## Sudbury Manitoulin Deanery Digest

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

<u>Future edition</u>: I would like to put our 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.]

## SEASON OF LENT

1. News and Event

a. <u>COVID-19 Update | Friday 20th March, 2020</u> From the Archdeacon's desk March 20, 2020

The first week of the Covid-19 protocols is almost complete and our second Sunday of worship in a different style will be experienced in a day or two. Thank you to those who have arranged for live-streamed services which are posted on Facebook and thank you to those who have accessed the resources supplied on the Diocesan web-page and from your local congregation. We pray that by these efforts the impact of this coronavirus will be minimized and that more normal patterns will return soon. There are a few things we have been asked to think about and some information to share so here goes.

1. There was a unanimous agreement among the Provincial House of Bishops to take these steps in the face of a pandemic. While the local impact of the disease may be small we stand in solidarity with other parts of the country who are experiencing a much greater impact. We also stand in solidarity with the parts of the world that are reaching a crisis point as they face deaths in the thousands.

2. While our life patterns have been altered we have an opportunity to explore other aspects of our tradition through a greater use of Morning Prayer and some of the other resources available in our service books.

Congregational members are encouraged to use their creativity to encounter the scriptures in a fresh way and to pray with each other. Perhaps two households could meet together over the phone while saying Morning Prayer or the services of our Social media networks could be employed in interesting ways. We are urged to look for opportunities to pray and worship.

3. Let us not forget our financial offerings toward God's work in the world. Whether through post-dated cheques mailed to your congregation, enrollment in the Electronic Offering Program, or other means the portion of our worship life that involves our finances need not be forgotten.

4. Take some time each week to reach out to someone by telephone and ask if there are any needs that can be filled. One congregation has co-ordinated with bread makers in their congregation to deliver loaves that are left on the doorsteps of some of the more vulnerable citizens with a cheery note attached. Perhaps there is something you are being asked to do.

5. Pray for your Pastor and Wardens. There isn't a manual with instructions on how to handle some of these things and so they are all learning as they go. Ask God to help them with wisdom, patience and compassion.

God will see us through these days as God has seen us through all our days. May the Spirit of God equip us all with hope and love and may the Peace of God fill our hearts and minds in surprising and complete ways.

Yours in Christ's service, Ven Glen

- <u>Latest Resources from The Diocese of Algoma</u> <u>Congregations Live-streaming Worship in Algoma</u> Mar 20, 2020 Resources available so we may continue worshiping together online! https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2020/03/20/congregations-live-str eaming-worship-in-algoma/
- c. <u>Pastoral message from the Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of</u> <u>Ontario</u> Mar 20, 2020 "A Word from One is a Word from All" <u>See attached document</u>.
- d. <u>Cancelled:</u> All events noted in last week's edition of the Deanery Digest have been cancelled because all church buildings have been closed in

order to minimize the risk of contracting or spreading the Covid-19 Virus. Please be assured that if you need help in any way or just need someone to talk to reach out to your brothers and sisters in Jesus and your pastors. See also the notes from our Archdeacon above.

The Primates have called us to prayer of repentance on Lent 5 e. A Season of Repentance – Lent 5 In 2016, the Primates of the Anglican Communion asked the Archbishop of Canterbury to establish a Task Group to "maintain conversation" among the Primates of the Anglican Communion as part of their commitment to "walk together" despite "deep differences". The primates requested the group "with the intention of restoration of relationship, the rebuilding of mutual trust, healing the legacy of hurt, recognizing the extent of our commonality and exploring our deep differences, ensuring they are held between us in the love and grace of Christ." As part of their work, the Task Group called the Anglican Communion to a Season of Repentance, around Lent 5 (29 March 2020). At their meeting in Jordan in January 2020, the Primates considered the work of the Task Group and commended a collection of prayers which can be used as part of this Season of Repentance.

The resources are available to download in pdf, for printing, or as a Word document, for cutting and pasting into other documents, such as service booklets at:

http://anglicancommunion.org/resources/prayer.aspx

- f. <u>2020 ACW Annual</u> Information will be forthcoming about this event and the Covid-19 consequences
- g. <u>CLAY 2020 Registration Now Open</u> Information will be forthcoming with regard to the Covid-19 virus situation.
- h. <u>2020 CLERGY/LAY PASTOR RETREAT</u> cancelled.
- i. <u>ALGOMA'S SPECIAL SYNOD re Marriage Canon changes- MAY 8, 2020 -</u> <u>Cancelled</u>. Archbishop Anne Germond will be gathering as much information from the people of the Diocese and will be making a decision regarding her response and guidance to the Diocese in May.
- j. <u>Prayers requested</u> the Rev. Canon Bain Peever and Rev. Canon Muriel Hornby

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(1) Lynda Peever, wife of Canon Bain, has requested prayers for him as he struggles with some additional health issues. We

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ask that you uphold Canon Bain and Lynda in prayer. We pray for wisdom and compassion for his health care team as they respond to his current health challenges. "Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me." Psalm 30:2

(2) <u>The Rev. Canon Muriel Hornby</u> – May 19,1922–March 20, 2020

We are saddened to announce the death of the Rev. Canon Muriel Hornby in Thessalon hospital this morning (March 20th) surrounded by family. Muriel's health had been failing over the last little while and just last week she suffered a stroke.

Born May 19, 1922 at Bradford, Yorkshire, England, Muriel attended St. Hilda's Girls' School in Whitby, England. She went on to St. Katharine's Teachers' College (affiliated with the University of London). Once in Canada, she received her B.A. from Laurentian University, Sudbury in 1973 and her B.Ed in 1982.

Muriel has served as a lay missionary in the church, as a clergy spouse (The Rev. Norman Hornby – pre-deceased), as a school teacher, and as a clergyperson.

Canon Muriel was ordained a deacon at Church of the Redeemer, Thessalon, on November 17th, 1984 and priested on September 21, 1985 at St. John the Divine, North Bay. This past November, she celebrated 35 years of ordained ministry with family and friends in Thessalon at the very church where she was first ordained. Over many years, she has provided ministry in various capacities: Honourary Assistant (St. Joseph and St. George); Assistant Priest (St. John the Divine, North Bay); Priest-in-Charge (Massey, Webbwood and Spanish River); Honourary Assistant (St. Luke's Cathedral); Honourary Assistant and then Honourary Assistant Emeritus (Church of the Redeemer, Thessalon). On October 29, 1990 she was installed as a Canon of St. Luke's Cathedral.

At Diocesan Synod 2019, Muriel received prayers and 97th birthday wishes from Archbishop Anne and all attending Synod. In her very special way she joyfully accepted the greetings and offered humble thanks for the fuss. A wife, a mother, a grandmother, a priest to many, a teacher to many, a mentor to many, a friend and delightful soul to any who knew her, Muriel will be missed.

We offer our condolences to her family and ask for God's comfort and assurance for all those who mourn.

As plans unfold in the future to celebrate our dear Muriel's life, we will keep her Algoma family advised.

'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' Matthew 25:21

- k. Anglican Church of Canada
  - i. <u>COVID-19 and us</u> via Anglican Journal

"It would be easy to give in to fear, as even the disciples did for a while," Archbishop Linda Nicholls, primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, writes in a column that offers special prayers related to COVID-19. "The best antidote for fear is gratitude. Giving thanks requires us to look around and see the gifts life still offers by God's grace. Gratitude requires us to look outward and see more than this moment."

https://www.anglicanjournal.com/covid-19-and-us/?utm\_source= Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\_campaign=7d7fb8cecc-EMAIL\_ CAMPAIGN\_2020\_03\_18\_04\_16&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0 \_6285aca377-7d7fb8cecc-243900825

- ii. <u>Digital resources available in times of physical distancing</u> General Synod has compiled an online resource "hub" of links to prayer resources, upcoming online prayer and liturgy services, diocesan resources and more. Dioceses and parishes are encouraged to submit additional online resources via the submission tool on the webpage. https://www.anglican.ca/about/departments/cir/digital-resources/? utm\_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\_campaign=7d7fb8 cecc-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN\_2020\_03\_18\_04\_16&utm\_medium=email&u tm\_term=0\_6285aca377-7d7fb8cecc-243900825
- iii. <u>PWRDF partners preparing for or responding to COVID-19</u> Executive Director of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, Will Postma, assures us of the certainties in the organization, despite the ever-changing landscape.

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https://pwrdf.org/pwrdf-partners-preparing-for-or-responding-to -covid-19/?utm\_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\_campa ign=88b722dd0f-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN\_2020\_03\_16\_11\_51&utm\_medi um=email&utm\_term=0\_6285aca377-88b722dd0f-243900825

- iv. Anglican-Lutheran Weekly Prayer Cycle. See attached document.
- V. <u>Highlights from the Council of General Synod: March 14, 2020</u> A detailed recap of Day 2 at the Spring 2020 session of CoGS is now online. https://www.anglican.ca/news/highlights-from-the-council-of-gen eral-synod-march-14-2020/30025848/?utm\_source=Anglican+Ch urch+of+Canada&utm\_campaign=88b722dd0f-EMAIL\_CAMPAIGN\_2020\_03\_16\_11\_51&utm\_medium=email&utm\_term=0\_6285aca37 7-88b722dd0f-243900825
- vi. <u>REMINDER</u>: <u>Letters for Creation sought from youth for Lambeth</u> <u>Conference</u> The GREEN Anglicans movement would like the voices of young people to be heard at Lambeth Conference 2020. An exhibition of pictures, letters, etc., will be shown at the conference. Please encourage our youth to submit their creations. <u>See attached document</u>.
- 2. <u>Deanery of Sudbury-Manitoulin Council</u> Website: http://www.deanerysudbury-manitoulin.org
- 3. <u>Diocese of Algoma</u> Website: http://www.dioceseofalgoma.com
- 4. <u>Anglican Church of Canada</u> Website: http://www.anglican.ca

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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