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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 6

News and Event

a. <u>From the Archdeacon's Desk</u> Hello.

For the past few weeks we have been hearing from the first letter of Peter to the Church in our Sunday lessons and I have been taking some time to study these words as part of my Covid-19 coping strategy. I have been struck by one of the commentaries which reminded me that the groups to which this letter was sent were probably not very large. If you recall that on the day of Pentecost there were a large number of pilgrims in Jerusalem from places like Cappadocia, Pamphylia etc[. Well] those pilgrims were likely some of the people who received Peter's letter. There were a reported 3,000 people baptized on that day which is a large number when they were all in one place but a rather small number when spread out. I found myself comparing the situation of those small isolated Christian communities trying to find their way into this new relationship with God while facing the challenges which came their way in a society that had different priorities than they had and our own small isolated home groups trying to find ways of living into this new reality brought about by a disease. I have found St. Peter's words both challenging and encouraging and so I, for one, am planning on reading the letter in its entirety at least once per week for the next few weeks and thinking about how a 2,000 year old letter still has meaning to me in this day and age. This Sunday one of my favourite portions of the letter will be part of the reading - the part which encourages the readers to "always"

be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence." (1 Peter 3:15–16) Some people are having a very difficult time coping with the isolation and so they may be puzzled about those who have a fountain of hope welling up within them. Have you thought about the reasons for your hope? Would you be ready to 'give an accounting?' Perhaps preparing an accounting could be part of our prayer time over the next little while as we remain isolated. It might help to read through all of what St. Peter has to say in his first and second letters which have been preserved for our encouragement and growth. May God continue to show us the way forward and fill us with that wonderful hope.

Glen + A prayer:

"Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls, have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ. Let your gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it, turn the hearts of those who resist it, and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen. (BAS p. 312)

b. Deanery Parishes producing Services online

i. <u>Upcoming online services - Ascension Day and Pentecost</u>

May 06, 2020

Ascension Day and Pentecost services being planned! Note the following days and times on your calendars for three upcoming online services. Parishes are requested to schedule their services so as to not conflict with those below:

- (1) Ascension Day Thursday, May 21st
- (2) NOTE TIME CHANGE... Morning Prayer with Archbishop Anne at 9:30 a.m. via Facebook livestream
- (3) Pentecost Sunday May 31st
- (4) Diocesan service from St. Luke's Cathedral 9:00 a.m.
- (5) <u>Provincial service</u> joint participation from dioceses 2:00 p.m.

Details and links will be made available closer to the days. Come, let us worship!

ii. Churches of Manitoulin Island

Virtual services are usually up late Saturday night on YouTube. Best way to access the services is to simply Goggle: Doug Prebble
YouTube. The videos are dated, choose and enjoy!
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQDMLTd18dMsO8hW9Tpzp3A

iii. Church of the Epiphany

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

(2) Prayer request and update about Michael and Muriel Hankinson

Muriel has been unwell recently (not the Covid-19 virus) and was recently taken to hospital in Ingersoll. Her doctors have said Muriel needs to be placed in a nursing home and working on that. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, their children, Chris and Gail have been unable to visit but are keeping in touch online. Please keep them in your prayers.

(3) Online 'Godly Play' for the children.

With thanks to Fr. Aidan and the children's ministry of the Church of the Ascension, we are posting their weekly online 'Godly Play Storytime' on the Church of the Epiphany's Facebook Page:

(https://www.facebook.com/EpiphanySudbury/ Parents are encouraged to check it out and share with their children.

iv. Church of the Ascension

Online service and Godly Play Storytime on their FACEBOOK PAGE <u>@ASCENSIONSUDBURY</u>

v. Parish of Copper Cliff and Lively

https://www.thelivelyanglican.ca - Bottom of the home page.

vi. St. Alban's Capreol

<u>www.facebook.com/alban.church</u> – they have posted the readings for April 26 from the Revised Common Lectionary and many other very vaulable pieces of hope in various posts.

vii. All Saints Coniston

https://allsaintsangcon.weebly.com/sunday-service-bulletins.html
The full service is printed there with a couple of video's embedded.

viii. St. Georges Espanola

https://www.facebook.com/1657007827882930/videos/11481157422 01139/ Check out their Facebook page for live streaming of services.

- c. Reflections and Thoughts (from the Anglican church of Canada's web site: News)
 - i. Jerusalem Sunday 2020: May 24

At the 2013 Joint Assembly, General Synod passed a resolution to "observe the Seventh Sunday of Easter, commonly known as the Sunday after Ascension Day, as Jerusalem Sunday." For 2020, Jerusalem Sunday will be held on May 24, with the theme as "The Jerusalem of Your Heart and Soul". Cut/Paste the following web address in your browser:

 $https://www.anglican.ca/gr/provinces/jerusalem/sunday/?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=ffacb866b1-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_05_13_04_55&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-ffacb866b1-243900825$

ii. Children's Time: Talking with a Primate

Leo and Ben in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, do a fantastic job interviewing Archbishop and Primate Linda Nicholls. [I think these is a great interview.] Copy/paste the following Web address in your browser:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HBfeqI3Vr4k&utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=095d2fc19d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_05_12_04_43&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-095d2fc19d-243900825

iii. Former Archbishop of Canterbury urges churches to reduce 'lethal dependence' on fossil fuels via Premier Christian News
In response to a report calling churches to divest from oil and gas companies, former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams said: "The current health crisis has highlighted as never before the need for coherent international action in the face of global threat. Can we learn the lesson and apply it to the global threat of climate change? To do so means taking practical and effective steps to reduce our lethal dependence on fossil fuels."

See attached document.

d. 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.

e. COVID-19 Update

 A Message from the Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario on Reopening our church buildings for worship May 15, 2020

We ask you for your patience and your prayers... See attached letter from Archbishop Anne.

ii. Outreach for Tarime

UPDATE: <u>Our companion Diocese of Tarime Gives thanks</u> <u>for the help our Diocese has sent.</u>

What was initially intended to be a small financial gift from the Diocese of Algoma, to support a small clinic in Africa to purchase necessary PPE during COVID-19, continues to grow.

Dear People of Algoma,

A simple conversation between three friends became an opportunity for Gods Grace to shine throughout the Diocese of Algoma. What was initially intended to be a small financial gift to support a small clinic in Africa to purchase necessary PPE during Covid-19 continues to grow. Not only has the clinic been able to purchase the required PPE but all of the parishes in the Diocese of Tarime have benefited from the outpouring of love that has grown throughout the diocese. Bishop Mwita wrote "you guys amaze me!" when he referred to the gifts of sincere generosity, love, and concern that we carry under our wings. With the funds transferred to date, +Mwita has purchased buckets with taps to be set up for hand washing along with disinfectant and hand gloves. Good quality washable/reusable masks have been purchased for the villages. Clergy, staff from the diocesan office, staff from the agricultural centre and 2 Compassion International child centres attended workshops on protection measures, proper hand washing (theory and then supervised practice) and mask wearing before they were provided with PPE. Visual aids have been printed and distributed to the parishes to help people better understand spread, symptoms and precautions A contamination risk free temperature gun has been purchased so that temperatures can be checked.

Your generous support is allowing them to address local measures at a time when there is still a lot of confusion about Covid-19 throughout the country.

Please continue to support our companion diocese with your prayers and generous donations as we navigate these challenging times together.

Blessings All

Archdeacons Roberta Wilson-Garrett and Marie Loewen

Transfers can still be sent to rwilso@xplornet.com with the password Tarime2020. Unfortunately, we are unable to supply tax receipts for these gifts.

iii. 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

iv. <u>PWRDF - Emergency Response re Covid-19 around the world and in</u> 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 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, 3rd Floor, Toronto ON M4T 3G2

v. <u>Giving regular financial contributions to your Church's Building upkeep during Covid-19 restrictions.</u>

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.

f. 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 (copy/paste in your browser): 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_CAMP AIGN_2020_05_06_12_53&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-bfb62bb52c-243900825

- g. <u>Anglican-Lutheran Weekly Prayer Cycle</u>. <u>See attached document.</u>
- h. Sacred Teachings: Path to the Stronghold

 Newest podcast episode available: The life of Odeiman

 In this week's podcast episode, the Rev. Dr. Raymond C. Aldred gives his view on the global pandemic and how we can all take a moment to pause. This is the thirteenth 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_6285aca377-3cd522bf61-243 900825
- i. <u>In support of a Basic Guaranteed Income</u>
 - 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. <u>Deanery of Sudbury-Manitoulin Council</u>

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

Intercession

The Greek word entunchanein, 'to make intercession,' means to meet or be with someone, on behalf of another. So when we talk of Jesus making intercession for us to the Father, it's not Jesus talking to God about us. It is Jesus being intimately close to his Father and carrying us, whom he loves, on his heart, and into the heart of God.

-Br. Geoffrey Tristram

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 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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