

# 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.]

## EPIPHANY 2020

### 1. [News and Events](#)

- a. Annual Vestry Meetings: please pray for all congregations preparing reports and budgets and conducting their Annual Vestry meetings in the next couple of months.
- b. The Church of the Epiphany  
**PARISH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - (1) THIS SUNDAY we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, a Christian festival commemorating the occasion when Joseph and Mary, in obedience to Jewish law, went to the Temple in Jerusalem both to be purified 40 days after the birth of Mary's son, Jesus, and to present him to God as her firstborn (Luke 2:22–38), following Jewish religious custom. Mary and Joseph sacrificed two turtledoves and it was there that they encountered the priest Simeon who prayed what became called the Nunc Dimittis (Canticle of Simeon), which prophesied the redemption of the world by Jesus. Simeon held the baby in his arms and said that he would be a light for the Gentiles (Luke 2:32). The Prophetess Anna was also there and she offered up prayers and praises to God for the redemption that Jesus would bring.
  - (2) CORONA VIRUS The Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Linda Nicholls, has issued a statement concerning the need for diligent hygienic practices in face of

growing concern surrounding the new Corona virus. For those of you concerned about receiving communion from the “common cup” the Primate reminds us that receiving Communion in “one kind” (ie, bread only) is considered a full communion. If you decide that method for yourself, when the cup is offered to you, simply touch its base or cross your arms over your heart. We discourage intinction (ie, dipping the wafer into the wine). Also, please use the hand sanitizer available before coming to communion. The Primate’s full letter in this regard is posted in the Algoma Room.

- (3) **BOOK SALE SUCCESS** The monies raised from last weekend's book sale amounted to an even \$3000! This money will help to fund the parish’s outreach endeavours. Thanks again to those who helped out, as well as to all of you who donated books and/or bought books. we thank you for donating and buying books!
- (4) **LENT BEGINS** with Ash Wednesday, February 26th. This year we are offering the annual Penitential Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes twice, at 10 am and again at 7 pm. Please take advantage of this opportunity. On Wednesday mornings in Lent, for those interested, we will embark on a Lenten Bible Study entitled “People of the Light”, each week following the Eucharist.

c. Church of the Ascension

i. Alpha Program

On January 23rd our Northeast Alpha program begins at the Church of the Ascension at 6:30pm. This program is designed for those who are new to faith or are questioning. It is also a great program for those who would like to deepen a long-held faith in Christ. All are welcome and you are encouraged to invite others. This is a 10 week program and people can join anytime. If you have any questions please contact the church office 705 566 2790.

- ii. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 25<sup>th</sup> 4:00–7:30 PM.  
See attached poster.

d. The Diocese of Algoma/Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario

i. Archbishop Anne’s January message

Jan 28, 2020

"They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28.2).

See attached document.

- ii. Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Anne regarding Coronavirus

Jan 30, 2020

How should we respond? See attached document.

iii. 2020 ACW Annual

Jan 15, 2020 02:59 pm

Register NOW! Check out (copy & paste) the following web address and/or also see the attached pdf registration form and <https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/ministries/anglican-church-women-acw/> for more details.

iv. CLAY 2020 – Registration Now Open

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Registration is now open 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](mailto:ringhams@tbaytel.net) or 807–627–5667. If you have questions, please call Rev. Nancy. We want to include you in fund raising 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.

More information is available at [www.claygathering.ca](http://www.claygathering.ca)

Shine your light at CLAY 2020. See the following web address for registration form(s):

[http://claygathering.ca/enroute/?utm\\_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\\_campaign=a1dfb68fde-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_01\\_15\\_04\\_44&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_6285aca377-a1dfb68fde-243900825](http://claygathering.ca/enroute/?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=a1dfb68fde-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_01_15_04_44&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-a1dfb68fde-243900825)

See also the following web address for notes by the Key Note speaker:

[http://claygathering.ca/enroute/keynote/?utm\\_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\\_campaign=f94c52d3d1-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_01\\_14\\_11\\_24&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_6285aca377-f94c52d3d1-243900825](http://claygathering.ca/enroute/keynote/?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=f94c52d3d1-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_01_14_11_24&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-f94c52d3d1-243900825)

CLAY 2020 UPDATE: Fund raising opportunity to help youth get to CLAY 2020 in Thunder Bay.

<https://isolate.norton.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dioceseofalgoma.com%2F2020%2F01%2F31%2Fclay-2020-update%2F>

v. Upcoming Collation and Celebration of New Ministry

Archbishop Anne Germond invites all to attend the Collation service of the Venerable Kelly Baetz as Archdeacon of Muskoka and the Celebration of New Ministry between Kelly and All Saints', Huntsville on Sunday, March 8th at 4 p.m. at All Saints'.

The Reverend Judy Paulsen from Wycliffe College and head of the Institute of Evangelism will be the preacher.

Clergy and Lay Readers are invited to vest and process. The liturgical colour is purple.

A reception will follow the service in Sutherland Hall. All are welcome!

We uphold Kelly, All Saints', and Muskoka Deanery in prayer as they prepare to undertake ministry together and begin a new journey of hope and faith.

vi. 2020 CLERGY/LAY PASTOR RETREAT

Information is now available for the 2020 Clergy/Lay Pastor Retreat being held on May 5th – 7th at Cedar Campus (Cedarville, MI).

An invitation to Incumbents (Clergy/Lay Pastors), Honoraries, Deacons, and Retirees with accompanying information is provided at the link below. Please note the response deadline of March 2, 2020!

vii. ALGOMA'S SPECIAL SYNOD – MAY 8, 2020

Jan 15, 2020 11:03 am

Synod session called to provide advice to the Archbishop on same sex marriage in the Diocese of Algoma.

Algoma Special Synod for May 8, 2020 in Sault Ste. Marie

A Synod session called to provide advice to the Archbishop on the place of same sex marriage in the life of our Diocese.

Recent developments at the national level of our Church mean that the decision as to whether or not same sex marriages are to take place in the dioceses of the Anglican Church of Canada are now to be made in those dioceses by their Bishop. For Algoma, this responsibility rests with our Archbishop.

Over the last year, the Archbishop has made a commitment that she will only make this decision, which she now must make, after listening carefully to the prayerful advice of the people of our Diocese.

To enable this to happen the Archbishop has called Regional Gatherings to be held across the Diocese at which this will be discussed, and has called a Special Session of our Synod to follow these Gatherings.

She has asked the Special Session of our Synod to provide her with advice about the place same sex marriage will hold in the life of our Diocese.

This Special Synod session has now been called for Friday, May 8, to do this. See the attached document for the MEMORANDUM To Diocesan Clergy and Lay Delegates to Synod.

e. Anglican Church of Canada

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

ii. Join PWRDF as they celebrate International Development Week  
Read the latest e-newsletter from the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), which discusses the upcoming International Development Week, February 2-8.  
[https://mailchi.mp/2628c9a3c70f/join-us-as-we-celebrate-international-development-week-feb-2-8?e=72a6834071&utm\\_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\\_campaign=a0efbf50a0-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_01\\_28\\_09\\_03&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_6285aca377-a0efbf50a0-243900825](https://mailchi.mp/2628c9a3c70f/join-us-as-we-celebrate-international-development-week-feb-2-8?e=72a6834071&utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=a0efbf50a0-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_01_28_09_03&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-a0efbf50a0-243900825)

iii. Resources for parishes and clergy from the Institute for Evangelism Wycliffe College offers a page of resources for parishes and clergy, including individual and group study guides, booklets on evangelism, reading lists and more. For example: THE WYCLIFFE BOOKLETS ON EVANGELISM:  
Reimagining Children in the Church  
From Visitor to Disciple: Eight Ways Your Church Can Help  
Connecting Young People and the Gospel  
Doors into Faith: Inviting Friends to Join the Big Game  
Link:  
[https://institute.wycliffecollege.ca/resource-materials/?utm\\_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\\_campaign=8279df682a-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_01\\_31\\_03\\_09&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_6285aca377-8279df682a-243900825](https://institute.wycliffecollege.ca/resource-materials/?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=8279df682a-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_01_31_03_09&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-8279df682a-243900825)

iv. From the Anglican Journal: Looking toward God's own pruning  
BY LEIGH SILCOX -January 26, 2020  
See attached document.

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>

### Love

Why would we chose to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us? Because that is the way of God. God never stops loving, never stops caring, never stops blessing. Yes, it's outrageous. It's impractical. It's unrealistic. It's beyond us. Which is why we need GOD and why we need one another. Only God's love abiding in us can love in this way.

–Br. David Vryhof

### Embrace

God's gift of love to us in Jesus does not separate us from those who are different. It unites us, in one loving embrace. We forget that when we believe we are God's favorite, to the detriment of all others.

–Br. James Koester

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 fell 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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