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From the Archdeacon's Desk

Hello,

I had occasion one day to have a conversation with someone who was going through some pretty complicated things. This person was faced with what seemed to them to be an overwhelming set of circumstances and I was reminded of some times in my life when that seemed to be the case. Sometimes when I allow myself to think about the mountain over which I'm being asked to climb I can get that same feeling of being overwhelmed as the person with whom I was speaking was feeling. During our conversation there were no obvious solutions which would have removed the feeling of being overwhelmed (that is often the case isn't it?) so together we prayed about the situation and the next step. There was no "bolt from the blue" with an answer but we both got the sense that doing things we could do rather than worrying about things over which we have no control made a good deal of sense. We laughed as we both remembered the saying "if you have to eat an elephant you can still only do it a bite at a time". Together we determined what small steps could be taken and I'm happy to report that the person seems well on the way to getting over the mountain that had threatened to overwhelm. I find life is like that a great deal. If we focus on cleaning the entire house we might not even get started but if we focus on cleaning the mess by the sink, and then the mess by the stairs, and then the mess in the bedroom, and then the entire house gets cleaned. During this season we are asked to step away from something (giving up something for Lent) in order to see more clearly. Perhaps what we need to see more clearly is simply the small step we are being asked to take next rather than focussing on the entire journey. Jesus said, "consider the lilies of the field.." as he urged his disciples to put aside their worry about tomorrow. Food for thought. Glen +

A prayer

Almighty God, who art afflicted in the afflictions of thy people: regard with thy tender compassion those in anxiety and distress; bear their sorrows and their cares; supply all their manifold needs; and help both them and us to put our whole trust and confidence in thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP p. 54)

News and Events:

1. LENTEN EVENTS:

Church of the Epiphany:

"MOTHERING SUNDAY" will be observed on Sunday, March 11th. Traditionally the faithful were to return to their home church that morning, so we gladly invite all former members of the Epiphany to return for that morning!!! We are looking forward to enjoying traditional "Simnel" cake at coffee-hour as our Mothering Sunday treat.

IN HONOUR OF ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND, the Church of the Epiphany will hold a "Celtic Eucharist" on Sunday, March 18th at 10:30 am...join us...and wear green!

St. Alban's, Capreol:

Bible Study: Wisdom of Henri Nouwen - Sunday's at 1:30 PM

Parish of Christ Church and St. John the Divine (Lively and Copper Cliff):

Bible Study: Epistle reading from the previous Sunday - 10 AM at St. John's
The Book of Romans - 7 PM small group from Christ Church meet in a home in Lively

Church of the Ascension:

Alpha

An Alpha program will be running from February into April here at the Church of the Ascension in partnership with the Samaritan center and Restoration Church. 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, please talk to Father Aidan - armstong.aidan@gmail.com. All Welcome!

Wednesday Eucharist and Bible Study

Eucharist and Bible Study are available every Wednesday. This term we are unpacking and studying the Book of Revelation. You do not want to miss this exciting study! All Welcome

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Church of the Epiphany: See also attached poster

SUNDAY, MARCH 25 - "Sunday of the Passion" with 8:30 am Blessing of the Palms & BCP Eucharist and 10:30 am, Blessing of the Palms, Solemn Procession & BAS Choral Eucharist.

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK - 10 am, Holy Eucharist & 7:30 pm - "The Tenebrae" (The Gathering Darkness)

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7:30 pm, Commemoration of the Last Supper & Stripping of the Chancel

GOOD FRIDAY - 11 am, Solemn Liturgy & Meditation on the Cross

EASTER EVE - 8 pm, The Great Vigil of Easter including the blessing of the Easter Candle, Holy Baptism, & the first Eucharist of Easter (Guest Preacher - The Rev. Sarah Armstrong). A Deanery Choir will be present.

EASTER DAY, April 1st - Holy Eucharists of the Resurrection at 8:30 & 10:30 am

St. Peter's Elliot Lake and beyond (Rev. Henk and Beth Willems are responsible for two Lutheran churches in the area as well):

Good Friday service at St. Peters Elliot Lake—2.00 pm.---7 last words of our Lord on the Cross

Good Friday walk with stations of the CROSS—from Sagamok to Zion Lutheran church Massey

Easter Sunday—9.30 AM.—ST PETERS ANGLICAN—Elliot Lake

---11.00 AM—FAITH LUTHERAN—Elliot Lake

---1.30 PM---SAGAMOK FIRST NATIONS -Massey

---ZION LUTHERAN ---MASSEY---- time to be announced

St. Alban's Capreol: See attached poster

Church of the Ascension: See attached poster

Parish of Christ Church Lively and St. John the Divine Copper Cliff:

Sunday (Palm Sunday) - 9 am at Christ Church, 11 am at St. John's Blessing of the Palms

Wednesday 10 am at St. John's, Holy Communion service

Thursday 5:30 pm at St. John's, Parish Pot-Luck dinner and an Intergenerational Service for Maundy Thursday

Friday 10 am at Christ Church, Good Friday liturgy followed by a fellowship hour

Saturday 8 pm at the Church of the Epiphany, participation in the Deanery Easter Vigil service.

Sunday Easter Eucharist - 9 AM at Christ Church; 11 AM at St. John's

2. **ST. ALBAN'S, CAPREOL:**

Our prayers are with this community of faith as they say good bye to Rev. Doug Prebble and begin the search for a new Incumbent.

3. **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.

4. **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.

5. **Future Events to Mark on Your Calendars:**

i. **March 8 2018 International Women's Day: Anglicans across the Communion united for women's rights and gender equality.** See attached Document ([News from General Synod](#))

ii. **Church of the Ascension GIANT YARD SALE April 7 2018:**
Spring is in the air and it's that time of year again for our annual yard sale! Start your spring cleaning and set aside those gently used or unwanted items. Someone else's junk is someone else's treasure!
Drop off for items is Friday April 6th from 3-8 and yard sale is April 7th from 8-3. If you need help to get your items to the church for the yard sale, please contact Jennifer Ames at (705)618-2319.
Like to have fun and be social? Come on out and give us a hand at the yard sale. Whether it's a few hours or all day, your help is appreciated!

See attached poster!

- iii. **ACW Annual Information Tues. May 29th to Thurs. May 31st:**
See separate attachment.
- iv. **APRIL 16 2018: An invitation is extended to all Anglican women to** join with their Lutheran sisters for a ladies' afternoon social and program on Monday April 16 beginning at noon. The event will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 189 Regent St., Sudbury. There will be a light lunch followed by a Six Word Memoir program for hopefully a bit of fun. Please RSVP to Pam Radunsky at 705-587-2349, or email: bpradunsky@persona.ca before April 9th

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 my personal email as above or the Deanery email address 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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