

Sudbury Manitoulin Deanery Digest

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

Future edition: I would like to put out an edition in which there is a list of what individual parishes are doing to green up their building and congregations in the context of the evidence of Global Warming in order to reduce our energy and carbon footprints. Please send anything you are doing or planning to me by email – see above. Thanks for sending me your events and updates.]

Advent 1-2

An Advent reflection from the Archdeacon

“Glory to God in the highest” said the angels to the shepherds. We echo this sentence on a regular basis in the Eucharistic celebration as we sing the “Gloria”. Interestingly, during the season of Advent, we are encouraged to choose another song with which to sing God’s praise. Perhaps this is a way of preserving the excitement of that proclamation for the Christmas celebration. As I think about announcing God’s glory I am reminded of a story told to me by a colleague. In an attempt to explain to his congregation what glorifying God’s name means the Rev. Canon Harold Percy said it meant, “enhancing God’s reputation in the world”. I have found this to be a good working definition and a means to focus my own meditations during the season of Advent. I have learned a great deal by asking myself, ‘is this action in which I am involved enhancing God’s true reputation in the world?’ or ‘is what I have said (or what I plan to say) enhancing God’s reputation in the world?’. As followers of Jesus Christ we are asked to glorify God in all that we do or say – to be bearers of God’s light and love into the world around us. As we walk through the next few weeks I ask you all to consider making the question, “is what I am doing right now enhancing God’s reputation in the world?” a part of your regular meditation. May we not only preserve the meaning of Christmas but also let others know the wonders of the God who revealed Himself in the person and work of Jesus the Messiah.

1. News and Events

- a. Christmas Services/Events – Please send your Christmas services to me.

- i. Parish of St. John the Divine and Christ Church
 Dec 24: 4 PM at St. John's
 7 PM at Christ Church
 Dec 25: 10 AM at Meadow Brook Village, Lively

Diocese of Algoma News

- ii. CLAY 2020
 Nov 29, 2019 01:59 pm
 Is CLAY 2020 for you? We want to hear from you NOW!! See attached poster and information!!!
- iii. Health update on Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu
 Dec 05, 2019 03:52 pm
 Please pray for Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu. See attached document.
- iv. Brick by Brick, Book by Book
 Dec 05, 2019 08:38 am
 TARIME 2020 MISSION TRIP – see attached document.

- b. Anglican Church of Canada

- i. Anglican–Lutheran Weekly Prayer Cycle. See attached document.
- ii. The War on Christmas
 via Saint Ronan Street Diary, blog of the Dean and President of Yale Divinity School
 "Once upon a time Christmas was a twelve-day feast, that began with Christmas Eve and ended at Epiphany on January 6th. That ancient Christian observance however was overcome generations ago by the invasion of Macy's Christmas, which begins on Thanksgiving or Black Friday, and ends on Christmas Eve."
See attached document.
- iii. World Day of Prayer journal now available
 The 2020 World Day of Prayer International Committee Journal is now available on the World Day of Prayer website for everyone to read and enjoy! The Journal is a global look into the lively presence of this worldwide ecumenical movement of informed prayer, prayerful action.

This years country is Zimbabwe. Coordinator resources can be found at <https://wicc.org/world-day-of-prayer/coordinator-resources/> Also check out <https://worlddayofprayer.net/zimbabwe-2020.html>

iv. 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence

via UN Women

Canadian Anglicans continue with supporting the 16 Days of Activism against Sexual and Gender Based Violence. Find out how UN Women, through Generation Equality, are supporting this campaign. See attached document.

v. Advent reflections for 2019

(1) Advent Reflections 2019 by the Oblates and Sisters of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine. If you wish to receive the reflections by email, there is a sign-up block in the top right hand corner of the blog page. Copy and paste the link below:
https://ssjdadventreflections.blogspot.com/?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=81ae7674ca-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_11_08_02_42&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-81ae7674ca-243900825

(2) Primate's World Relief and Development Fund: Advent Relection. Go to www.pwrdf.org/advent2019 to subscribe.

List of Parishes with Service Times

a. Church of the Ascension

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

Rector: Rev. Aidan Armstrong

Honorary Associates: Rev. Jeff Hooper and Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews

Worship Services 9 AM and 11 AM

Alternative Services: MESSY CHURCH

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

b. Church of the Epiphany

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

Interim Rector: Rt. Rev. Tom Corston (Retired Bishop of Moosenee)

Curate: Rev. Sarah Armstrong (on leave)

Honorary Associates: Rev. Rhonda Hirst, the Rev. Canon John Gibault

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

Activities throughout the year: quilting group, Out of the Cold dinners, worship services by an group of African Christians Sunday Afternoons

- c. Parish of Copper Cliff and Lively
Website: www.thelivelyanglican.ca
Incumbent: Archdeacon Glen Miller
Worship Services 9 AM at Christ Church and 11 AM at St. John's
Alternative Service: Messy Church first Tuesday's Feb-May and Oct-Dec at
St. John's 4:45-7 PM.
Christmas Services: Dec 24: 4 PM at St. John's
7 PM at Christ Church
Dec 25: 10 AM at Meadow Brook Village, Lively
Parish Small Group Ministries:
Knitting ministry group: Tuesdays 10 AM at St. John's
Wednesday Bible Study at 10 AM
Discovery Group noon in Lively
Men's study group at Christ Church 7 PM
Ladies Friday Bible Study 11:30 AM at St. John's
Parish activities throughout the year:
Nursing/Retirement Homes services (Morning Prayer or
Communion)
Out of the Cold dinners
Mom's and Tots
Breakfast for kids at a Lively School
Walden Winter Carnival; Chancel Guild
- d. Parish of Elliot Lake/Massey
Incumbents: 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
- e. St. Alban, Capreol
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/alban.church>
Priest-in-Charge: Archdeacon Glen Miller
Assisting Priest: Rev. Jeff Hooper (part-time)
Service Worships Sunday Worship and Sunday School at 11 AM
Coulson Court Ecumenical worship service 1st Wednesday of Each Month
1:30 p.m. at Coulson Court 38 Coulson St., Capreol
PLEASE NOTE NEW PHONE NUMBER: 705-988-6401
- f. All Saints Anglican, Coniston
Website: <https://allsaintsangcon.weebly.com>
Incumbent: Rev. Canon Genny Rollins
Worship Services: Sundays 10 AM
Bible and Prayer Wednesdays 7-9 PM

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: <https://anglicanchurchesmanitoulin.com>

Incumbent: 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.

Cafe 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

Q&A Meetings 10 AM on Wednesdays – A time of study, questions & answers to deepen our faith and draw closer to God.

iii. St. John the Evangelist, Kagawong

Worship Services: Sunday at 9 AM

Q&A Meetings 10:00 AM on Fridays – A time of study, questions & answers to deepen our faith and draw closer to God.

Community Ministries:

Welcome Baskets for newcomers

- 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/>
Incumbent: Rev. Beverly van der Jagt
Worship Services: Sunday 10:30 AM
Alternative Service: Messy Church the first Monday of the month
Community Ministries
Stewardship Committee
- i. St. Thomas' French River
Website: <https://www.frenchriver.ca/p/places-of-worship>
Incumbent: Rev. Beverly van der Jagt (effective June 1, 2019)
Worship Services: third Sunday of each month 7 PM
- 2. Deanery Council News
Website: <http://www.deanerysudbury-manitoulin.org>
- 3. Diocese of Algoma
Website: <http://www.dioceseofalgoma.com>
- 4. Anglican Church of Canada Website: <http://www.anglican.ca>

Help

When we as Christians pray for Jesus to come again soon, we are admitting a truth that flies in the face of our cultural dependence on self-reliance. When it comes down to it, none of us are 'self-made' people. We did not choose to come into the world on our own. We did not choose our families of origin, our ethnicity, or our sexuality. While we were born with intelligence and with the capacity for learning, we did not arrive fully assembled nor did we come with instructions. The only instinct we had in the beginning, once our lungs were clear, was to cry out for help as loudly as we could.

–Br. Jim Woodrum

Surrender

We see Mary willfully surrender her will to God's will for her destiny. Surrendering to God's will can evoke fear in our hearts, raise questions, instill resistance. It can be quite costly or difficult. We may be misunderstood or judged harshly by people surrounding us. And yet, there's enormous freedom, authority, and joy in saying "yes" to God's destiny for our lives.

–Br. Curtis Almquist

Community

Our identity as a community, and anything good or gracious that has come into the world through us, lies not in the sum total of our personal talents, our eccentricities, our courage, or our compassion, but in our seeking to understand what God has done for us, and in seeking to do likewise to one another, in humility and in hope.

–Br. Keith Nelson

Society of St. John the Evangelist

<https://www.ssje.org>

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

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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