

Sudbury Manitoulin Deanery Digest

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News and Events:

1. Future Events to Mark on Your Calendars:

a. Church of the Ascension

Website: <http://www.churchoftheascensionsudbury.com>

Worship Services

September 9th we are back to two services 9 and 11am.

Pie Sale – September 30th

The Ascension is planning a fall pie sale just in time for Thanksgiving! The pies will be sold September 30th between the 9 and 11am services for \$15.

Youth Group – October 14th

Youth ages 11-15 are invited to a youth group on Sunday night from 7 -8pm. It will start on Sunday nights on October 14th and will run every Sunday night until mid- December then pick up again in the new year! Come for games, snack and Christian fellowship! If you have any questions please speak with Fr. Aidan or Jesse Clapperton.

Who is My Neighbour – October 2018

Jesus commands us to love our neighbours and we love ourselves, but what does this mean? This fall on Wednesday evenings in October we here at the Ascension will be looking at this question: what does it mean to be a good neighbor? We will begin our series by watching the new biography about Mr. Rogers “Won’t you be my Neighbor”. In following weeks, we will be

watching short videos or listening to a sermon and discussing the book *The Art of Neighboring* by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon. If you are interested in participating in this study, please speak to Fr. Aidan. All Welcome!

Yard Sale – October 13 - See attached Poster

Save the date:

Friday, October 12: Drop off of Yard Sale items.

Saturday, October 13: Yard Sale

b. **Church of the Epiphany**

Website: <http://www.epiphanysudbury.org/>

Worship Services: As of September 9th, we are back to two services at 8:30, a spoken BCP service, and 10:30, a choral Eucharist from the BAS.

Quilter's Group

Our Quilters plus group meets Thursday mornings at 9:30 and is always willing to welcome new members who quilt or sew or knit etc. Or who may want to learn.

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

Website: www.thelivelyanglican.ca

Worship Times

October 7 we return to 9 AM at Christ Church and 11 AM at St. John's

Great Pumpkin Fall Fair St. John's October 29 11 AM to 2 PM. \$2 General Admission. Menu includes chili, harvest Soups and Dessert. Vendors and bake, jams/preserves, white elephant tables. See Attached poster for details.

Messy Church: Fall Ecumenical events Nov 6 and Dec 4 at St. John's in Copper Cliff. 4:45-7 PM.

Holly Fair at Christ Church Anglican Lively in Nov 2018. Details coming.

d. **Parish of Elliot Lake/Massy**

Worship Hours

St. Peters Anglican Elliot Lake—9.30 am

Faith Lutheran Elliot Lake—11.00 am—1st and 3rd Sunday

Zion Lutheran Massey 2nd Sunday of the month at 1pm

Gowan Gillmore Sagamok 2.00 pm at Harvey Owl house
every 4th Sunday

e. **St. Alban, Capreol**

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/alban.church>

Christmas Tea or Bazaar

I know it's early, but just a heads up to anyone planning a Christmas Tea or Bazaar. St. Alban's will be holding its Annual Christmas Tea & Bazaar on Nov. 10 from 1 - 3 p.m. Valarie Tyron

f. **All Saints Anglican, Coniston**

Website: <https://allsaintsangcon.weebly.com>

g. **The Anglican Churches of Manitoulin Island**

- i. All Saints, Gore Bay
- ii. Holy Trinity, Little Current
- iii. St. John the evangelist, Kagawong
- iv. St. Paul's, Manitowaning
- v. St. Francis of Assisi, Mindemoya

h. **St. Georges, Espanola**

Worship Services: Sunday 10:30 AM

2. **Deanery Council News:**

Website: <http://www.deanerysudbury-manitoulin.org>

a. **Deanery Council Meeting**

Mark your calendars: the next meeting of our Deanery Council is October 20 at St. John the Divine in Copper Cliff with a 9:30 AM start time.

b. **Deanery Day** November 3 2018 at Church of the Epiphany

Good morning fellow sojourners...

Attached is a small poster for you to post in your churches and to advertize the event among your people. I hope this might be a good day for our people. I would also encourage you to download the "In Sure & Certain Hope" program and study guide from the Anglican Church of Canada's website (Resources >Ethics) and make it available to those interested. Posted by Rt. Rev. Tom Corston

3. **Algoma News:**

Website: <http://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/>

a. **Thorneloe University**

President, Provost, and Vice-Chancellor

Thorneloe University invites nominations, applications, and expressions of interest for the above position

[http://dioceseofalgoma.com/UploadedFiles/files/Job%20Postings/President%20Search%20Job%20Ad%20\(FINAL%20VERSION\).pdf](http://dioceseofalgoma.com/UploadedFiles/files/Job%20Postings/President%20Search%20Job%20Ad%20(FINAL%20VERSION).pdf)

b. **Condolences to the Oosterbaan family**

Posted: October 3, 2018

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Anne Oosterbaan on Tuesday, October 2nd in Sault Ste. Marie following a brief illness. Anne was the wife of Din Oosterbaan, former Diocesan Treasurer and current Provincial Synod Treasurer.

Visitation will be held on Friday, October 5th at 9:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church (Sault Ste. Marie) followed by the service at 11:00 a.m. The Rev. Claire Miller will preside with the assistance of the Very Rev. Jim McShane. There will be a lunch at the Trinity Centre followed by interment at the columbarium at St. Luke's Cathedral.

All are welcome to attend!

We ask that you uphold Din and his family in prayer during this time of loss and sorrow. May Anne rest in the peace of Christ and rise again in glory

c. **Algoma Anglican submission deadlines**

Posted: August 14, 2018

The Rev. Peter Simmons, Editor, Algoma Anglican, advises that submission deadlines for the paper are on the first of every month commencing September 1, 2018. Although there has been some flexibility with these deadlines, that is no longer the case and articles that are submitted past the deadline date will be held for the following edition. Should you have any questions, please contact Rev. Peter directly via e-mail anglican@muskoka.com or via telephone at 705-732-4608.

Healing

When Jesus commanded us to “love our enemies,” he was pointing to a fundamental truth behind those words. When we open our hearts enough to truly love, our enemies turn into the possibility for healing.

-Br. Nicholas Bartoli

Society of Saint John the Evangelist

Website: <https://www.ssje.org/>

From St. Francis's Canticle of the Sun

O most High, almighty, good Lord God,
to you belong praise, glory, honor, and all blessing!

...Praised be my Lord for our mother the Earth,
which sustains us and keeps us,
and yields divers fruits, and flowers of
many colors, and grass.

Praised be my Lord for all those who pardon
one another for God's love's sake,
and who endure weakness and tribulation;
blessed are they who peaceably shall endure,
for you, O most High, shall give them a crown!



**SEASON OF
CREATION**

Anglican Church of Canada: News from General Synod

Francis of Assisi: Evangelist and environmentalist

By Matt Gardner

One of the most revered figures in the history of Christianity, St. Francis of Assisi (1181/2-1226), lived a life that embodied some of the most deeply held values that we associate with the faith today. In the centuries since his death, successive generations of Christians have discovered their most cherished spiritual qualities reflected in Francis.

In recent decades, Francis has perhaps been most widely associated with the care of creation and the environment. In 1979, Pope John Paul II declared Francis the Patron Saint of Ecology. His association with the blessing of animals was popularized in 1985 by the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine in the Episcopal Diocese of New York, with many congregations following its lead in blessing pets on Francis's feast day. So closely is Francis identified with the environment that the annual Season of Creation celebrated by Christians around the world culminates on Oct. 4 with the Feast of St. Francis.

While the most common perception of Francis today evoke the fifth Mark of Mission—"to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth"—his earliest claim to fame reflects the first two: "to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom" and "to teach, baptize and nurture new believers."

Francis "is first and foremost about evangelism," says the Rev. Canon Dr. Lizette Larson-Miller, Huron-Lawson chair of moral and pastoral theology at Huron University College. "He's about preaching the gospel, and preaching the gospel from a position of humility and poverty. [...] Those are the things the Franciscans themselves remember, but that gets obscured."

The Ven. Dr. Lynne McNaughton, Deputy Prolocutor for the Council of General Synod and rector of St. Clement's Anglican Church in North Vancouver, led two pilgrimages to Assisi in 2009 and 2017, travelling to Francis's home city with approximately 30 fellow Canadian pilgrims.

Echoing Larson-Miller's view on the saint's contributions to evangelism, McNaughton noted that Francis "went from town to town proclaiming the gospel."

"Maybe it doesn't sound as radical [today] as it would have been then," she added. "But remember that most monastic orders of the time were Benedictine, which is a vow of stability. You stayed in one community for life. And Francis was a pretty restless soul.

"He loved to travel, meaning mostly by foot [...] in a day and age when [...] people weren't used to hearing preaching at that level. He and his brothers preached the gospel. And they preached it by living it, not just the words."

Originally from a wealthy merchant family, Francis took literally the exhortation of Jesus to his disciples to go out and preach the gospel and to relieve themselves of their possessions. The son of a cloth merchant, he gave away expensive cloth to the poor and, when publicly reprimanded by the local bishop, removed his clothes in the public square and gave everything back to his father.

“Most of us don’t have that dramatic a call to poverty,” McNaughton said. “But he embraced poverty as something joyful. He found a huge freedom in that.”

Though possibly ordained as a deacon, Francis was never ordained a priest. He went directly to the masses and found innovative methods for spreading the Good News among the people.

“I always think it’s so fascinating that he kept trying to find different ways to preach the gospel,” Larson-Miller said. “It’s to Francis that we owe the presepio, the crèche, at Christmas—the nativity scene, if you will—because for him it was a way of preaching to people who were illiterate and uneducated.

“He’s thinking in his mind, ‘OK, what’s going to make sense to them?’ So he develops the rosary as a prayer technique. He develops the crèche. He probably has some contribution to what are known as the Stations of the Cross, which are all kinesthetic ways for people to hear the gospel preached, not just with their ears.”

Peace and reconciliation are also values associated with Francis. In 1219, he travelled to Egypt in the midst of the Fifth Crusade and met with Sultan Al-Kamil, preaching the gospel.

Though Francis’s efforts to convert the sultan were unsuccessful, McNaughton suggested that in light of the friendly conversation between the two—a highly unusual occurrence at this time of bloody religious wars between Christians and Muslims—Francis might perhaps be considered “the patron saint of interfaith dialogue”.

The identification of Francis with nature and the environment stems in part from legendary stories of his evangelism as recounted in the *Fioretti* (Little Flowers”), such as when he preaches to the birds—the source of many statues that depict Francis holding a bird in his hand.

As the composer of the *Canticle of the Sun* (aka the *Laudes Creaturarum*, or Praise of the Creatures), a religious poem later set to music, Francis described his faith in God for the gift of the earth and all its creatures. He thanked God for creations using terms of close relationships, such as Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Wind, and Sister Water.

McNaughton recalled the example of one deacon in her home parish, who is of Cree background and ends all her prayers and sermons with “all my relations”. “That always reminds me of St. Francis,” McNaughton said, “speaking to the earth [as] Sister Earth.”

Such a close relationship with nature and creation, Larson-Miller noted, was something of a departure for medieval Christianity at the time of Francis.

“If you put him in his historical period in the 12th century, you’ve got a church that’s kind of turning away from anything that was good about the human body, anything that’s particularly good about creation, and turning more towards only what’s in heaven,” she said. “Only what is disembodied is good.

“And so here comes Francis, preaching really just the opposite and reminding people of what’s already there in Genesis—that God has created all things and created them good. I think what so grabs people’s attention today is that [notion of] all creation [being] with us. [...] That’s not new with Francis; we have that in the early church. But in a sense, Francis brings that back in a century of his own life where it was not very prominent, and it grabs the attention of people today.”

We send the Deanery Digest weekly on Fridays, usually before 10 PM.

Feel free to send me and Allison Cline-Dean (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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