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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.]

EPIPHANY 2020

1. News and Events

a. Archdeacon Glen Miller's New Year message

Hello,

Each new calendar year comes with people looking into the months and years to come with predictions about what will happen. The Anglican Journal recently published some articles forecasting what is in store for the Anglican Church if the decline we have all witnessed continues to progress. Suggestions about what steps can be or should be taken are made whenever a prediction of any kind is made and there are certainly many observations in the well written articles in the Anglican Journal. If you don't receive a copy in the mail it can be viewed on line at www.anglican.ca. As I reflect on the realities of life and the ongoing challenges faced by congregations across the country I have made some decisions about how to respond. I offer these words not as a prescription for everyone to follow but just to let you know how I react in the hope that my journey may be of assistance to others.

I do grieve over the population decline in our congregations. I grieve over the loss of opportunity to mobilize a sizeable group of people on the task of communicating the love of God to a world that needs to hear the message. I do not panic, however, because God is bigger than our Denomination and is able to raise up many people to communicate the message of love in other ways. So, as an individual, I work at being attentive to what God is asking of me in the moment and I work at not being overly concerned about the future. The future is in God's quite

capable hands and I don't for one second believe that God's work is going to be thwarted. The future will bring changes as it always has and you and I are asked to trust God's guidance and follow Christ's leadership into whatever future comes. It is my prayer that as we discuss and think about the articles published in the Anglican Journal we will be motivated by hope and not fear as we decide our next steps.
Glen +

A prayer

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island. We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen. (BAS p. 676)

- b. Annual Vestry Meetings: please pray for all those congregations who are preparing reports and budgets and conducting their Annual Vestry meetings in the next couple of months.
- c. Church of the Epiphany
 - i. HEALING MINISTRY normally offered on the first Sunday of the month, is being offered instead this Sunday.
 - ii. MEN'S BREAKFAST Is there any desire for a men's fellowship in our parish? We are planning a men's breakfast on Saturday, January 18th at 8:30 am. This will be a decision-making breakfast to decide the future of the men's club. If you have an interest please be sure to attend.
 - iii. ANNUAL BOOK SALE Again this year the parish Outreach Committee is holding a book sale on the weekend of January 24 to 26. Begin now to clean out your book shelves and set aside books you might contribute. We would appreciate that you drop your books off during the week of January 19th as we do not have adequate space to store them too far in advance. See attached poster.
 - iv. THE JOURNEY TOWARD UNITY: THE ONLY OPTION Church of the Epiphany is hosting members of our wider faith communities for the Sudbury Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service and reception with Dr. John Gibaut, as speaker – Sunday, January 26 beginning at 3 pm. The theme of the week is "Unusual Kindness" based on Acts 28:2 – The islanders [of Malta] showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold. In following this theme, you are invited to make a donation of a non-perishable food item. The fellowship committee will host a reception following the service. Everyone is welcome.

- d. The Diocese of Algoma/Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario
- i. Archbishop/Metropolitan of the Province of Ontario Archbishop Anne Germond has notes and news at the following link:
https://www.province-ontario.anglican.ca%2Fnews%3Futm_source%3DAnglican%2BChurch%2Bof%2BCanada
 - ii. Archbishop Anne's Message of Condolences after the Flight 752 Disaster in Iran:
 January 09, 2020

On behalf of Anglicans in Ontario, Archbishop Anne Germond has issued the following message to express condolences to the families and loved ones of those who died in the recent plane crash in Iran.

"We close the circle of friendship around those who mourn; be assured of our ongoing prayers and any practical support we can offer in this time of profound loss and sorrow."

The metropolitan added, "I am reminded now of Jesus arriving at the tomb of his friend Lazarus and how he wept openly for his friend. I weep for those who have died – children, students, adults all filled with life and joy, and I weep for their families whose lives are forever changed by this tragedy."

- iii. CLAY 2020 – LAST CALL!!!
 Published: 9 January 2020 Categories: Latest News
 CLAY 2020 – LAST CALL!!!
 LAST CALL! Registration opens for CLAY 2020 on January 15, 2020!

Youth leaders, Rectors, Youth aged 14–19, send your names and contact information to Rev. Nancy Ringham in Thunder Bay at ringhams@tbaytel.net or 807–627–5667. If you have questions, please call Rev. Nancy. We want to include you in fundraising plans (and ideas to implement in your deanery) and all the planning from now until our departure for CLAY 2020 August 20–23 in Calgary.

The clock is ticking! We have work to do right now to ensure Algoma has a presence with a Home Team at CLAY 2020.

More information is available at www.claygathering.ca

Shine your light at CLAY 2020

iv. Condolences to the Woodcroft family

Published: 10 January 2020 Categories: Latest News,
We pray for Bishop Geoff Woodcroft and his family as they mourn the death this week of Bishop Geoff's father Jack. In a note from the Diocesan Office of Rupertsland, Susan Suppes writes.....

It is with sadness and hope that Bishop Geoff has advised of the death and new journey of his Dad, John "Jack" Woodcroft, the age of 83 years, on January 7, 2020. Geoff flew to Ontario to be with his Dad on January 1, when he was hospitalized with heart-related issues. Not been an easy week, but Geoff has been able to be with his Dad and family through this past week. We ask your prayers for the family: Jack's wife, Pat, along with Geoff, and Jenn (and family) as well as Geoff's siblings, Sheila, Liz and Dave and their families. No funeral ceremony is planned, as per Jack's wishes, but the family encourages one and all to give thanks to God for Jack; for his dedicated and generous service in various clubs and health-related associations and councils.

When we reflect on God's goodness, pure gratitude wells up in our hearts for all God has given to us. Let us give thanks for the life of Jack Woodcroft.

e. Anglican Church of Canada

i. Anglican-Lutheran Weekly Prayer Cycle. See attached document.

ii. January issue takes in-depth look at state of church
via Anglican Journal

Hot off the virtual presses, the January issue of the Anglican Journal is now online. Take a look at the following link if you do not get a mail copy of The Anglican Journal:
<https://www.anglicanjournal.com/archives/>

iii. Primate's New Year's Day homily

The primate's homily from the New Year's Day "The Naming of Jesus" service at Christ Church Cathedral (Diocese of Ottawa). See attached document.

iv. The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year message

"When we hear someone described as a Good Samaritan, we think about that person taking the time to help another. But it's also a story told by Jesus about someone taking the risk of reaching out to another who was very different to them. Yes, the person needed help – but they also needed connection." See attached document.

v. God doesn't promise to save the church
via Ministry Matters

The Rev. Canon Martha Tatarnic comments on a recent Anglican Journal article about declining church statistics and its parallels with the Epiphany: "It is Mary and Joseph and the Magi who give us hope. Hope for the future. Hope for the church. Hope for this new year. It's King Herod who offers us a caution – what can so easily happen to us when we become anxious about saving only ourselves." See attached document.

vi. January 18–25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is just over a week away. Is your parish planning an event in observance of this week in Epiphanytide? Find resources to help you plan, from tips for organizing an ecumenical service, to hymn suggestions, or even register your event on the [weekofprayer.ca](http://www.weekofprayer.ca) website. This year's theme calls us to move from shared prayer to shared action. The international resources for the 2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by colleagues in Malta. The 2020 theme, "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28:2), remembers the historic shipwreck of Paul on the island of Malta and calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. Check out the following cut/paste link for resources:

https://www.weekofprayer.ca/2020-wpcu-resources?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=7ed58c1b35-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_01_09_01_16&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-7ed58c1b35-243900825

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

Healing Ministry the First Sunday of the month

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 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>

Revelation

Revelations and very specific guidance came to Mary and Joseph, to the wise men, to shepherds, to Elizabeth and Zechariah through dreams, visions, and stars. How God will guide you and reveal life to you will be beyond what you can rationally quantify, compute, defend, explain, adjudicate. Use your mind. But don't limit God's work of revelation to just your mind. There is always More.

–Br. Curtis Almquist

Call

Sometimes the word of God to us in a particular situation is not quite the message we were hoping for. We don't get the feeling from reading their stories that Moses was thrilled when God named him the new leader of Israel, or even that Jesus himself embraced his call without dreading what it would demand from him. And yet, with every challenge there comes a promise; with every call there is an assurance of God's strength present in our weakness.

–Br. David Vryhof
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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