

# Sudbury Manitoulin Deanery Digest

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## EASTER 2018

### Anglican Church of Canada: News from General Synod

#### **Parishes join in prayer from coast to coast for Thy Kingdom Come**

By Matt Gardner

Anglicans across Canada will join Christians around the world in prayer from May 10 to 20, 2018 to mark Thy Kingdom Come, a global prayer movement spearheaded by the worldwide Anglican Communion that seeks to empower people through prayer to serve as witnesses for Jesus Christ.

Thy Kingdom Come began in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England, and has run each year since from Ascension to Pentecost. Fueled by social media and digital communication, participation in the time of prayer has expanded into a global and ecumenical movement with churches holding events and highlighting the power of prayer together.

The movement has caught on in Canada, and an increasing number of Anglican parishes and congregations are taking part in this year's call to prayer, with local events organized for Thy Kingdom Come.

#### **Eastern Canada**

In the Diocese of Fredericton, the Parish of Richmond is hosting events at each of its three churches: St Mark's Church in Jackson Falls N.B, St. John's Church in Richmond Corner N.B., and Holy Trinity Church in Hartland, N.B.

A family picnic at the parish centre took place on May 5 that featured activities such as kite-flying and story time incorporating prayer. The parish has also planned a walk across the Hartland Covered Bridge—the longest covered bridge in the world—on May

10, with song, praise, and prayer. Other events include a Christian film screening and an exercise in which parishioners pray for five friends, using objects such as five small stones or a bracelet with five knots as reminders to pray for them.

Bonnie Sparks, a lay reader-in-training at St. John's, first organized prayer events for Thy Kingdom Come last year, inspired by her own deep veneration for the Lord's Prayer. She pointed to the importance of prayer as our "chief form of communication" with God.

"If you have a spouse and you don't communicate with that spouse, that relationship flounders, and it's the same with us as Christians," Sparks said. "We have to stay in communication with God. It is not only to keep the relationship going, but it's the strength that we get from that too. We are called to be Christ's hands and feet—well, how can we be the hands and feet if we don't know what we're supposed to be doing?"

"To me, [Thy Kingdom Come] ties in all the things that I feel are important as a Christian. [...] It's important to pray for our family members that don't know Christ. It's also an opportunity to pray together, to bring the whole parish together because we're all doing the same thing."

### **Western Canada**

On the other side of the country in B.C., the congregation of St. George Maple Ridge will be marking Thy Kingdom Come by holding daily prayer every morning at 9 a.m. during the 10-day campaign.

"We're conscious that some people are working at that time, and so those who are here will be praying for those who are working," pastor the Rev. David Edgerton said. "We talk about people being on their front lines of ministry, in wherever place God has called them to be, and so we'll be praying for people on their front lines at 9 o'clock every day."

In addition, St. George's will hold longer intercessory prayer sessions on both Saturday mornings for parishioners to pray for their community, parish, and church.

Like many others, members of the congregation first heard about Thy Kingdom Come through social media.

"I think it's a great opportunity for unity," Edgerton said. "In a church that's often divided by issues for different reasons, to have something we can really come together with is good. [...] I think it helps remind us that we're part of the global Anglican Church, even out here in the suburbs of Vancouver."

### **Central Canada**

At St. Thomas Anglican Church in Thunder Bay, Ont., members of the congregation are marking Thy Kingdom Come for the first time. Plans include two worship services

each day, a special prayer room for guided recitations of the Lord's Prayer, and a series of prayer stations in the church.

Each station has a theme. One station, called "Forgiveness and Letting Go", features a sandbox where individuals can use their fingers to write something for which they wish to receive forgiveness, or emotions such as fear or anger that they wish to set down or make peace with. Another station contains maps and images of those who have devoted their lives to God, encouraging people to pray for their community, their nation, and the world.

Deanna Blanchard, a member of the congregation and wife of incumbent the Rev. Jonathan Blanchard, first learned of Thy Kingdom Come through a friend's Facebook post.

"All Christians should be participating in something like this," Blanchard said. "I think that's what we just felt—that this is something that as Anglicans, we can definitely get behind, but also just as Christians.

"It doesn't matter if you're Anglican or whatever [denomination]—Christians all over the world are coming together and praying for this."

Are you participating in Thy Kingdom Come? View a list of resources to help organize prayer events and other activities.

**Website @ Pledge2Pray** as an individual, with your family, or as a church.

## [News and Events:](#)

### 1. Deanery Council News:

#### a. **CAMP MANITOU Season 2018**

Camp Manitou is opening soon for 2018. Each congregation in the Deanery is asked to please add this Diocesan Camp to your prayer list for great team leadership in each camp and that God will lead children and families. And keep praying from now to first week of September and beyond as the Board of Directors then evaluates and starts working toward summer 2019.

Camp opens in late June with a Work Camp, followed in July by 1 week camps for senior girls, junior girls, senior boys and junior boys and in August by nature camp, and three family camps with a close-up work week in early September. All registrations can be completed online at the website below. If any of you are interested in volunteering in any way or interested in providing bursaries for campers or donating your time talent and money in any way, please go to the camp website: [www.manitoucAMP.org](http://www.manitoucAMP.org)

- b. **From the Diocesan Office:**  
i. **Prayers requested for Donna Bos**  
Posted: May 4, 2018

Many in the Diocese of Algoma will remember Donna Bos who worked in the Synod Office as office receptionist, William McMurray manager and overall "good feeling" coordinator. Donna is undergoing surgery on May 29th to remove a malignant growth on her lung. She has requested prayers from her Diocesan family.

From St. Augustine's Prayer Book:

'Good Jesus, physician of souls and bodies, in your mercy tend to those who are burdened with illness; soothe with your presence each ache and pain; because you have known the weakness and pain of our mortal bodies, teach us to unite our sufferings with yours and give us patience to endure our own pain and tender sympathy for the pain of others, that in all things we may grow in knowledge of you and in all circumstances may accomplish your good purposes. Amen'

We ask God for guidance and wisdom for her surgeon, compassion for her caregivers, and support for her family. We also ask that Donna be relieved of any anxiety as she awaits her surgery date.

- ii. **Algoma [News](#):** Thorneloe University News  
The Rev. Dr. Bob Derrenbacker heading "Down Under"  
Posted: May 16, 2018

Bishop Anne joins with Thorneloe University in wishing the Rev. Dr. Robert Derrenbacker every success and happiness in his new appointment as Dean of the Trinity College Theological School on the campus of Melbourne University in Australia - an appointment he assumes on January 1st, 2019.

Fr. Bob, as he is affectionately known in the Diocese of Algoma, will be greatly missed by the Thorneloe community which he has served with distinction these last ten years.

He will also be missed by the Church of the Ascension where he has served as their Honourary Associate for nine years and for a time in 2017 as their Interim Incumbent. One of the important aspects of his ministry was as a teacher, particularly of liturgy. Fr. Bob has also generously given of his time and gifts to the Diocese of Algoma by serving as the Bishop's appointee on the Executive Committee and as the Bishop's appointee on the Muskoka Ministry Transition Team. With his keen interest in theological education and the discernment of vocations Fr. Bob is an integral part of the Postulancy Commission for the Diocese.

In 2016 and again in 2018 Fr. Bob, along with Bishop Stephen led a pilgrimage to the Holy Land where his passion for the New Testament was evident as he offered daily teaching at the places where the group visited.

As Fr. Bob and Cindy begin preparations for their move to Australia we pray that our Lord will bless them richly and offer prayers for a smooth transition. Good wishes from all of us in Algoma!

## 2. Parish of Copper Cliff and Lively

Sunday **June 10** will be Parish joint service at 10 am held in the Kinsman Hall, Lively and will include a baptism and Eucharist with a guest celebrant and preacher, Bishop Anne Germond. This will be followed by a catered lunch.

## 3. 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!

## 4. Future Events to Mark on Your Calendars:

### a. Church of the Ascension

#### 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!

#### Strawberry Tea

The ACW will be holding their Annual Strawberry Tea on **Thursday May 24th from 6:30-8:00pm**. Tickets are available for \$6.00 from any member of the ACW or at the door on the evening of the Tea. We would appreciate any donations of baking or crafts and they can be dropped off at the Church between 6-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday May 23rd. For more information or if you would like to help in any way, please call Cathy Dionne at 705-524- 6106 or Betty McLeod at 705-566- 6487. (See attached poster)

**b. Parish of Copper Cliff and Lively**

New Website: our new Website is up and running:  
[www.thelivelyanglican.org](http://www.thelivelyanglican.org)

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. Bake Table from 8 AM to sell out. Tickets for Strawberry Social Tea \$8.00. 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. We have been getting help from Christ Church Lively and many other volunteers. More details to come.

**c. Parish of St. Alban's Capreol**

Prayer Request:

Nora, a member of our St. Alban's flock, was born nearly four years ago with a serious heart defect. On May 9, she will undergo open-heart surgery at Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto. We ask that God will guide the surgeons and all entrusted to Nora's care, that the surgery will be without complications, and that her recovery will result in her being able to live a full and healthy life. We ask, also, that her family will be strengthened and encouraged by God's presence and the peace that comes from knowing they are not alone. We know that God answers prayers and we at St. Alban's ask you to add to ours your individual and collective prayers for Nora and her family, now and as she recovers. (See attached poster)

**d. St. Paul's Anglican, Manitouwaning**

Annual Fish Fry: June 5, 2018

**e. Church of the Epiphany**

Rummage Sale:

Spring Rummage Sale **May 25&26, 2018** 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

The Quilters+ Group is organizing a Spring Rummage Sale on May 25th & 26th. As you do your Spring Cleaning keep the Sale in mind. Donations can be brought to the church THE WEEK OF THE SALE only as we...Church of the Epiphany from 9AM to 3 PM. Call Church office 705-675-2279 for details.

- f. **Diocese of Algoma ACW Annual Meeting:**  
**Tues. May 29th to Thurs. May 31<sup>st</sup>**  
 See separate attachment.
- g. **Deanery Daily Vacation Bible Schools**  
July 2-6 2018 St. John's Copper Cliff - 9AM -12 PM  
Aug 13-17 2018 The Church of the Ascension - 9 AM -12 PM
- h. **'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 the Deanery Digest weekly on Fridays, 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 Wednesday evening before Friday.** 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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