

Sudbury Manitoulin Deanery Digest

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Improvements: If you have any concerns or suggestions regarding our editorial policies, please feel free to send them to me.

Pentecost 2018

[News and Events:](#)

1. Current and Future Events to Mark on Your Calendars:

a. Church of the Ascension

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

Rector: Rev. Aiden Armstrong

Honorary Associates: Rev. Jeff Hooper, Rev. Dr. Robert Derrenbacker and

Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews

Worship Services 9 AM and 11AM.

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.

The Gifts of Story and Song – Friday Nov 30th at 7 PM

See attached Poster. Tickets \$20.00. Contact Kath Greenidge or Fr. Aiden

ACW's Jingle and Mingle Dec 6: Come and Join us for a Women's Christmas Dinner Get Together. 5:00 PM at M.I.C. restaurant on Falconbridge Road. Reservation have to be made, so RSVP by Nov 2 to Cathy Dionne 705–524–6106. See attached poster.

Deanery Advent Quiet Day:Because of Bethlehem with Max Lucado (DVD)

Friday, December 14th at Church of the Ascension, Sudbury 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10 a.m. Coffee, DVD and study 10:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., bring your own lunch

ALPHA

Spring of 2019.

b. Church of the Epiphany

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

Interim Priest-in-Charge: Rt. Rev. Tom Corston (Part-Time) who also provides Bishop services to the Diocese of Moosenee

Curate: Rev. Sarah Armstrong

Honorary Associate: Rev. Rhonda Hirst, Lead Chaplain for the Health Sciences North Spiritual and Religious Care Department.

Worship Services: 8:30 AM spoken BCP service and 10:30 AM choral Eucharist.

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.

We also offer space for a number of different community groups, including AA, a ladies exercise group, karate, Girl Guides and Raging Fire. The Epiphany is being used almost every day and evening.

Taize Prayer Service

Sunday Nov 25 4 PM followed by a dinner at 6 PM. Tickets available at 705-675-2279.

Out of the Cold Dinners

Fridays 6-7 PM beginning late November. Bishop Tom and Reverend Sarah continue to work cooperation with St. Andrews United which also hosts these dinners.

Christmas Market Dec 2 2018 9 AM – 2 PM. See attached poster

c. Parish of Copper Cliff and Lively

Website: www.thelivelyanglican.ca

Rector: Archdeacon Glen Miller

Honorary Deacon Associate: Rev. Dr. Pattie Brace

Worship Services 9 AM at Christ Church and 11 AM at St. John's

Messy Church

Next Fall Ecumenical event is Dec 4 at St. John's in Copper Cliff.
4:45–7 PM.

Christ Church 65th Anniversary Dinner

November 24th Pot Luck Dinner

Parish Small Group Ministry

Knitting/Crochet: Tuesday 10 AM at St. John's

Bible Studies: Wed 10 AM at St. John's

Men's Wed 7 PM Christ Church member's home

Ladies Friday 11:30 AM at St. John's

Nursing/Retirement Homes (Communion Services)

Pioneer Manor (Sudbury), Extencicare York (Sudbury), St. Joseph's
Villa (Sudbury), St. Gabriel's Villas (Chelmsford), Meadowbrook
Village (Lively), Walford on the Park (Copper Cliff)

Other Community Ministries

Out of the Cold dinners

Good Food box

Messy Church

Mom's and Tots

Breakfast for kids at a Lively School

Walden Winter Carnival

d. Parish of Elliot Lake/Massey

Rector: Rev. Henk Willems and Rev. Beth Topps

Worship Services

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

Christmas Tea

Is being held at St. Peter's in late November.

Adult Confirmation Service

November 25th 9:30 AM

Coldest Night of the Year

St. Peter's is hosting this event in February 2019. They continue to help out in the Elliot Lake Food Bank, particularly during Lent

Funeral Luncheons when asked
Cafe (Hot and cold drinks plus varieties of deserts) once a month
 at the Farmers Market from May to October.

Outreach Projects funded during the year
Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoe Boxes
Manitoulin Secondary School Breakfast Club and Living Well Locker
C.C. McLean Elementary School Breakfast Club
Sleeping Children Around the World
Camp Manitou
Strawberry Point Summer Youth Camp
Mary Sherwood's Orphanage in Madagascar
Amanda Flanagan's Project in Africa
Manitoulin Family Resources in Mindemoya
Teen Challenge
Samaritan Centre in Sudbury
Food Bank
Sponsor Child
Threshold Ministries

Up coming event

Saturday Dec. 1, 2018: Anglican Women's Annual Christmas Luncheon: Bazaar/ Cookie Walk/ Nearly New and Candy Table
 Lyons Memorial United Church Hall. Gore Bay 11:00 AM –2:00 PM
 Luncheon Admission: Adults \$8. 5–8 yrs \$.5.00, Under 5: Free

- ii. Holy Trinity, Little Current
 Worship Services: Sunday at 9 AM; Mid-week Service

Christmas Dinner in December

- iii. St. John the Evangelist, Kagawong
 Worship Services: Sunday at 9 AM

Community Ministries:

Welcome Baskets for newcomers
 Participate in Christmas Shoe Boxes and Winter hats and mitts for children
 Christmas Baskets for those in need
 Manitoulin Food Bank at Christmas
 Christmas in Kagawong Saturday Nov 17: crafts and bake sale in the church's hall and cider, Christmas Cake, carols in the church's Nave

- iv. St. Paul's, Manitowaning
Worship Services: Monday's at 5:30 PM
- v. St. Francis of Assisi, Mindemoya
Worship Services: Sunday School and Sunday Service at 11 AM
- h. St. Georges, Espanola
Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Georges-Espanola-1657007827882930/>
Lay Pastor: Beverly van der Jagt
Worship Services: Sunday 10:30 AM

Deanery Advent Quiet Day:

Because of Bethlehem with Max Lucado (DVD)

Monday, December 10th at St. George's, Espanola 9:30 to 10 a.m.
coffee, DVD and study from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Lunch \$10.00
please call 705-869-3939 or email stgeorgesespanola@gmail.com
to confirm attendance

Christmas Bake Sale:

Espanola Mall, Saturday, December 1 from 9 a.m to 1 p.m.

Christmas Cantata:

First Sunday of Advent, December 2 at 10:30 a.m., lunch served afterwards

Christmas Pot Luck:

Espanola Seniors Center on Wednesday, December 12th at
5:30 p.m.

Blue Christmas Service:

Monday, December 17th at 7 p.m.

Christmas Pageant:

Sunday, December 23rd , pizza for lunch

Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m.

Community Ministries

Messy Church

Stewardship Committee: planning a special worship service
and to make visits to congregation members

- i. St. Thomas' French River
Website: <https://www.frenchriver.ca/p/places-of-worship>
Lay Pastor: Beverly van der Jagt
Worship Services: every third Sunday 7 PM

Christmas Eve Service at 3 p.m.

- 2. Deanery Council News:
Website: <http://www.deanerysudbury-manitoulin.org>
None for this edition
- 3. Diocese of Algoma
Website: <http://www.dioceseofalgoma.com>
None for this edition
- 4. Anglican Church of Canada: News from General Synod
 - a. Primates World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)
Need Christmas Cards? PWRDF has some available. See attached poster.
Submitted by Mary Donato, Church of the Epiphany.
 - b. Walking and pilgrimages as an expression of faith
By Matt Gardner

“Our very life is a pilgrimage, always being enticed further, being brought closer to God.” —Fr. Dave Pivonka, Third Order of Saint Francis

Sue Lafreniere was on the third day of her pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago—also known as the Camino Way or the Way of St. James—when she received a text from her husband. Her brother Larry was in the hospital. He had suffered another heart attack.

A retired school assistant, member of Holy Saviour Anglican Church in Waterloo, Ont., and grandmother of eight, Lafreniere had been inspired to walk the Camino after watching the 2010 film *The Way*.

She had prepared for the pilgrimage by joining a local Camino group, walking and biking 20 km per day for 2 years, and praying fervently.

“My goal,” she recalled, “was to return stronger ... physically, mentally, and spiritually.”

News of her brother’s heart attack, however, was something for which Lafreniere could never have prepared. Walking in silence, she prayed for Larry

and his family. She asked God for more time with him—if his body was strong enough, and expressed her eternal gratitude even if this was not possible.

“I asked God to share [Larry’s] spirit with me throughout my walk as he was an avid walker himself,” she recalled. “And I knew in my heart that he would not want me to quit.”

Later that morning, she got a call from her husband informing her that her brother had died. Lafreniere was with a fellow pilgrim from Ireland and two women from Australia when she received the news. Her new companions were a great source of comfort during this time that she described as “my toughest ten-hour day of the whole journey”.

“Pilgrims walk for many reasons and I added an additional one to mine . . . my brother Larry,” Lafreniere said. “There were many mystical things that happened to me prior to and following his death and I truly felt his spirit with me.”

The 800-km walk along the Camino Way lasted for 40 days—from Aug. 12 until Sept. 25. During the course of her pilgrimage, Lafreniere met more fellow travellers and continuously pushed her physical limits. She walked an average of 20–25 km per day, through France and northern Spain. She also climbed the mountains of the Pyrenees—an arduous physical journey that served as the underpinning for a deeper spiritual journey.

“For me, it wasn’t about the 800 km,” Lafreniere said. “For me, it was getting up every day and being alone with God, and my prayers, and my solitude.”

‘Journeys to sacred places’

Walking and pilgrimages have a long history in the Christian tradition, reaching back to the Exodus of the Israelites out of slavery, as Moses led his people across the desert to the Promised Land.

Today, pilgrimages continue to be a significant part of Christian life and a means of getting closer to God.

In 2016, Bishop Logan McMenamie of the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia walked a 470-km pilgrimage across Vancouver Island. His pilgrimage was a sacred journey of repentance to First Nations.

“Pilgrimages are journeys to sacred places,” Bishop McMenamie said. “The sacred place can be an internationally famous place like Iona or Jerusalem ... or it can be a local place. [...] But most importantly, a pilgrimage is a journey to a sacred place which is inside each of us and coming to spend time there.”

By walking and spending many hours in prayer and in silence, the bishop says that his 2016 pilgrimage had a profound spiritual impact on him.

Like Lafreniere, Bishop McMenamie's most recent pilgrimage took place largely in solitude. But having led pilgrimages to the United Kingdom, he was well aware of the positive impact that walking in groups can have, in both religious and secular spheres.

"Everybody sees the world through different eyes and different ways," he said. "The metaphor of that is as we walk together, we learn from each other, and we grow in relationship with one another, and in relationship with the environment which we're in.

"In history, whether it's a walk of the Jewish people from Egypt to a new land, or the walk of Mao Zedong across China to build community and to build relationships, walks are part of human tradition. [...] You go through some sort of trial together that tests you, and doing it with others builds a relationship and builds character, builds faith."

Calling

We must always remember that our calling is to love and worship God above all else. When we are true to this purpose, we will see transformation in our own lives, and in the lives of those with whom we come into contact.

–Br. David Vryhof

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

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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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