

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 8 - LENT

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. Ash Wednesday services February 26. Church of the Epiphany at 10 am and 7 pm; Christ Church Lively at 7 PM; St. John the Divine Copper Cliff at 10 AM; Church of the Ascension at 9:30 am and 7:00 pm;
- c. The Church of the Epiphany
 - i. 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.
 - ii. SPECIAL GUEST: Quiet Day
We are delighted to announce that The Right Rev'd. William Cliff, Bishop of Brandon and chair of the Council of the North will be our guest on the weekend of March 28–30.
Bishop Cliff will lead us in a parish Lenten Quiet Day (\$20) on Saturday, March 28th at the Villa Loyola, then preach for us on Sunday, March 29th and share information about the Council of the North at a Lunch & Learn following worship. Before heading

home, Bishop Cliff will lead a clergy Lenten quiet day on Monday, March 30th. Some of you might remember that Bishop Cliff visited the Epiphany twice in the past as one of the “Three Tenors”.

- iii. LENTEN PROGRAM...Bishop Tom will be leading a weekly Lenten program every Wednesday following Eucharist (10 AM). The DVD program is entitled “Jesus: The New Way” by Bishop N.T. Wright

d. Deanery Event: MARRIAGE CANON 21

Hello,

As you all may know Archbishop Germond has requested that her Archdeacons arrange for a Regional Gathering in each Deanery regarding the upcoming Special Synod. This email is to let you know that I have arranged with Villa Loyola to be the location for one such gathering here in this Deanery. The sessions are open to anyone interested in attending and Synod Delegates are particularly welcome. Please use the attached poster to advertise the event and forward any questions to me. Archdeacon Harry Huskins will be present for each of the two sessions and there will be table discussions as part of the presentations. Each of the two sessions will contain the same presentation so people need only attend one of them. I am asking people to register by email or telephone in order to let the Villa know how many tables need to be provided. If there is a desire for an additional event in the Western end of the Deanery that can be arranged as well. See attached document.

Thank you,

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e. 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 25th 4:00–7:30 PM.
See attached poster.

f. St. Georges, Espanola

World Day of Prayer Service March 6 2 PM at St. Georges 213 Tudhope Street Espanola

g. Women’s World Day of Prayer March 6 2020

Program written by the women of Zimbabwe
<https://worlddayofprayer.net/index.html>

h. The Diocese of Algoma/Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario

i. 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.

ii. 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 or 807–627–5667.

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>

iii. 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. Reception to follow.

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.

iv. 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!

v. 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

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.

i. Anglican Church of Canada

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

ii. The Anglican Communion's Five Marks of Mission: One – to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

via Anglican Communion News Service

In the second instalment of Anglican Communion's series for the Five Marks of Mission, Canon Richard Bartlett, Director of Mission Engagement for the Anglican mission agency USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel) reflects on the first Mark of Mission: "to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom". See attached document

iii. Holding onto God's "Cantus Firmus"

Sisterhood of St. John the Divine Companion Jasmine writes, "the concept of cantus firmus or fixed song is a pre-existing melody that forms the basis of a polyphonic composition. As a fresh music therapist (MTA) living with the sisters as part of the companions program, my relationship with God and my first experiences in religious community are best described using this music metaphor."

iv. Wycliffe offerings for spring/summer courses

Whether you're looking for an online course, a one-week intensive, or something else, Wycliffe College has posted its complete list of 1 and 2-credit course offerings for the spring/summer 2020 session. Copy and paste the following address into your browser:

https://www.wycliffecollege.ca/programs-courses/courses/course-search?dept=All&field_session_offered_value=20205&utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=779c24d9df-EMAIL_CAMPAGN_2020_02_19_03_33&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-779c24d9df-243900825

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>

Failure

Remember that your weakness doesn't disqualify you from God's love, but instead, opens the way for God to act in and through you. Let your failures or your fears remind you of your need to rely on God for all things. God's strength is made perfect in your 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 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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