

# Sudbury Manitoulin Deanery Digest

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## LENT 2018

### **“Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John”**

Lenten study by The Society of St. John the evangelist

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

Throughout this series we've noticed the deep connection and intimate union between Jesus and the one that he calls Father. And we have seen that in Jesus' understanding the fruitfulness of his life and ministry is entirely dependent on maintaining this union and communion with the Father. He says, "I can do nothing on my own." And he teaches his disciples and us, that our fruitfulness also depends on this living union with the Divine Life. And that to be fruitful, to produce works and character that have lasting influence in the eyes of God, we will need to abide in him as he abides in us.

I remember when I was in college, I worked with children who had special needs. And I remember one evening being at supper and watching a young boy who was struggling to cut a piece of meat, but his hands lacked the strength and coordination to be successful in the task. And finally he looked up and asked for help. And one of the staff members came around behind him, wrapped her arms around his, put her hands over his, and helped him cut the meat. And I thought that was an apt image for our relationship with God. When we realize that we can do nothing on our own, that we are dependent on God's life and strength within us, then we yield ourselves to that strength, and God's strength becomes one with our strength, so that we can't tell where our strength leaves off and where God's strength begins. It all becomes one.

John says, "We love because he first loved us," so it's important for us first of all to receive that love, before we can give it away. We need to stay connected to that love, in tune with that love, in communion with that love. So today, we invite you to take into your prayer this image of the vine and the branches. And consider how dependent branches are on the vine for their life and for their fruit. Consider how the vine grower may need to prune the vine to make it more fruitful. Bring this metaphor

into your own life and ask yourself, "How do I stay connected to this source of life and light? What interferes with that connection? What stops the flow of that divine energy and how can I remain in intimate union with Jesus?" That connection is the source, the key, the secret, to our fruitfulness. Br. David Vryhof

## News and Events:

### 1. LENTEN EVENTS:

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). This is a Deanery event with a Deanery Choir.

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

St. George's Anglican, Espanola:

Palm Sunday, Intergenerational Service at 10:30 a.m. followed by snacks

Maundy Thursday Service at 9:30 a.m.

Good Friday Service at 10:30 a.m. followed by hot cross buns

Easter Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m.

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 Anishinaabi 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).

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. An **ecumenical ALPHA** sponsored by the churches in Espanola will begin March 22 2018. Contact Bev Van der Jagt.

- 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. **Messy Church at St. John the Divine Copper Cliff April 3 and June 5 2018:**  
 The four churches of Copper Cliff develop and sponsor Messy Church every second month on the first Tuesday from 4:45-7:00 PM. Although children come with a parent, it is designed for those families in Sudbury's Gatchell, Copper Cliff and Lively areas who have little or no contact with Jesus or church. There is registration, worship, meal and craft times. The planning committee also plans events for the fall.
- 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](mailto:bpradunsky@persona.ca) before April 9<sup>th</sup>
- v. **Diocese of Algoma ACW Annual Information Tues. May 29th to Thurs. May 31<sup>st</sup>:**  
 See separate attachment
- vi. **Deanery Daily Vacation Bible School**  
 April 23 2018 fund raiser at Boston Pizza (The Kingsway). DVBS receives 10%(?) of the dinners sold to 100 or more people.  
 July 2-6 2018 at St. John's Copper Cliff - 9AM -12 PM  
 Aug 13-17 2018 at The Church of the Ascension - 9 AM -12 PM

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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