

Sudbury Manitoulin Deanery Digest

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EASTER 2018

We are glad that you all have had a joyous, peaceful and blessed Holy Week as a beginning to the next 50 days leading up to the season of Pentecost.

'Not One, But 50'

While society makes much of Easter Day and largely from the perspective of bunnies and chocolate and springtime, it is for Christians the first day of 50 in which we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter is the Feast of the Victory of our God, the Festival of Gladness, the Spring of Souls, "our joy that hath no end" (205, Common Praise). As often as we gather, we greet one another saying, "Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!"

Our joy in the Resurrection is rooted in the message of an angel to some women who come to anoint the body of the crucified Lord. Seeing that the stone is rolled away, the tomb is empty and the grave clothes are lying there in a heap, they hear that angel say, "He is not here, he has risen". (Luke 24:5) The angel goes on to say, "Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over...and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." (Luke 24:6)

Our joy in the Resurrection is also grounded in numerous accounts of the Lord's appearing to his followers. Each one is marked by a greeting, a deep communion of hearts, and then a commission.

Mary Magdalene hears him call her by name. As her mourning is turned into joy, the Lord commissions her as Apostle to the Apostles.

Jesus shows the disciples his hands and side, and they are glad. As he speaks a word of peace, he also says, "As the Father sent me, so I send you." (John 20:21)

Thomas is invited to touch the wounds of Jesus and to believe and doubt no more. In an instant, he leaves the gloomy haunts of sadness and knows himself to be among the others who would bear witness to the Resurrection.

Peter is given opportunity to undo his denial of Jesus in a three-fold confession of love and with that confession, he is commissioned by the Risen Lord to shepherd the Church.

A couple of disciples heading for Emmaus are unknowingly accompanied by Jesus. He opens the Scriptures and teaches them all the things concerning the Messiah. Then he breaks bread at the inn, and their hearts burn within them as they go back to Jerusalem to tell the others.

These are the stories we hear throughout these 50 days of Easter. And then of course, there are the stories of countless others of whom the Risen Lord says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe". (John 20:29) I am glad to be numbered in that company, as indeed I am sure you are. I am deeply conscious too of the truth that we have been drawn into this company by a host of others who have touched our lives through the example of their own faith and devotion to the Lord. Many of them walk with us and yet many more have gone before us. Let us not forget that these are their festal days too!

Our joy in the Risen Lord is sustained by his very presence in every Eucharist. We taste the Living Bread and know his promise that "whoever eats this bread will live forever". (John 6: 51) We drink the Wine of Resurrection and our thirst is quenched. Like those first disciples who rejoiced in their moment of a joyous communion with Him, so do we. We know too that as he sent them into the world to bear witness to his resurrection so he send us. This commission to be ambassadors of his liberating word, his reconciling love, his gospel of life immerses us in the joys and struggles of the world. It calls us to the task of ushering in a new order marked by compassion, justice, and peace for all people, a new era marked by a deeper reverence for our common home the Earth itself.

The Resurrection is such a Holy Mystery, as is our life within it, that I am ever grateful that Easter is indeed for us not one, but 50 days!

Let us then rejoice and be glad for "Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end."
(205, Common Praise)

Archbishop Fred Hiltz
Primate
The Anglican Church of Canada

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News and Events:

1. Deanery Council News:

- a. Next meeting April 21, 2108 at Holy Trinity, Little Current 9:30 AM
- b. For the Deanery Council meeting: Mr. Tom Linck has resigned his position as Lay Steward and so the Deanery Council will be asked to elect a Lay Steward at its next meeting on April 21. We thank God for the service Tom provided to the Deanery while he served in this position and ask God to bless him in this next stage of life. Please prayerfully consider who should be nominated for this position. A job description can be found in the Diocesan Canons or you may contact the Ven. Glen Miller at livelyanglican@bellnet.ca.

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. They are relying on Bishop Anne to guide them in this process.

3. 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.

4. Diocese of Algoma:

Bishop announces upcoming ordination - Patti Brace

Bishop Anne Germond is pleased to announce the upcoming ordination of Patti Brace, God willing, as a deacon in the church of God. The service is scheduled for Saturday, June 9th, 2018 commencing at 1 p.m. at Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury. The Rev. Dr. Bob Derrenbacker, Provost of Thorneloe University and Honourary Associate at Church of the Ascension, will be the preacher. A reception, hosted by churches within the Sudbury-Manitoulin Deanery where Patti has served, will follow the service. All are welcome!

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!

Wednesday Eucharist and Bible Study

Eucharist and Bible Study are available every Wednesday. This week we will be starting a new book - Genesis. You do not want to miss this exciting study! All Welcome!

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!

iii. **Parish of St. John the Divine, Copper Cliff and Christ Church, Lively Messy Church at St. John the Divine June 5 2018:**

The four churches of Copper Cliff developed 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 arranges for Messy Church in the fall.

Annual Yard Sale and Strawberry Social June 9 2018:

Held at St. John the Divine. Yard sale begins at 8 AM; Social begins at 11 AM.. The Yard Sale event is in conjunction with the Copper Cliff CAN community Yard Sale. The Strawberry Social has been an annual event for approximately 100 years. More details to come

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

- v. **Diocese of Algoma ACW Annual Information Tues. May 29th to Thurs. May 31st:**
See separate document attached
- vi. **Deanery Daily Vacation Bible Schools**
Fund Raiser April 23 2018 at Boston Pizza (The Kingsway). DVBS receives 10%(?) of the dinners sold to 100 or more people. Last year, this event raised \$380.
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
- vii. **'Stand Up' Program**
This program is being offered at the YMCA beginning April 10 for 12 weeks at 2-3 PM. This is an exercise program to help us older adults prevent falling. The program is **FREE** of charge to members and non-members of the YMCA. Some of the members of our congregations in the Sudbury Deanery may find this of interest. Contact the YMCA 705-688-7300. See attached poster. Submitted by Megan Trimmer.

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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