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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.]

EASTER 4

1. [News and Event](#)

a. Deanery Parishes producing Services online

i. Church of the Epiphany

- (1) <http://epiphanysudbury.org/news> – bottom of the home page. Video available at:
<http://epiphanysudbury.org/third-sunday-of-easter-april-26-2020-video/>
- (2) A special at-home Messy Church event, Wednesday May 6 at 5:00 PM in partnership with the Church of the Ascension using ZOOM. Use the following address to access more information – any family can participate:
<http://epiphanysudbury.org/news/etw/> See next item.

ii. Church of the Ascension

- (1) Online Video FACEBOOK PAGE @ASCENSIONSUDBURY
- (2) Join us for virtual Messy Church! Still the same crafts, songs, story, food and fellowship but virtual! Meet us on zoom on Wednesday May 6th at 5pm. Please message or call the church ascension@vianet.ca or 705 566 2790 to be included in this fun family worship! Craft items and instructions as well as supper will be included and dropped off on your doorstep. Don't worry if that day or time doesn't work for you, the story will be

included as well to have your own Messy Church! — at The Church of the Ascension – Anglican.

- iii. Parish of Copper Cliff and Lively
<https://www.thelivelyanglican.ca> – Bottom of the home page.
 The service is a full document (Windows 7 – works with Windows 8 or 10) and has an MP3 file with Archdeacon Miller reading the Gospel and giving his sermon – his sermon is also in a Windows 7 document.
- iv. St. Alban's Capreol
www.facebook.com/alban.church – they have posted the readings for April 26 from the Revised Common Lectionary and many other very vaulable pieces of hope in various posts.
- v. All Saints Coniston
<https://allsaintsangcon.weebly.com/sunday-service-bulletins.html>
 The full service is printed there with a couple of video's embedded.
- vi. St. Georges Espanola
<https://www.facebook.com/1657007827882930/videos/1148115742201139/> Check out their Facebook page for live streaming of services.
- b. Reflections and Thoughts
 - i. Is the Church essential?
 via The Living Church
 In recent months, questions about the Church's vitality have been wrestled with, resulting in some predictions of the death of the Church in years to come. Who among us could have imagined that a single virus would radically change the way we are as Church? See attached document.
 - ii. The world according to Bob: Howdy pardner!
 The Rev. Canon Bob Elkin (Diocese of Algoma) writes of a recent visit to provide pastoral care in a hospital, also remarking how our relationships with one another have changed. "These are special times... we all become part of a team that surrounds the patient and provides absolutely everything that we can for the good of that patient." See attached document.
- c. General Synod receives legacy gift "for work in Northern Canada"

Mary Margaret Newitt was a faithful Anglican who worshipped in the parishes of St. James Dundas and St. Paul's Westdale in the Diocese of Niagara. When she died in late 2016, she left bequests to several organizations that honoured her values as a Christian,... including substantial gifts to the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund and to the Anglican Church of Canada. This latter bequest was designated "for work in Northern Canada, at the discretion of the Primate". The bequest received by General Synod in 2019 was in the amount of \$1.13 million dollars.

Over the past months I have considered how this legacy might best be designated for 'work in Northern Canada'. In consultation with Archbishop Mark Macdonald and in light of General Synod's affirmation of the emerging self-determining Indigenous Church and the current need to develop new forms of ministry for northern, isolated communities I have directed that the bequest be administered by the Indigenous Ministries department of General Synod for use in the North, with input from and in consultation with the Council of the North. One woman's remarkable and generous legacy will shape the life and faith of Indigenous communities for the future. I am deeply grateful to Mary and her thoughtful generosity.

With thanksgiving to God for the ways in which our life is enriched by others.

With gratitude,
+Linda Nicholls
The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls
Archbishop and Primate

- d. CLAY 2020 postponed to 2021
In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth (CLAY) gathering originally scheduled for August 20-23, 2020, will be postponed to August 19-22, 2021. The event will still be held at the Southern Alberta Institute for Technology (SAIT) in Calgary, Alberta.??
See attached document.
- e. New Bible studies: Faith in the time of coronavirus
To help Christians reflect on their faith and scriptures in the midst of the pandemic, the Anglican Alliance has produced a series of Bible studies.
See the 2 attached documents.
- f. COVID-19 Update
 - i. Archbishop to offer her blessing on Sunday afternoon - May 3rd

A special thank you to all our essential workers and to those caring for those enduring poverty, sickness, homelessness, and other need. Archbishop Anne Germond invites all people within the Dioceses of Algoma and Moosonee (and those beyond our boundaries) to receive a blessing via livestream from the portico of Bishophurst (Sault Ste. Marie), the official residence of the Bishop , on Sunday afternoon, May 3, at 2:00 pm. The livestream may be viewed on the Diocesan Facebook page at Diocese of Algoma: Shaped by a Living Hope.

This Sunday is known in the church as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” It is a day when the church prays for vocations to ministry, and for the care and leadership exercised by all people in the home, government, school, or workplace. It is also an occasion the church gives thanks particularly for those who serve those enduring poverty, sickness, homelessness, and other need.

The church gives thanks for all essential workers and those who are caring for others as we deal with the current COVID-19 pandemic. It has been praying for our world and for those impacted directly by the virus.

The prayer offered by the Archbishop extends the church’s hand of blessing and thanksgiving to all who work so hard for our community during this very challenging time, and to those who are fearful, anxious, or afraid.

Archbishop Anne looks forward to blessing you and your families on Good Shepherd Sunday afternoon. Stay safe.

ii. The Church of the Ascension

Masks for All Sudbury

Our very own Jane Cox is working with “Masks for All Sudbury” 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:

<https://www.deaconess.com/How-to-make-a-Face-Mask/Documents-Mask/Mask-Information> (copy/paste this address)

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

iii. From the Primate: "Be still and know..."

via Anglican Journal

Taking care of one's own mental health and finding comfort in the Psalms can give us the "perseverance needed for the long journey we share," writes Archbishop Linda Nicholls, primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. See attached document.

iv. Global faith-based organizations jointly call for gender justice amid COVID-19 response

via World Council of Churches

"A Joint Statement: Gender, Faith and COVID-19" depicts why the impacts of COVID-19 are being hardest felt by women and girls. See attached document.

v. Webinar draws lively global audience seeking "how to be the church" when buildings are closed

via World Council of Churches

Hundreds of people from across the world participated in a livestreamed webinar organized by the World Council of Churches (WCC) this week, with a lineup of speakers who shared insights in how churches across the world have quickly transformed their services because of COVID-19.

vi. 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. Attached is a copy of the document necessary to use this program.

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

h. Sacred Teachings: Path to the Stronghold
Newest podcast episode available

In this episode, Tyson Halkett talks about life under lockdown in Montreal, Lake Saskatchewan.

This is the eleventh episode in the series of podcasts which is found at: https://www.anglican.ca/im/podcasts/?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=3cd522bf61-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_20_

12_34&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-3cd522bf61-243900825

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>

Contentment

If “contentment” is not already a word in your vocabulary, try it out. The English word contentment comes from the Latin, contentus, meaning contained or satisfied. To be content is quite counter-cultural. Our culture has defined us as “consumers,” and we are constantly being bombarded with what we need next. Contentment is about what we have now.

–Br. Curtis Almquist

Encounters

Those who come to put their trust in Jesus can often look back on a series of “encounters” with him – through the words of scripture, through the convincing testimony of others or through their exemplary actions, through our own experiences of prayer, through the worship of the Church and its sacraments, through sacred music or art or poetry, through the beauty of the natural world, or simply by considering the mystery of life. There are a host of ways in which we may encounter him daily, and it is through these that we gradually come to believe him and know him and love him.

–Br. David Vryhof

The Society of St. John the Divine

<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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