

# 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.]

## EASTER 4

### 1. [News and Event](#)

#### a. From the Archdeacon's Desk

Hello,

It has been observed by some mental health care professionals that part of what we are dealing with during this time of separation is a form of grief. We have all lost something precious and our emotional state is being affected by our adjustments to that grief. Just as in the case of the death of a loved one we all grieve differently. One of the things that is recommended in all cases of grief is to spend some time identifying what we miss the most in regards to the cause of our grief. As we continue to grieve over the loss of our ability to gather in worship I wonder what it is you miss the most about those gatherings? Is it seeing other members of the fellowship and catching up on news? Is it singing the hymns? Is it listening to the readings and sermon and reflecting on what God was saying through these things? Is it the time of fellowship following the worship event? Is it all of the above? I find that, as I grieve, if I spend some time giving thanks to God for those things I miss most about the person or event my feelings of grief are somewhat eased. I suggest that the same is true as we grieve the losses brought about by the Covid-19 restrictions. I also think that doing this exercise may help us prepare for the time when the restrictions are lifted. Among the things we will miss this weekend is the opportunity to give thanks in public for the gift of mothers in our lives. As we think about what we miss most I pray for

God's comfort and strength. May we all find ways of giving thanks to God for mothers.

Glen +

a prayer

"Merciful Saviour, who didst love Martha and Mary and Lazarus, hallowing their home with thy sacred presence: Bless, we beseech thee, our home, that thy love may rest upon us, and that thy presence may be with us. May we all grow in grace and in the knowledge of thee, our Lord and Saviour. Teach us to love one another as thou hast given commandment. Help us to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill thy law, O blessed Jesus, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for evermore." Amen. (B.C.P. p. 732)

b. Deanery Parishes producing Services online

i. Church of the Epiphany

(1) <http://epiphanysudbury.org/news> – bottom of the home page. Streamed on Video available anytime after Saturday afternoon.

ii. Church of the Ascension

(1) Online Video FACEBOOK PAGE @ASCENSIONSUDBURY

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](http://www.facebook.com/alban.church) – they have posted the readings for April 26 from the Revised Common Lectionary and many other very valuable 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.

c. Reflections and Thoughts

i. Julian of Norwich: 'A theologian for our time'

Recent calls for individuals to self-isolate have led to a resurgence of interest in Julian of Norwich, a medieval English anchoress and mystic who lived during the time of the Black Death. Spending much of her life in seclusion, Julian lived in a sealed room attached to St. Julian's Church in the city of Norwich, where she sought to devote herself entirely to prayer and union with God. See web link below (Copy/paste into browser search engine):

[https://www.anglicanjournal.com/julian-of-norwich-a-theologian-for-our-time/?utm\\_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\\_campaign=247a88605c-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_05\\_06\\_10\\_51&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_6285aca377-247a88605c-243900825](https://www.anglicanjournal.com/julian-of-norwich-a-theologian-for-our-time/?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=247a88605c-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_05_06_10_51&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-247a88605c-243900825)

ii. Why art and beauty matter during a pandemic  
via Christianity Today

"Beauty persists, especially in times of uncertainty or hardship. Holocaust survivor and concert pianist Alice Herz-Sommer performed at more than 150 concerts during the two years she spent at Theresienstadt concentration camp. She later told a reporter, 'People ask, 'How could you make music?' We were so weak. But music was special, like a spell ... the world is wonderful. It is full of beauty.'" See web address below:

[https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2020/april-web-only/art-beauty-matter-during-pandemic-covid19.html?utm\\_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\\_campaign=247a88605c-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_05\\_06\\_10\\_51&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_6285aca377-247a88605c-243900825](https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2020/april-web-only/art-beauty-matter-during-pandemic-covid19.html?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=247a88605c-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_05_06_10_51&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-247a88605c-243900825)

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. Outreach for Tarime

Our companion Diocese of Tarime requires our help!

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FROM Archdeacons Roberta Wilson-Garrett and Marie Loewen

My Dear Friends;

In the past couple of days Marie Loewen and I have had multiple email exchanges with our friend Mwita, Bishop of Tarime, Tanzania. What began as an update of Covid-19 in Africa has now quickly grown into outreach that requires all of our support.

Some of you will know that +Mwita's wife Mukami, is a Clinical Officer, the equivalent of a Nurse Practitioner, at a clinic in Darsalam. During the course of our emails we discovered that the African government has been slow to respond to Covid-19 and that PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) is only currently being provided to frontline health workers handling Covid-19 patients in designated treatment/isolation centres. Consequently, Mukami and her staff are working unprotected. We all know the extreme risk she is taking in doing so. She and +Mwita have spoken and decided that she would purchase PPE for herself and the others at the clinic.

Marie and I thought we could quickly amass some supplies and ship them, however after much more back and forth, it has become clear that it would be far more practical and cost efficient to provide financial support. The supplies are still widely available for purchase in Tanzania but the cost is rising quickly. The weekly statistics indicate that Covid-19 cases in Africa have increased 43% over last week and the W.H.O. feels that Africa could quickly become the world epicentre of this virus. This will not shock anyone who has been to Africa or any other 3rd world country where the health care system and the community infrastructure can in no way meet the required demands of a health care crisis. We cannot sit back and watch when we have the ability to make even a small difference.

So, with Archbishop Anne's support, we are asking our colleagues and friends to consider financially supporting this outreach to our extended family in Tanzania. We are also asking everyone to share this request as widely as possible.

We have set up an account and will be able to receive financial e-mail transfers which in turn will be transferred for Bishop Mwita to manage. This conversation began with concerns for the staff of Mukami's small clinic, so they will first be provided with necessary PPE for them to continue their jobs and stay healthy. The balance of the funds Bishop Mwita will use to support the clergy and parishes in Tarime so that they can weather the storm of Covid-19 as he determines to be necessary.

Transfers can be sent to [rwilso@xplornet.com](mailto:rwilso@xplornet.com) with the password Tarime2020. Unfortunately, we are unable to supply tax receipts for these gifts.

Marie and I cannot thank you enough for your support of this outreach to our brothers and sisters in Tanzania.

God Bless. Ven. Roberta Wilson-Garrett and Ven. Marie Loewen

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](mailto:jane.e.cox1@gmail.com)

iii. PWRDF – Emergency Response re Covid-19 around the world and in Canada

The Primates World Relief and Development Fund is distributing \$200,000 to 4 partners: Village Health Works (Burundi), Partners in Health (global response), ACT Reliance's Global Appeal and Help Age Canada (supporting vulnerable seniors in Canada). Contribute to this appeal in the following ways:

- (1) go to Give Today at [pwrdf.org](http://pwrdf.org) and make your gift in Emergency Response indicating 'COVID-19' in the message box
- (2) call 1-866-308-7973 – leave message and call will be returned
- (3) send a cheque to PWRDF with Covid-19 in the memo filed. Mail to PWRDF 80 Hayden Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Toronto ON M4T 3G2

iv. Giving regular financial contributions to your Church's Building upkeep during Covid-19 restrictions.

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. These contributions can also be mailed to the Church or some other arrangements made with your Wardens.

- g. From Anglican News, The Anglican Church of Canada  
As followers of Jesus, we believe in respecting the dignity of every human being and advocating for justice, peace and reconciliation.

Tomorrow and every Thursday, consider wearing black as a symbol of solidarity with those impacted by rape and gender-based violence. Join us in the #ThursdaysInBlack campaign.

Also Please pray with Bishop Jane for our Indigenous sisters: "Each one of these women and girls is a daughter and a granddaughter; dearly loved and deeply missed." Video at:

[https://edmonton.anglican.ca/podcasts/message/2020-05-05-a-prayer-for-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women-and-girls?utm\\_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\\_campaign=bfb62bb52c-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_05\\_06\\_12\\_53&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_6285aca377-bfb62bb52c-243900825](https://edmonton.anglican.ca/podcasts/message/2020-05-05-a-prayer-for-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women-and-girls?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=bfb62bb52c-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_05_06_12_53&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-bfb62bb52c-243900825)

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

- i. Sacred Teachings: Path to the Stronghold

Newest podcast episode available: The life of Odeiman

In this week's podcast, Archbishop Mark MacDonald shares the story of Odeiman and reminds us of the sweet yet painful power of sacrificial love. This is the twelfth 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\\_](https://www.anglican.ca/im/podcasts/?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=3cd522bf61-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_20_)

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- j. In support of a Basic Guaranteed Income
  - i. Anglican, Lutheran bishops argue for minimum income program  
via Winnipeg Free Press  
Anglican bishops across Canada say the pandemic has revealed the urgent need for a guaranteed basic income program, and they've written to the prime minister asking him to implement it. Spearheaded by Bishop Geoff Woodcroft (Diocese of Rupert's Land), the letter is signed by 28 of the church's bishops, along with Primate Linda Nicholls, as well as bishops from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.
  - ii. A Public Letter on Guaranteed Basic Income  
By General Synod Communications on May 3, 2020  
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What follows is an open letter signed by 41 Anglican and ELCIC bishops to the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance calling for a Guaranteed Basic Income. See attached PDF document.
- 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>

Emmanuel

“Remember,” Jesus says at the end of Matthew’s Gospel – his final words to his disciples – “Remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” And that is a promise – a promise to remember always, to hold on to, amidst the changes which are all around us.

–Br. Geoffrey Tristram

Comfort

This is a word of comfort and of hope that we can carry with us: God is love. Nothing can separate us from God’s love. And that means that “all shall be well, every manner of thing shall be well.” Don't be afraid. Don't worry. God's LOVE will always be there for you.

–Br. David Vryhof

The Society of St. John the Divine

<https://www.ssje.org>

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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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