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LENT 2018

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Request for prayers from Bishop Anne and Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada:

I whole-heartedly join a growing number of Church Leaders responding to the call of Pope Francis for a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and in South Sudan on February 23rd. That is the Friday of the first full week of Lent. Moved by the Holy Father's invitation, I looked ahead to the texts appointed for reading at the eucharist that day.

The prophet Ezekiel speaks of God's desire that we turn from the wickedness of the ways in which humans commit such abominable crimes against one another. He calls us to re-set our hearts toward doing what is right and just in the sight of God. (Ezekiel 34:21-28)

The psalmist sings of his trust in the Lord's plenteous redemption, and kindness. (Psalm 130)

In the gospel of the day, we hear Jesus teaching on reconciliation and how we go about that work, however hard it may be however long it may take. (Matthew 5:20-26)

The peoples of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan have suffered through the horrors of war for so many years. They know so much death and are acquainted with so much grief. Communities have been destroyed and family life shattered. So many of their children know nothing but war. So many in fact are orphaned by its carnage.

On this Friday, February 23rd, let us fast as an act of solidarity with those who suffer so much deprivation through war and those whose poverty is incomprehensible. And let us pray for those who work for reconciliation and peace - that their ranks be

swelled and their strategies embraced. May the peoples for whom they labour finally know a peace that is just and lasting, a peace in which they and their children can live in hope of better times, in full accord with the will of God.

Fred J. Hiltz
Archbishop and Primate

A day of prayer and fasting for peace in South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo - 23 February

1. **The Church of the Epiphany** have **PEWS FOR SALE**. 2 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. Contact Barb Bolton at rbandbb2@gmail.com

2. **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

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

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. Alpha will begin on Thursday February 01 and run for 10 weeks. All Welcome!

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!!

What is the Blanket Exercise? An experiential teaching tool that shares the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. **If you haven't been to one, please consider!!** Please spread the word to students, family, friends, colleagues, anyone you think of, that may be interested in participating in this meaningful experience. Contact Erma Howe at ermahowe@rocketmail.com. (See separate attachment of the poster for details).

World Day of Prayer: Mar 2 2018 at 2 PM. See separate attached poster for details.

4. **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.

5. **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.

6. **Manitoulin Island Congregations**

To the 5 Congregations on Manitoulin Island, congratulations; Bishop Anne has made the announcement that a new Incumbent has been appointed to the Manitoulin congregations:

Bishop Anne Germond is pleased to announce the **appointment of the Rev. Doug Prebble as Interim Incumbent for the parishes of Manitoulin Island effective April 15, 2018 for one year.**

Rev. Doug is a cradle Anglican who sensed God's call in his life early on and was active in Christian ministry in a number of capacities. He attended Tyndale College where he earned a M.Div. and was ordained as a presbyter in the church of God by Bishop Andrews in February 2012. Since then he has served as the Incumbent of St. Alban the Martyr in Capreol.

We welcome Doug to his new ministry with Manitoulin Island and ask that you uphold him and the parish in prayer during this time of transition.

We also request that you keep St. Alban the Martyr in your prayers as they prepare for ministerial changes with Doug's departure.

Bishop Anne has also **requested prayers** for Rev. Bain Peever and his family:

Following a lengthy illness, Canon Bain Peever has been hospitalized in Mindemoya. We ask that you uphold him and his wife, Lynda, in your prayers. We pray for the comfort of the Holy Spirit and for the love of Christ to surround them and their family at this difficult time. We also pray for wisdom and compassion for his caregivers.

7. **Thorneloe University**

Pipe Organ Concert in Memory of Hubert Kruzel. To Benefit the **Chapel Organ Fund at Thorneloe University**. **Organist:** Jan Overduin, Professor Emeritus of Organ and Church Music, Wilfrid Laurier University.

Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 3:00 P.M.

St. Andrew's Place, 111 Larch St., Sudbury ON

Free admission

Donations will be accepted to support the Chapel Organ Fund at Thorneloe University.

For more information: **705-673-1730** - **Thorneloe.ca** (See separate attached poster for details).

Request: Tom and I would like to put the Holy Week services in the Deanery Digest. Please forward them to me at dstamp3@hotmail.com. Any special events during Lent and Holy Week are welcome too.

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.

Improvements: suggestions are always welcome.

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