardens, staff and cathedral committee members are required to attend Safe Church Training. While the timeline is short I realize I ask all to make every reasonable effort to attend. See that attached poster for more information. Contact the office for car-pooling offers.

Finally, at a meeting Tuesday evening we confirmed arrangements with the roofing contractor. Given the fine response to our financial appeal we are able to proceed at this time with re-roofing which will commence possibly in late September. **We still seek contributions** which will reduce significantly the amount we need to draw from reserves.

Regrettably, after careful analysis and consultation **Solar installation will not be possible at this time.** I will provide further explanation on Sunday. I assure you the matter was carefully and exhaustively considered.

Finally, in our prayers **let us pray for all those affected by earthquake in Italy.**

Grace and compassion, Dean Ken+