

# Sudbury Manitoulin Deanery Digest

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## Pentecost 2018

### Cultural Diversity Awareness

#### **Living Water**

If the Spirit of God dwells within us, if this Spirit flows between us and among us and through us like “a river of living water,” we are bound to recognize our essential equality. Whether we be prince or priest; pope or pauper, however diverse we are, we share one thing in common: that river of living water.

-Br. Mark Brown  
Society of Saint John the Evangelist

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

#### **Using CLAY as a framework for youth ministry**

By Matt Gardner

A slam poetry homily. Drumming at worship. An Advent project centred on the right to water.

These are just some of the visible signs of the impact the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth (CLAY) gathering has had on the life of the church in the Parish of St. James Manotick, located in the Diocese of Ottawa. Over the last eight years, parish youth have regularly attended the biennial event, a national gathering of young Christians, which this year will be taking place from August 15-19 in Thunder Bay, Ont.

Returning from CLAY to their home parishes, participants bring with them a range of ideas that—in cases such as the Parish of St. James Manotick—have provided a major boost to youth ministry and new approaches to worship.

“CLAY is an incredible experience for our young people. It’s a mountaintop experience,” said Donna Rourke, coordinator of youth ministries for the parish as well as the diocesan Youth Internship Program.

“Our youth come back exhausted, but pumped—pumped about their faith, pumped that they’re in an environment where it’s cool to be Christian. ... [T]hat doesn’t happen to them very often ... Because of that, it is easier as a youth leader to incorporate things that youth learned at CLAY into the programs that we develop.”

Leslie Giddings, child, youth, and adult learning facilitator for the Diocese of Ottawa, said that Anglican participation in CLAY has increased over the last several years, particularly among members of her own diocese.

“We sent a really large group last time, the largest we’ve ever sent,” Giddings said. “And part of our ability to mobilize people was explaining that actually, CLAY could be used as the foundation for their youth ministry for the next two years, until the next CLAY came along.”

### **Experience of St. James Manotick**

Worship is a major area where young parishioners incorporate their experiences from CLAY. Every two years upon returning from the event, the congregation would hold a service where youth could showcase what they had learned.

Examples include incorporating Godly Play into the gospel reading, or performing on drums and bringing new songs into worship. The slam poetry homily was the creation of one talented youth who wrote and performed an original poem, inspired by the similar use of poetry at CLAY.

The experience of CLAY has also affected initiatives outside of worship. Over the last four years, youth programming at St. James Manotick has incorporated the theme of Right to Water, the focus of the National Youth Project from 2012-2016 which sought to highlight water rights in Indigenous communities across Canada.

Two years ago, the parish’s annual Advent project focused on encouraging youth to be mindful of all the water they used during the Advent season by giving each participant a bag of jellybeans and a jar.

“Each time they used water—to brush their teeth, to go to the washroom, to wash their hands, to have a shower, whatever—they would take a jellybean from the bag and put it in the jar,” Rourke said. “And every time they filled up the jar, they went to talk to their folks about donating some money to the National Youth Project.”

“We ended up raising like \$200 for that,” she added. “We would talk about how we use water without even thinking, and [that] we have people still in Canada that don’t have water.”

To help raise money to attend CLAY, youth also organized fund raisers, such as a car wash during the summer and a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday. One-quarter of the cost for youth to attend CLAY is subsidized by the parish.

### **‘Something to rally around’**

Giddings said that the Diocese of Ottawa decided this year to invest more in increasing its participation in CLAY, rather than organizing diocesan events that could compete for focus and participation.

“It’s so valuable to get people together in church to do something, but we have to think about all the ways we can connect to them before they come and connect with them after they’re there, because that’s where the payoff and the connections and the growth happen,” Giddings said.

“Getting people together is important and it’s one of our core pieces of Christian community ... that fellowship in coming together. But if we don’t think about all the ways that could also be a learning opportunity or an opportunity for service, then we’re missing the depths of how we can connect.”

Sheilagh McGlynn, national youth animator for the Anglican Church of Canada, said she believed that using CLAY as a model for youth ministry had potential to be used in other areas of the country.

“I think it is a great way to answer the question of ‘We don’t know what to do with our young people,’ because I think there are a lot of people out there who care about young people and want to offer something for them,” McGlynn said. “They just don’t have the skills or the expertise, [or] they don’t have any training in youth ministry. [...] This offers something to rally around and to have a theme.”

Registration is still open for CLAY 2018 in Thunder Bay. The upcoming gathering is based around the theme Threads and will feature the Rev. Steve Greene as its official Storyweaver.

### **Register now for CLAY 2018.**

[https://events.eply.com/CLAY2018?utm\\_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\\_campaign=d272599008-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2018\\_05\\_23&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_6285aca377-d272599008-243900825](https://events.eply.com/CLAY2018?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=d272599008-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_05_23&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-d272599008-243900825)

## 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. There are still some volunteers needed - contact Shari Blasutti at [blasuts59@gmail.com](mailto:blasuts59@gmail.com) or Trevor Marshall at [marshall.trevor@gmail.com](mailto:marshall.trevor@gmail.com) 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.

## 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 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

God willing, Bishop Anne Germond will ordain Dr. Patti Brace to the Sacred Diaconate on Saturday, June 9th at 1 pm at the Church of the Epiphany, 85 Larch Street, Sudbury. The Rev. Dr. Bob Derrenbacker of Thorneloe University will be the Ordination Preacher.

From +Tom Corston: We would be so pleased if you might come. If you are unable to join us, please uphold Patti in your prayers as she steps forward into this new ministry.  
Anglican clergy...please extend this invitation to your Layreaders who are also invited to vest and be in procession. The liturgical colour will be 'red'.

A reception will follow the service in the church's Phoenix Hall.

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

### a. **Church of the Ascension**

Wednesday Eucharist and Bible Study

Bible study is now done for the summer, but we will be having Eucharist every Wednesday at 9:30am through the month of June.

National Indigenous People's Day – June 24th

June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples Day. Following the 11 am service on June 24th we will be having a meal and then some teachings from a local Indigenous knowledge keeper. All Welcome!

Church of the Ascension [Dominion] Canada Day Weekend Breakfast  
- June 30 8:30 - 10:00am

Start Canada's Birthday weekend off with a great breakfast and even better company! Choices for breakfast will include: eggs, sausage, pancakes, oatmeal, toast, fruit, juice, milk, coffee, tea. Free-will donation accepted. For further details, or to volunteer, speak to Fr Aidan or the Wardens."

Golf Tournament – Sept. 23rd

Join us for the annual golf classic on Sunday September 23rd at Cedar Green Golf Club. The cost is \$45 with a shot gun start at 3pm – this includes 9 holes, power cart, dinner and a chance to win prizes. If you cannot make the golf tournament consider joining us for dinner. For registration, please sign up at the Church of the Ascension or call Ken Winfield 705-566-3258.

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. See attached poster.

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. **UPDATE:** Nora is recovering, but still at Sick Kids. Prayers for her ongoing recovery would be appreciated for a few more weeks. (See attached poster)

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

Annual Fish Fry: June 5, 2018

e. **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.

This is also an opportunity for this Deanery to sponsor a child (suggested donation of \$20 per child covers materials and snacks) which can be forwarded to Linda Goodale at 1386 Sunnyside Road Sudbury ON P3G 1J1. If you would like to volunteer to help, also contact Linda at 705-522-1639.

**We send 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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