

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.

Advent/Christmas 2018

[Editor: may your Christmas celebrations be filled with joy and peace that can only be found in Jesus, our Lord, God's son. May He fill your new year with many blessings and may you know that you are God's child.]

[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 11 AM.

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 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

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

Dec 30 9 AM (Christ Church Morning Prayer)

11 AM St. John's Morning Prayer

Parish Small Group Ministry (taking a break until 2019)

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), Extendicare 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 Sunday

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

e. St. Alban, Capreol

Website: <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 AM

f. All Saints Anglican, Coniston

Website: <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

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>

Seniors Ministry in this Deanery

It is to be noted that worship ministry Morning Prayer 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.

Christmas Greetings 2018

Posted: December 19, 2018

Archbishop Anne and the Synod Office Staff would like to wish all in the Diocese (and beyond) a beautiful Christmas. See attached Poster

Archbishop announces upcoming ordination

Posted: December 17, 2018

Archbishop Anne is pleased to announce that, God-willing, on the Feast of Timothy and Titus – January 26th 2019, Ms. Lana Grawbarger will be ordained to the sacred order of vocational deacons in Christ's church.

Lana serves as the lay incumbent for St. John's Anglican Church in Garden River where Chief Shingwauk envisioned a teaching lodge and where he is buried. Community leaders and elders recognize Lana's leadership in the community beyond St. John's and rejoice with her and her family.

The ordination service will take place in the Garden River Community Centre with our National Indigenous Bishop, Mark MacDonald,

preaching. All are welcome to attend this celebration as we welcome a new deacon in our midst. The liturgical colour is red. The exact time of the service will be posted in early January once further plans are discussed.

Your prayers are requested for Lana and the Garden River Community as we prepare for this celebration.

Almighty God by the preaching of your apostle Paul you called your servants Timothy and Titus and made them trusted partners in the work of spreading and establishing your gospel. Strengthen us in this present time to stand fast in all our adversities and to live in true godliness, that with confidence and gladness we may look for the glorious appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen (Collect for Timothy and Titus)

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

'The
God who



tremendous gift of a
shows up'

Bishop William G. Cliff, Diocese of Brandon. Submitted photo. This column was originally published in the December print edition of the Anglican Journal.

By William G. Cliff

The two thousand year old birth of a refugee child in Bethlehem should make no difference at all. There was no one expecting this child to be born except his mother and embarrassed father. Israel is entirely the wrong end of the Roman empire to be truly important. It was the sort of province one got sent to as a form of punishment. Rome, the centre of things is far away, and the powerful and rich sleep comfortably in their beds confident that nothing will upset the empire they have worked hard to build. In a conquered Israel, the birth of this baby should make no difference at all. There may be grandiose claims about his ancestry, but his mother, who found herself pregnant before she should have been, is a nobody. His father too, was a nobody. A carpenter and generation older than he should have been.

They had come from a village that no one cared about and they had travelled to a city whose glory had departed in spite of once being the home of King David. Babies do not wait for auspicious times or places to be born — they arrive when they arrive — and this one is born in an even more insignificant place than usual: a barn, because as it usually happens, the powerful make edicts, and the poor are moved about against their will and at someone else's convenience. In the crush of people obeying an edict about tax from the most powerful, there was no room for a proper place to be born. They made do with what they had. This birth should have made no difference at all; but it has made all the difference in the world.

Even the announcement of the birth was wrong. Foreigners and poor folks are the wrong people in the wrong places. Foreign astrologers were not the kind of respectable people good folk usually received on the birth of a child. The rabble of shepherds who crowded the door and craned their necks to see the baby were an unusual group to be heralds of a new kingdom — but there they were. Jostling and whispering and telling stories of angels and choirs, mangers and signs, the shepherds made the whole thing that much more absurd.

We believe that the roman world which was dark and cold suddenly became warmer because the least and the lost of the roman empire were sent a message that night. The message was delivered in entirely the wrong place to make an impression on the powerful, but instead it came as the very best of news to those who had very little good news in life. The poor and the disenfranchised heard this message, and it came as a message of light and hope in a dark and uncertain time. The birth of this child, on this particular night would eventually become a message to the whole world: that in the midst of the fear and alienation; the poverty and indifference of the powerful; hunger

and the yearning for better things, that God showed up in a manger in Bethlehem.

The prophets of old often spoke of light breaking out in darkness and salvation appearing when and where it was unexpected. Christmas is the story of when and how God showed up. The light was kindled in the darkness and the message from the highest (the angels) to the lowest (the shepherds) announced God's gracious turn to the creatures fashioned from clay.

The God who had walked with humankind in the garden would now walk again with them in the person of Jesus. The world is still dark and uncertain, and it would seem that it is more so now than it was then. The rich and powerful still sleep comfortably in their beds, confident that nothing will challenge their empire. The poor and dispossessed are still migrating across deserts seeking safety from murderous tyrants. The contradictions of the ancient Roman Empire have only been amplified. Hunger and plenty, war and peace, rich and poor, oppression and ambivalence, slavery and indulgence are all still part of the world twenty centuries after this little boy was born. Women who find themselves homeless and worried about the future still seek a place to lay their children down that is safe. Fathers still dream about finding a way to a promised land.

These are the contradictions that need to be faced. We believe that this birth long ago has changed everything. It seems however that so little has in fact changed. The message of the angels still contains hope for us, because in the midst of the terrible mess humans have made, God shows up. The fact that God showed up and has never deserted us since is the reason we can begin to once again address those contradictions. Jesus walks with us still, proclaiming a message of good news to the world through us — that God is not distant or ambivalent about the creation or the terrible darkness we have manufactured for ourselves with our greed and our hatred and our indifference to the suffering of one another. Rather, those contradictions are why God shows up. We are the reason why Christ came. That is the greatest gift, to celebrate the tremendous gift of a God who shows up. We may be the wrong people, in the wrong place. We may even be nobodies — but that is who the good news is for. Christ was born in the wrong place, to the wrong people at the wrong time — and that has made all the difference.

Doubt [Editor: These words could easily be comments on Luke 7: 18–23]

It is in doubting – Jesus', Thomas', our own – in that vacuous hungering, longing, thirsting, questioning, yearning for God, panting after God, that there is a place within us into which the –risen Christ has yet to come. And so we doubt that he can, that he will, that he is. But that is not bad. Doubt is not the anti-thesis of faith. Doubt is a component of faith.

–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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