

# Sudbury Manitoulin Deanery Digest

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## Epiphany 2018

### Algoma news & updates

A message from Bishop Anne Germond...

### A QUIET DAY in each Deanery

This Lent the diocese is invited to participate in a six week journey into a deeper intimacy with Jesus, by praying with the words from the Evangelist John. Our guides for this pilgrimage will be the Brothers of the Society of St. John the Evangelist - fondly known in Algoma as The Cowley Fathers. On January 15th, the church honours the memory of Richard Meux Benson who was the founder of this Anglican religious community. He once told a young priest in the community that he didn't believe that the object of their association was to equip them to be missionaries, "But rather with the desire first of all to be converted ourselves." (For All the Saints pg.408) He saw himself as someone who had, amongst other things, 'a heart of flame towards God.' (FAS pg.54) My hope is that through this Lenten program we will also yearn for a conversion of the heart and a heart of flame towards God.

SSJE have prepared a journal, "Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John", which may be used in Lent either in small groups or individually for participants to record their reflections and prayers. Additional resources will become available online and folks are urged to sign up for the daily videos and group resources at [www.meetingjesusinjohn.org](http://www.meetingjesusinjohn.org) Copies of the journal have been given to the Archdeacons for distribution in the deaneries. It is my hope that you will promote this resource in your congregations and encourage parishioners to use it during Lent. We all know that 'one size doesn't fit everyone' when it comes to growing in our faith. Meeting Jesus in John is a very simple way to draw nearer to Jesus.

I will be offering opportunities for each deanery to gather with me for quiet time, reflection and prayer using themes from John's Gospel during the Lent or Easter season. The dates for these gatherings have been set – Muskoka (afternoon on February 17th in Gravenhurst); Algoma (morning of February 24th in Bruce Mines); Temiskaming (morning of March 3rd in North Bay); Sudbury/Manitoulin (afternoon of March 24th in Espanola - see below for details), and Thunder Bay/North Shore (morning of May 26th in Thunder Bay).

## [News and Events:](#)

1. **The Church of the Epiphany** has that they have **PEWS FOR SALE**. 2 have been sold and still 2 more beautiful long oak pews. Price is negotiable. If you or someone you know is interested, please call our office. One idea – they could be cut in half and become the elegant seating for a breakfast nook.

**Great news** for the Church of the Epiphany: Bishop Anne has announced that Rev. Sarah Armstrong starts as incumbent at the Church of the Epiphany in September 2018 half time for one year under the auspices of Bishop Tom Corston (after Rev. Sarah's maternity leave is completed) and then she will be on her own September 2019.

2. **CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION:**  
**ALPHA**

An Alpha program will be running at the Church of the Ascension in partnership with the Samaritan center and Restoration Church beginning in February. Alpha is a program that explores life's big questions from a Christian perspective with those who have little or no Church background and with those who have been Christians a long time. If you are interested in taking the course or helping out with this exciting ministry, contact Father Aidan – [armstong.aidan@gmail.com](mailto:armstong.aidan@gmail.com). Alpha will begin on Thursday February 01 and run for 10 weeks. All Welcome!

3. **From the Archdeacon's Desk:** CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

A successful Workshop. Thanks Archdeacon Glen. There were about 20 wardens and treasurers who attended.

4. **St. Luke's Cathedral Sault Ste. Marie [News:](#)** (Double click on the icons below)



2018 Winterfest St. Luke's.jpg

5. **FROM ST. ALBAN'S, CAPREOL:**

St. Alban's, through its association with Isthmus Canada (formerly Blessings in a Backpack) has been feeding students at C. R. Judd P.S., Capreol, for the past three years. Learn more about the program at Isthmus Canada (<https://www.isthmus.ca/>). Loblaw is offering \$25 gift cards to customers who were overcharged for bread bought between 2002 and 2015. Some people are choosing to donate their cards to charity. We are hoping that some of you might consider applying for a card and donating it to St. Alban's Anglican Church to support the weekend nutritional program at C. R. Judd P.S.

**Here's what you do:**

Receive a \$25 Loblaw gift card by applying here:

Go to <http://loblawcard.ca/>. When you receive your card, deliver it to the office at C.R. Judd. P.S. or mail it to or drop it off at St. Alban's Anglican Church 34 Dennie St., Capreol, ON P0M 1H0 Attn. BBP  
Hunger Doesn't Take Weekends Off and \$25 will feed one child on weekends for about 8 weeks. Thanks, Valerie Tryon Mission & Outreach Chair

6. **FROM CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, SUDBURY**

**ALPHA: See above item #4**

**Dinner and Dance**

The Church is hosting a Dinner and Dance again this year at the Church. It has been postponed until after lent. Details will follow when available.

**KAIROS Blanket Exercise – February 26th**

Ascension is pleased to host the KAIROS Blanket Exercise. All are welcome to participate in this powerful experience which will deepen your understanding of the history and current realities facing Indigenous people. This event offers rich, educational, and meaningful insight. Register soon to book your spot!! (see separate attachment of the poster for details for details).

**Pancake Supper and Ash Wednesday Service:** See separate attachment of the poster for details.

7. **QUIET DAY:**

Bishop Anne Germond will be hosting a Quiet Day on Saturday March 24 at the Anishinabie Spiritual Centre south of Espanola. The day will begin with lunch at noon for all registered participants and end with evening prayer by 5 pm. The cost of the Quiet Day will be covered by free will donations and any surplus will be donated to an outreach project. Please register by contacting the Ven. Glen Miller at [livelyanglican@bellnet.ca](mailto:livelyanglican@bellnet.ca).

8. **LENTEN STUDY**

A Lenten Study called "Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John" has been made available to everyone in the Deanery. **Booklets guiding the six week event may be obtained by contacting the incumbent of your congregation or by contacting the Archdeacon.** This is an online resource brought to us by the Society of St. John the Evangelist & the Centre for the Ministry of Teaching at Virginia Theological Seminary. With the booklet and registration participants are guided through a Lenten journey using videos produced by the Society and encouraged to join others in their congregations in reflecting on the themes. This and other resources are made available to help us all experience a holy Lent.

9. **Parish of Christ Church, Lively and St. John the Divine, Copper Cliff**

**Ash Wednesday Services:** 10 AM at St. John's  
7 PM at Christ Church

**Walden Winter Carnival:** For the last several years the congregation of Christ Church has a group of volunteers who prepare and serve about 600 breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday mornings at the Walden Winter Carnival (this year Feb 9-11). The carnival costs \$5 with a button) giving entrance to the whole carnival (the button has a picture drawn by Lukas Webber, Grade 4; Lukas is a member of Christ Church). As the volunteers are serving breakfast, Christ Church congregation will be joining St. John's for worship at 11AM Feb 11. Rev. Jeff Hooper will be the Celebrant while Archdeacon Glen is in Mindemoya celebrating Eucharist and baptism of Sara, grand-daughter of Linda and Bain Peever, daughter of Brenda and Kari.

This Parish gives thanks to God and for your prayers for successful Vestry meetings. We continue to ask for your prayers and God's guidance as the Parish continues to work to discern God's will and design for this new Parish currently with two convenient sites.

10. **Manitoulin Island Congregations**

To the 5 Congregations on Manitoulin Island, know that you are all in our prayers in your search for an Incumbent.

**Joint Service Feb 18, 2018 at 11 AM:** There will be an Island-wide celebration of Eucharist at Holy Trinity, Little Current with lunch to follow. Archdeacon Glen Miller is the celebrant and preacher.

**For those congregations and parishes that concluded their Vestry meetings, congratulations and may God bless your year. For those still to complete their Vestry meetings, may God grant you patience and perseverance as you prepare and meet.**

**Dignity**

We receive a much fuller picture of God, the fullness of God, in the face and form of those whom we could deem the poorest, because this is how God has revealed himself in Jesus, poor Jesus. In respecting the dignity of every human being, especially those who show up poorly on our own lists, we will especially know the love of God, so much love of God that we can't help but share it. To love as we have been loved.

-Br. Curtis Almquist  
Society of Saint John the Evangelist

So far we are sending our this Digest weekly on Wednesday, usually before 10 PM. Feel free to send me and Allison Cline (our Webmaster) any and all events and news. Articles are also very welcome. You can use either our personal email as above or the Yahoo address as above.

We would like to receive items by the Sunday night before Wednesday. Some items may be repeated due the date of the event. If you have some news and/or articles and miss the Sunday cut off, please send directly to either personal e-mail address above. We will gladly include parish events, special events, and worship times. Please make sure all info is as accurate as possible, and any poster type submissions are as camera ready as possible to be included as PDF attachments to the Digest.

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