

The Diocese of Huron

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

The Right Reverend Todd Townshend, Th.D.
Bishop of Huron

Annual Vestry Meetings, 2026

Dear friends in Christ,

Greetings in the name of the Lord!

The primary mission of the church is to receive and respond to the gifts of God in Christ and to be guided by the Holy Spirit in the joyful task of bringing God's offer of these gifts to others through our service. The world is so hungry for such gifts!

At the feast of the Epiphany, we recognized that the child who was adored by the wise men (and others) is an immeasurably priceless gift. The child is the Epiphany of a gift. We spend our lives pondering, welcoming, and celebrating that gift.

I pray that your congregation, in your life together, will provide a welcoming space - sometimes a holy "threshold" - for those who seek the gracious gift of life in Christ.

I pray that your annual church meeting will, among other things, build up your enjoyment of God's gift in our life together. This may help us to more deeply understand and embrace what "being church" is, and needs to be, for this time and place. It is a time to assess the resources you have, and the mission in which you participate, and to build upon them.

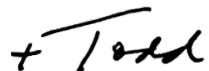
Our Diocesan focus this year is to become ever more faithful "Stewards of the Gift". I encourage you to find ways in which your life together is aligned to the elements of this promise and challenge. Of course, all our work depends on the ongoing presence and action of the Holy One, who seeks to make all things new.

As we pray, on the fourth Sunday after Epiphany (BAS),

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives, make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness. Blessings for 2026!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a stylized cross symbol followed by the name "Todd".

**The Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend
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