

# Sudbury Manitoulin Deanery Digest

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## Advent 2018

Posted by Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle on Facebook Dec 1, 2018

“The very least you can do in your life is to figure out what you hope for. And the most you can do is live inside that hope. Not admire it from a distance but live right in it... Right now I'm living in that hope, running down its hallway and touching the walls on both sides.”

~ Barbara Kingsolver, 'Animal Dreams'

### [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.

Christmas Pageant: Dec 16 during 11 AM service

Christmas Eve:

Family Eucharist 4:00 pm

Contemporary Eucharist Service BAS 7:00 pm

Midnight Mass Eucharist Service BCP 11:00 pm

ALPHA

Spring of 2019.

MESSY CHURCH

4:30pm First Wednesday of the Month (starting in Oct.)

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.

Christmas Services (See attached posters):

Christmas Eve: 8 PM

Christmas Day 11 AM

Dec 30 Festival of Lessons and Carols

Quilter's Group

Our Quilters 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.

Out of the Cold Dinners

Fridays 6-7 PM beginning November 23 and continues throughout the winter until mid April. Bishop Tom and Reverend Sarah continue to work in cooperation with St. Andrews United which also hosts these dinners.

Gigantic Book Sale

Mark your calendars for January 25-27, 2019. See attached poster.

c. Parish of Copper Cliff and Lively

Website: [www.thelivelyanglican.ca](http://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

Christmas Services:

Dec 23; 11 AM Lessons and Carols

Dec 24 Christmas Eve: 4 PM St. John's

7 PM Christ Church

Dec 25 Christmas Day: 10 am Meadowbrook Village

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 1 pm

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

e. St. Alban, CapreolWebsite: <https://www.facebook.com/alban.church>

Interim Priest-in-Charge: Archdeacon Glen Miller

Assisting Priest: Rev. Jeff Hooper (part-time)

Service Worships Sunday Worship and Sunday School at 11 AMf. All Saints Anglican, ConistonWebsite: <https://allsaintsangcon.weebly.com>

Rector: Rev. Canon Jenny Rollins

Worship Services: Sundays 10 AM

Bible and Prayer Wednesdays 7-9 PM

Christmas Eve: Saturday December 24th

Carols @ 6:30-7:00

Service @ 7:00 p.m.

Community Ministries

Run the Coniston Food Bank which serves Coniston and surrounding areas Thursdays 1-3 PM

Sudbury Jail: lay helpers with Jenny Rollins who also runs a Kairos program once a year for men and women with help from other Deanery people

We provide Christmas Assistance to some 40 families each year consisting of large food hamper and Christmas gifts

g. The Anglican Churches of Manitoulin Island

Website:

[http://dioceseofalgoma.com/UploadedFiles/file/Job%20Postings/Manitoulin%20Island%20Profile%20Dec%202015%20\(reduced\).pdf](http://dioceseofalgoma.com/UploadedFiles/file/Job%20Postings/Manitoulin%20Island%20Profile%20Dec%202015%20(reduced).pdf)

Priest-in-Charge: Rev. Doug Prebble

i. All Saints, Gore Bay

Worship Service: Sunday at 11 AM.

1st and 3rd Sundays are Morning Prayer Service @ 11:00 AM

2nd and 4th Sundays is Holy Eucharist Service @ 11:00 AM.

Events throughout the year

ACW Meetings: 1st Monday of the month with July and August off.

Dec. Christmas Potluck with other groups invited.

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

- 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](mailto:stgeorgesespanola@gmail.com) to confirm attendance

### 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>

Rev. Dr. Derrenbacker: It is with sadness but with best wishes that we say farewell to Robert and his wife Cindy. We ask God to grant safe journeying to them as they move to Australia as Robert takes up his duties as Dean of the Trinity College Theological School on the campus of Melbourne University in Australia – an appointment he assumes on January 1st, 2019. We will certainly miss you.

Seniors Ministry in this Deanery

It is to be noted that worship ministry and Communion and Chaplaincy services to Seniors are provided regularly by our Clergy, Chaplains and Lay people in nursing homes and hospitals. Clergy provide communion and Lay people often bring Reserved Sacrament Communion to seniors as well as the clergy. Much need and appreciated by Seniors all the time but especially at this time of year. See also the article below from the Anglican Church of Canada.

3. Diocese of Algoma

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

Diocesan ACW Annual Meeting – Advance Notice. May 29–31 in Sault Ste. Marie. See attached poster.

PLEASE NOTE

The Diocese of Algoma Synod Office will close for Christmas at noon on Friday, December 21st, 2018 and re-open in the New Year on Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

4. News from the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario

Message from Archbishop Anne to the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario  
Archbishop Anne sends a message to us all. See the attached document.

5. Anglican Church of Canada: News from General Synod

Seniors' ministry nourishes spiritual well-being in retirement and long-term care  
By Matt Gardner

Meeting pastoral and spiritual needs of seniors and the elderly can take many forms. It could involve lay people volunteering at hospitals, chatting and spending time with patients. It could also mean providing learning and growth opportunities for those who are retired and seek community.

Sometimes, chaplaincy can take place at seniors' residences or long-term care homes. Anglican clergy often provide pastoral and palliative care, conduct worship services, and hold Bible study sessions.

Since April, the Rev. Joanne Webster, associate priest at St. Matthias Anglican Church in Edmonton, has served as a part-time chaplain at local seniors' residence, the Canterbury Foundation. In her time there, she has found that ministry to and with seniors "really makes a difference to [residents'] well-being."

"We're good at taking care of physical [ailments] and those kinds of things, but it's been shown that people often experience spiritual pain as well," Webster said. "When we're able to journey with a resident and support their spiritual well-being, it also positively impacts their physical and emotional health as well."

At the Canterbury Foundation, Webster serves as spiritual care chaplain to all the residents, families and staff. Her ministry includes visiting with residents in their suites and at the hospital, worship services and Bible studies, as well as support and education for staff.

"It is a holistic approach that Canterbury is offering—care for body, mind and soul," Webster said. "It really brings an increased sense of well-being and security at times where someone may be experiencing loss of hope, loneliness or fear."

Canterbury Foundation is also embarking on a new palliative care initiative, where residents are able to journey through their last days without moving. Spiritual care, especially during this time helps bring a sense of peace and strength that is appreciated by residents, families and staff.

“When people are experiencing challenges, they often turn to their faith as a means of coping or giving thanks, and I think that’s sort of the essence or grounding of what it means to be human,” she added. “So it’s good to be able to support that when somebody’s wanting to explore it.”

‘How can we bring the light of Christ into people’s lives?’

The Rev. Andreas Thiel, priest and rector at St. Matthew’s Anglican Church in Windsor, Ont., has served since May as a part-time chaplain at Huron Lodge, a long-term care facility owned by the city.

Spiritual care for residents is mandated in Ontario by the Long-Term Care Homes Act. Ordained in 2010, Thiel had always felt called to chaplaincy. When the opportunity to serve as a chaplain at Huron Lodge came up, he wondered how he would balance chaplaincy work with his full-time ministry in the parish.

“We had a conversation with the wardens [and] parish council,” he recalled. “They were on board before I could even finish explaining what this was all about, because they see it as a natural extension of what they do in the community.”

For decades, parishioners at St. Matthew’s have engaged in ministry in schools and at a local detention centre. Thiel views Huron Lodge as another way to take ministry outside the four walls of the church.

“I think it keeps us as a parish community lively and gives us a sense that we’re doing more than just looking after ourselves,” Thiel said. “We’re truly looking around [at] who’s in our neighbourhood, who’s in our community, [and] how can we bring the light of Christ into people’s lives?”

Thiel spends 10 hours each week at Huron Lodge, typically over the course of two afternoons. His main responsibility is pastoral care, ministering directly to the residents and staff. Those who seek his support include people of all faiths and people of no faith.

Once a week, Thiel schedules a regular coffee chat, where residents come out for an hour to sit together and talk about their lives. He also leads a monthly celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

The role of laypersons



Along with ordained chaplains, lay volunteers are another pillar of ministry for the elderly and those in long-term care.

At St. Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg, older patients who have suffered strokes, heart attacks, falls, or other ailments participate in a day program—where physiotherapists and other physicians work to help them get back on their feet, and determine whether or not they are capable of returning home.

For 12 years, Tannis Webster (no relation to Joanne), a retiree and layperson at St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church in Winnipeg, has volunteered at St. Boniface. As part of the day program, she chats with patients, provides coffee or tea, and plays games such as shuffleboard or bingo.

Webster's volunteer work began when her son was in the hospital and eventually diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. He eventually had to have extensive surgery, which was only available in Calgary and Halifax.

Choosing the former, which was four hours away from his residence in Fernie, B.C., he spent seven weeks in hospital, during which Webster travelled out from Winnipeg to be with him.

"While I was there, I really realized how difficult it was for hospital patients who are from out of town and have no family around, or any friends or connections in the town," she said. "I thought how awful that is, because that's exactly the position my son was in, except that I was there."

When she returned to Winnipeg afterward, Webster saw an ad in the paper seeking volunteers for the elder life program at St. Boniface. Responsibilities included meeting with people in geriatric wards, sitting, chatting, playing cards, getting them water or hot beverages, and generally helping out.

Though the program was shut down after a couple of years due to lack of funding, Webster's work during that time set the stage for her current role in the day program.

As Anglicans, she said, "I think we're called to reach out to people that need assistance ... Everybody needs some help sometimes."

### National coordination

Though there is currently no national coordinating body in the Anglican Church of Canada for seniors' ministry and chaplaincy, that may be about to change. In the course of assisting Faith, Worship, and Ministry (FWM) with development of its liturgical text *Prayers for Ministry with the Sick and Dying*, a loose network of approximately 40 spiritual care professionals has been established—many of whom are now looking to share resources.

Marking a concrete step in that direction, FWM recently received a grant from the Ministry Investment Fund to host a national gathering of 30–40 Anglican spiritual care providers.

Their national conference is scheduled to take place in June 2019.

### Injustice

The poor do not exist to supplement the wealth of the powerful. Wealthy corporations who depend on the labor of underpaid employees, many of them in third world countries, are padding their pockets with the sweat of the poor. If we are serious about repentance we must be prepared to speak up, to challenge economic and political injustice wherever we find it.

–Br. David Vryhof  
Society of St. John the Evangelist  
<https://www.ssje.org/>

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

Feel free to send me and Allison Cline–Dean (our Webmaster) any and all events and news. “Your Viewpoint” 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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