

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 3-4

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
 - ii. Church of the Ascension, Sudbury
Dec 24: 4pm Children and Family Eucharist
7pm Book of Alternative Services Eucharist
11pm Book of Common Prayer Eucharist
 - iii. Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury
 - (1) Advent Study: Wednesdays during Advent following the morning Eucharist (10 AM), studying "The Songs of Advent" (The Songs of Zechariah, Mary, of the Angels and Simeon)
 - (2) Christmas at Epiphany
Dec 22 (no Eucharist): 10 AM Lessons and Carols for Advent
Christmas Eve: Lighting of the Christmas Candle, Blessing of the Creche and Choral Eucharist
Christmas Day: Holy Eucharist with Homily.

- iv. St. Albans, Capreol
Dec 24: Snowflake Christmas Invitation at 7 PM.
See attached poster
- b. The Diocese of Algoma
 - i. Archbishop Anne's Christmas Message.
Copy and Paste to your web browser the following address:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2019/12/16/christmas-message-from-archbishop-anne/>
 - ii. 2019 Christmas greetings from the Synod Office
Check out the address below:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2019/12/20/2019-christmas-greetings-from-the-synod-office/>
 - iii. The World According to Bob (Elkin)
Dec 20, 2019 03:18 pm
What do walnut trees and the church have in common? Well, let Canon Bob Elkin tell you!
See attached document.
- c. Anglican Church of Canada
 - i. Anglican-Lutheran Weekly Prayer Cycle. See attached document.
 - ii. 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
 - (a) Advent Relection. Go to www.pwrdf.org/advent2019 to subscribe.
 - (b) Hope, peace, joy and love
PWRDF Executive Director Will Postma Christmas Message December 10, 2019
See attached document

- iii. 'Enough' is enough
 "Abundance is not, in fact, the vision of human life which the Bible gives us, nor is it a vision of human life we can afford to continue to entertain." See attached document
- iv. Glory to God, peace on earth, goodwill to all...
 via Anglican Journal
 In her column from the December issue, Archbishop and Primate Linda Nicholls ponders what farmers and shepherds can tell us about the meaning of Christmas.
See attached document
- v. Christmas message: "We stand at the door of the manger in anticipation"
 Bishop Susan Johnson, National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada share their Christmas message to Anglicans and Lutherans across Canada. See attached Document

2. 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.)
 Christmas Eve: 4 PM (family), 7 PM (BCP) and 11 PM (BAS)
- 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: Sundays: 8:30 AM spoken BCP service
 10:30 AM choral Eucharist.
 Wednesdays: 10 AM
 Activities throughout the year: quilting group, Out of the Cold dinners, worship services by a 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 Worship Sunday Worship and Sunday School at 11 AM

Coulson Court Ecumenical worship service 1st Wednesday of Each Month
1:30 p.m. at 38 Coulson St., Capreol

PLEASE NOTE NEW PHONE NUMBER: 705-988-6401

Christmas Services: Dec 24 at 7 PM

Dec 29 11 AM Lessons and Carols

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>

Longing

Advertisers know only too well that we are restless and full of desire – especially during this season. If you buy this product, your longing will be satisfied. A bigger home, another car. A younger face. And it lasts a while – but then we long for more. The restless heart cannot be so easily satisfied. This longing and this restless desire are planted in us by God; they are divine homing–instincts. So if you are right now feeling restless, if you have a desire for you're not sure what, don't try to fill it with something. See it rather as your inner response to God seeking you, drawing you home.

–Br. Geoffrey Tristram

Fear

Give God your fear, which is something that God does not otherwise have. Give God your fear, however it's wrapped up. That's your Christmas gift for God. Open your heart and open your hands and offer to God your clutching fear, which may be the very thing that makes room within your soul for the gift of God's provision to face whatever it is that is coming.

–Br. Curtis Almquist

Light

When you find yourself in seasons of blindness to God's presence in your life, do not despair. The divine love for humanity, shocking and amazing, seeks always to draw us back into the light.

—Br. Sean Glenn

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 to 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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