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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.]

EASTER

- 1. News and Event
 - a. <u>From the desk of Archdeacon Glen Miller.</u> Hello and Happy Easter,

Thank you all for the wonderful ways you have been continuing to worship, serve, and reach out to others. I am aware of only a small portion of the story but I am so impressed with the ways in which God is at work through you. Some of you will have seen the Facebook post which features the Devil boasting that through the use of Covid-19 he has closed all of God's Churches to which God replies, 'but I have opened one up in every home'. The concept of a house church is not new and this isn't exactly the model that is suggested but it is one that is obviously working. For those of you who would like access to a service book they are available on the Anglican Church of Canada's web-site under "resources" and can be downloaded as a PDF file. Once again I will be posting materials for Sunday morning on the Parish of Copper Cliff and Lively web-site under the "News" button for those who wish to access these materials. I am very thankful for the beautiful liturgies that were created from the Synod Office for Holy Week and Easter. Mary Beth and I shared the Maundy Thursday liturgy over a lovely evening meal and I was touched by the difference it made to our daily ritual.

As the news of the Covid-19 virus continues to dominate our media outlets it seems clear that we won't be gathering together any time soon. It appears that the restrictions might be in place into the month of June.

We are in a marathon and not a sprint and so the need to keep a steady pace and not get over extended is important to all of us. Putting aside fear is an important part of this exercise which takes a good deal of energy. A daily ritual of prayer helps me keep things in the proper perspective so I commend that practice to be adopted in your lives if it hasn't been done yet. Archbishop Anne has asked me to extend her own message of encouragement to the congregations I serve along with her thanks for the continuation of Christian ministry in this time of challenge. As we see God's hand at work in our own lives may we find ways to share that news with others, reach out to those who are not connected to the internet, and continue our social distancing measures. Glen +

A prayer

Almighty God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, and healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people: Continue, we beseech thee, this his gracious work among us especially through the hands of our 'front line workers'; cheer, heal, and sanctify the sick; grant to the physicians, surgeons, nurses, personal support workers, emergency medical staff and all others involved in the health care field wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; and send down thy blessing upon all who labour to prevent suffering and to forward thy purposes of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP p. 55 adapted)

b. <u>Food for Risen Bodies</u>

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Archbishop Anne Germond greets all of Algoma as we moved into Holy Week 2020. <u>See attached document</u>.

- c. <u>COVID-19 Update</u>
 - i. <u>The Church of the Ascension</u>

Masks for All Sudbury

Our very own Jane Cox is working with <u>"Masks for All Sudbury</u>" and they are looking for people to sew and make masks. A box will be put in front of the church if you would like to drop them off. A link with instructions is found here:

<u>https://www.deaconess.com/How-to-make-a-Face-Mask/Docum</u> <u>ents-Mask/Mask-Information (copy/paste this address)</u> They are asking people the following "Please follow any pattern for making a face mask. Make one for yourself, your loved ones and your neighbours if you are inclined. If you have the energy and kind spirit, make some extra masks for the community of Greater Sudbury." You can also drop them off at the following places – Chris's Your Independent on Lorne St., Battistelli's Your independent in Lively, Neil's Your Independent in Hanmer, Chartrand's Your Independent in Chelmsford, Plaza 69 Shopper's Drug Mart-4 Corners, and for snail mail...Masks For All. P.O. Box 40037 Long Lake Rd, Sudbury, P3E 4M0. If you have any questions please be in touch with Jane jane.e.cox1@gmail.com

- ii. One of the areas that parishioners may still be concerned about is how to get financial contributions made to their Parish. Many have figured that out. One of the options available to you, should you still need to make it happen is to use the Diocesan Electronic Offering Program. <u>Attached is a copy of the document necessary to use this program.</u>
- d. Anglican-Lutheran Weekly Prayer Cycle. See attached document.
- e. <u>Reminder: Call for photos for 2021 Canadian Church Calendar</u> The national office is looking for photos of our lovely Anglican churches, inside or out. Have a look through your image files and show off these lovely buildings! Drone perspectives are especially welcome. If you've got photos of Anglican churches in Canada in your archives, or if feel like snapping a picture or two of your local church on an upcoming (socially-distanced) stroll, we want your images! The deadline to submit photos is Thursday, April 30. Photo submission criteria:
 - i. Photos should be wide instead of tall.
 - File size should be 1MB or larger (one megabyte).
 (For the experts out there: images of 3500px wide or larger, 4:3 orientation are preferred. If you don't know what this means, don't worry about it! Just send us what you've got.)
 - iii. Include the following information with your submission:
 - (1) Brief photo description (150 characters maximum for the description)
 - (2) Church name and location (including city and diocese, if you can)
 - (3) Photographer name
 - (4) Permission to use the image, from anyone identifiable in the photo

Submit photos to publications@national.anglican.ca.
 If you have many photos to send (more than 10MB in size total), consider sending them through a file sharing service like Dropbox or WeTransfer (Google Drive is also okay).

If you have any questions or concerns, please email publications@national.anglican.ca. We look forward to seeing what you send in!

Photos will be selected on or before May 22 and all those who submitted images will be notified at that time.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. — 2 Corinthians 9:7

f. <u>Canadian Anglicans respond as pandemic disrupts family life</u> via Anglican Journal

"The young people out there that I've talked to are feeling very insecure about everything.... School has changed, their social interactions have changed and now church things have changed." <u>See attached document.</u>

- g. <u>PWRDF partners with HelpAge Canada to support vulnerable seniors</u> The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund is partnering with HelpAge Canada as part of its \$200,000 COVID-19 response, to help support this vulnerable demographic with access to food, medications, hygiene products and personal care, and for support for volunteers and staff to deliver these services safely. <u>See attached document.</u>
- h. <u>Bringing joy one phone call at a time</u> <u>via Haliburton Echo</u> 80-year-old Bill Gliddon, organist for St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton, Ont., has been bringing happiness and joy to residents isolated at local hospitals and care homes by singing and playing classic songs to them over the telephone. <u>See attached document</u>.
- i. Thoughts / Reflections

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Of comfort, courage and joy: The 2020 preaching series for the Triduum and Easter Sunday

In the Sisterhood of Saint John the Divine's preaching series for Easter, homilies from Sisters Anne, Elizabeth Ann and Sue and Archbishop Fred Hiltz reflect on the readings for the 2020 Triduum and Easter Sunday. Copy/Paste the following web address:

https://ssjd.ca/2020/04/14/of-comfort-courage-and-joy-the-2020-pr eaching-series-for-the-triduum-and-easter-sunday/?utm_source=Angli can+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=d7bd5360e8-EMAIL_CAMPAIG N_2020_04_15_06_27&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377d7bd5360e8-243900825

- 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

Trust

It's not that God can't, or doesn't, or won't work during the brightness of the day, but we need God most in those moments of our life that are full of darkness and fear. If you have ever been or are even now afraid of the dark – afraid of the darkness of your own life, afraid of the darkness of the life of another, afraid of the darkness of the world – take courage for as terrifying as it can be, Holy Week promises us that God is at work even there, even then, even now.

Promise

In an age when words of fear, retribution, and anger dominate the news and fill our ears, words of hope, forgiveness, and love seem an idle tale at worst and unbelievable at best. Yet the promise of the Risen Lord is that hope, not fear, has the last word. The promise of the Risen Lord is that forgiveness, not retribution, has the last word. The promise of the Risen Lord is that love, not anger, has the last word.

-Br. James Koester

Victory

Send down your roots into deep soil, so that when trouble comes, you can remain steadfast and unmovable, knowing that God always has the final word. And rejoice. Always and everywhere. No matter what circumstance you find yourself in. Easter is Love's Victory over evil and death; all fear is washed away. You – yes, you! – are a beloved child of God.

-Br. David Vryhof

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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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