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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.]

SEASON OF LENT

1. [News and Event](#)

a. COVID-19 Update | Friday 27th March, 2020

The Most Reverend Anne Germond

To: DIOCESE OF ALGOMA and DIOCESE OF MOOSONEE March 25, 2020

Dear friends,

In the past week, I have met via teleconference with the Executive Committee of Algoma as well as with Diocesan Leaders and Regional Deans in Moosonee. This week I am meeting via teleconference with clergy, wardens, and treasurers to share information relating to the care of ourselves, each other, and our buildings during this time of Pandemic. I am encouraged by the stories I have already heard of parishes reaching out to their members and of the creative ways everyone is staying connected during this time.

We all saw the headlines of the Anglican Journal last December which asked the question "Gone by 2040?" In a post this week someone had put a big orange sticky note over that headline and written in thick black marker, "The Church: Transformed by 2021."

The truth is that we have been forced out of our buildings and are discovering fresh ways of being the church in new and exciting ways. We need a message of hope now more than ever and we are all being transformed by the prayers of the wider church as we gather together in our own small corners.

We will not be back in our buildings any time soon and will soon be posting resources on the diocesan websites which will help you celebrate well at home or in livestream services.

On Monday evening, the Ontario House of Bishops met via Zoom to discuss our diocesan responses to the pandemic. We wish to share the following with you in the hopes that you will join us in fasting from Eucharist and feasting on the Word during this time:

“One of the realities for the Church living through this pandemic is our inability to physically gather as community for worship and mutual support. The Eucharistic Feast which we are used to celebrating week after week has been interrupted. On-line celebrations, prayers, bible studies, and devotions offered by parishes have been keeping us connected in a virtual way and we are grateful for these inspired links. This temporary absence from one another tests our very nature as a living body and reminds us of our deep longing to be together. We now find ourselves in a time of Eucharistic Fast rather than Feast.

The Reverend Dr. Eileen Scully, Director of Faith, Worship and Ministry puts this time into context in the article attached.

Therefore, the bishops of our province have agreed together that our virtual worship through Holy Week and the season of Easter, or until such time that we can gather in community together, will not include the liturgy of the Eucharist. Sacramental celebrations are the work of the whole People of God and require a gathering of people who can be physically present to one another. That is impossible for most of us at this time. The Great Three Days of Easter, and through the fifty days of the season, we will be fasting from the Eucharist but feasting on the Word. We believe that the Risen One, the Word, by the power of the Holy Spirit, is present and active with us as we hear and receive him in the word of the scriptures, in that word interpreted and proclaimed in preaching, and in the word inwardly digested, by faith, in each person.”
I remain yours in Christ, +Anne

b. 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

- c. Holy Week and Easter Services Mar 27, 2020
Diocesan-wide worship services to be live-streamed from St. Luke's Cathedral. Copy and paste the following onto your browser:

<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2020/03/27/holy-week-and-easter-services/>. At the bottom of this page is a link to the Diocesan – Shaped by a Living Hope Facebook Page.

d. Latest Resources from The Diocese of Algoma
Congregations Live-streaming Worship in Algoma

Mar 20, 2020

Resources available so we may continue worshiping together online!

<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2020/03/20/congregations-live-streaming-worship-in-algoma/>

e. Ecumenical-Interfaith National Prayer Event – March 31st

A call to prayer – March 31st at 3 p.m.

From our Primate, Archbishop Linda Nicholls

To all

We are invited to join an Ecumenical-Interfaith National Prayer event on TUESDAY, MARCH 31st at 3 p.m. EDT. The attached prayer (link below) was developed by the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ottawa for the use of any who will join in.

Prayer is the shared language with which we express the hopes and longings of our hearts to God with our sisters and brothers of faith. Please join in prayer as we face this common challenge in every community. Share this invitation widely.

In Christ, +Linda

See attached document.

f. The Primates have called us to prayer of repentance on Lent 5

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>

Also for live streaming on Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/canadiananglican/posts/10157669840698751?utm_source=Anglican%20Church%20of%20Canada&utm_campaign=371a74f418-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_03_26_09_30&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-371a74f418-243900825

g. 2020 ACW Annual – Cancelled

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE Diocese of Algoma ACW Board

Greetings: Archbishop Anne, Diocese of Algoma Executive Board, Anglican Church Women members: formal, associated groups and supporters.

I wish to inform you of the consideration and decision to cancel/defer the Diocese of Algoma ACW Annual Meeting in Thunder Bay scheduled for May 26–28, 2020. We arrived at our decision to do so now, so as to be sure we would be taking all necessary care and concern for the health and safety of our membership, and the many contacts involved in travelling throughout the expanse of our deaneries. We will keep busy and in touch—>anti-Covid-19<— style and RE-CONVENE in Thunder Bay in May 2021!!!

Please contact the Prince Arthur Hotel regarding cancelling reservation of rooms and retention of credit card sureties, and make contact with travel providers such as airlines, bus, train, car rentals etc., for reimbursement or booking cancellations. Should you encounter problems with credit for tickets, please advise the Treasurer for assistance. Registration fee reimbursement procedures are in process.

We are working on a ‘special’ edition of the Algoma Newsletter using all of the relevant information for the Annual, and would appreciate the deaneries adding more news since January, coping strategies, and chatty or fun items to include for all, and especially those who couldn’t have made the trip, to enjoy.

Please gather up your Thank Offerings for 2020 as soon as possible and forward as one cheque or money order from each deanery if you can do so, in order for us to donate to ‘Giving with Grace’.

Keep safe, happy, and in communication with everyone, looking forward to summer or fall meetings!

May our Lord bless you with his peace and patience as you deal with this situation!

Your sister in His service, Darla McMeeken

- h. Youth Synod 2020 (July at Camp Manitou) Cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- i. CAMP MANITOU Camps 2020: registrations and planning are still happening until we hear otherwise regarding possible Covid-19 restrictions continuing through the summer.
- j. CLAY 2020 – Registration Now Open
Information will be forthcoming with regard to the Covid-19 virus situation. See attached Poster/Information.
- k. Prayers requested – the Rev. Canon Bain Peever and Rev. Canon Muriel Hornby
Published: 6 March 2020
(1) Lynda Peever, wife of Canon Bain, has requested prayers for him as he struggles with some additional health issues. We 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
- l. Anglican Church of Canada
 - i. Digital resources available in times of physical distancing
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=7d7fb8cecc-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_03_18_04_16&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-7d7fb8cecc-243900825
 - ii. PWRDF partners preparing for or responding to COVID-19

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.

https://pwrdf.org/pwrdf-partners-preparing-for-or-responding-to-covid-19/?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=88b722dd0f-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_03_16_11_51&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-88b722dd0f-243900825

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

iv. REMINDER: Letters for Creation sought from youth for Lambeth Conference

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.

See attached document.

v. Faith in a time of COVID-19 via Anglican Alliance

Last week, the Anglican Alliance convened an online global consultation to draw together the lessons learned so far from how Anglicans are responding to COVID-19 across the Communion. Their website provides key learnings and examples of best practices from the call, while they also work to build a repository of resources, Bible studies, etc. that can be adapted for different contexts.

https://anglicanalliance.org/faith-in-a-time-of-covid-19-coronavirus/?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=6c7ca0271e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_03_24_09_54&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-6c7ca0271e-243900825

2. Deanery of Sudbury-Manitoulin Council

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>

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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