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1. [News and Events](#)

a. COVID UPDATE:

i. From the desk of our Archdeacon, the Rev. Glen Miller

- (1) Hello [Sept 3 2020],
- Archbishop Germond has officially announced that the Diocese of Algoma has entered the "Amber Stage" of the response to the Covid-19 pandemic which means that for those congregations that are prepared public worship services can once again be held in our buildings. A comprehensive list of protocols has been developed with the desire to make these gatherings as safe as possible. The theme under which all this is to happen is the idea of "Loving our neighbour". As individuals we have been missing the gatherings and some are quite excited about the opportunity to return to worship but we are asked to remember that our approach to that return is to have the focus of how we all make things safe for our neighbours. Our expressions of love will need to change from hugs to other gestures. Bowing, 'finger hearts', and notes will be the norms that we are asked to become used to. Staying distant is also an expression of our love for others even though it feels strange. In the parish of Copper Cliff and Lively our first public worship service since March will take place at St. John's Church in Copper Cliff on September 6 at 11 am. Due to unforeseen complications the first service at Christ Church will take place, God willing, on Sunday September 20 at 9 am. Other congregations in the Deanery have made their own decisions about start dates and

on-line resources will continue to be made available in most places even after the public gatherings take place. So, if you choose to attend, please bring a mask, be prepared to keep your distance, use the hand sanitizer provided as well as a heart ready for worship. If you are experiencing any of the symptoms please stay home as another expression of love for your neighbour. Whether we worship in person, in our homes or on-line we are the Body of Christ expressing our love for God and for our neighbours and I pray that God's Spirit will be felt in our hearts and minds. Glen +
A prayer

ALMIGHTY God, who art afflicted in the afflictions of thy people: Regard with thy tender compassion those in anxiety and distress; bear their sorrows and their cares; supply all their manifold needs; and help both them and us to put our whole trust and confidence in thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP p. 54)

- (2) Hello [Aug 27 2020],
Our Sunday lectionary cycle is now inviting us to hear again the story of the Exodus. This time in the nation of Israel's history when, in a very short period of time, their whole world changed. We might be able to identify with them a little better given our own recent past. Things that had become familiar to them and part of their daily lives had to be put away in order to follow God's plan for their lives. The turmoil of not knowing what is coming next is something with which we are becoming more familiar. I think of parents as they agonize over the decision about the return to school because many of those parents have had to leave behind things which had become very familiar and strike off into a world for which no instructions or guidance are readily available. I can well understand the feeling of powerlessness that comes over people in that state. I was reminded of a scene in the book "Prince Caspian" by C.S. Lewis where the Pevensie children are in the woods trying desperately to get to the Stone Table in order to give aid to the Narnians. They are hopelessly lost until Lucy spots Aslan and convinces everyone to follow. At one point it appears that there is no way through the forest but as they follow they finally discern a path. As long as they stay behind Aslan their trek through the forest is secure. When they tried to find their own way they met with disaster. "God will make a way" is a phrase I have often heard and it hasn't been until

this Summer that I truly understood this. In March, when the restrictions were first announced, I wondered how we would make our way through the pandemic but, because I was really powerless to affect much, I chose to do my best to wait and see what God would do. The way was not easy and there have been times when I have felt very confused – when the 'forest' seemed to have closed around me with no path available. But God will make a way. Like the nation of Israel following God's path or the characters in the Narnia Chronicles following Aslan we need to trust that there is a way. I pray on a regular basis for those people who must decide in the midst of uncertainty so that they may trust that "God will make a way". Many Anglican congregations are making preparations to re-open their buildings for worship and we aren't sure what will happen. If we are following God's direction then I believe we will be OK so those of us making decisions are doing our best to listen to God's direction. My prayer is that as we take our next steps we will be blessed by seeing a pathway open up for us where it did not look like a path existed. May God continue to use this time of turmoil to draw our attention to Him more than our circumstances. Glen +
a prayer

Most merciful Father, we beseech thee to send down thy heavenly blessing upon thy Church in this Parish, that all its members may dwell together in unity and brotherly love. Keep far from us all self-will and discord. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness, and enable them faithfully to dispense thy holy Word and Sacraments, to bring again the outcasts, and to seek the lost. Grant that we may so receive their ministrations, and use thy means of grace, that in all our words and deeds we may seek thy glory and the advancement of thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP p, 736)

- ii. A personal message from Archbishop Anne Germond Sep 03, 2020
With Joy let us go up to the house of the Lord. Psalm 122
Online at [It will take several minutes for the file to download when you click on "Download All"]:
<https://boards.wetransfer.com/board/sd3wupu4qgl2nh39320200903001638/latest?token=14d6044b-44c5-4862-a342-b270f6ad4da3>

- b. **Congregational news re Reopening our Buildings**
 - i. Church of the Ascension.

In the coming weeks information will be released about the resumption of in person worship. As of right now I can tell you the following details. In person worship will resume the first weekend of September 5th/6th. Each weekend we will be having one Eucharist Saturday night at 7:30 Pm and Sunday morning at 10 AM.

ii. Church of the Epiphany.

Please note that while many of the documents from the Diocese indicate an opening date of September 6th, Rev. Elizabeth and the Wardens have decided that we will wait and re-open the Epiphany on Sunday September 20th. This will allow time to see what happens as Schools re-open and also give us time to properly clean and sanitize the building prior to opening.

Check this out at: <http://epiphanysudbury.org/news/etw/>

iii. Parish of Copper Cliff and Lively.

(1) St. John the Divine will reopen Sept 6 2020 at 11 AM – sanitizing and set up will be Sept 4 and/or Sept 5

(2) Christ Church Lively will reopen Sept 20 2020 at 9 AM due to electrical problems in the building.

c. Gathering Rite for the Reopening of Church Buildings – Amber Stage
Sep 01, 2020

'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2020/09/01/gathering-rite-for-the-reopening-of-church-buildings-amber-stage/>

d. Attention all Layreaders – and anyone else

LAY READERS' ONLINE CONFERENCE – ARE YOU READY?

Jul 16, 2020 To be held by ZOOM

Register NOW for the 2020 Lay Readers' Conference...don't miss out!

Online application available at:

<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2020/07/16/lay-readers-online-conference-are-you-ready/>

d. General Synod News from the Anglican Church of Canada

Anglican Foundation of Canada launches “Foundation Forward” Podcast

The second episode of the Anglican Foundation of Canada's Foundation Forward podcast is now live with guest Brian Pearson, a writer, musician, and public speaker who was formerly Incumbent of St Stephen's

Anglican Church in Calgary. Online at:

https://www.anglicanfoundation.org/podcast/?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=e95c756860-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_202

0_09_01_06_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-e95c756860-24

- e. Reflections and Calls for Justice [Articles from General Synod]
 - i. New episode of Sacred Teachings podcast now available
 This week's episode features renowned Mohawk lawyer Dr. Beverley Jacobs talking about Haudenosaunee Law. Next week will include Part 2 of this episode.
Online at: <https://www.anglican.ca/im/podcasts/>
 - ii. via The World and Canadian Council of Churches
World Week for Peace highlights creative solidarity, common fragility
 Under the theme "Creative Solidarity in Common Fragility," people of faith all over the world are encouraged to demonstrate the power of prayer during the World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel. This special week of prayer coupled with action is annually held from September 13-21. Online address:
https://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/world-week-for-peace-highlights-creative-solidarity-common-fragility?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=caf6edddb-email_CAMPAIGN_2020_07_16_01_21&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-caf6edddb-243900825
- f. The Environment:
 - i. Season of Creation devotions offered by four heads of communion
 Archbishop Linda Nicholls, primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, and leaders from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, The Episcopal Church, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America have prepared a series of devotions to observe the "Season of Creation" 2020, Sept. 1-Oct. 4.
 - ii. Reminder: Weekly devotions by Anglican and Lutheran leaders available for Season of Creation 2020, Sept. 1-Oct. 4.
 This year's Season of Creation resources include new weekly devotionals by the leaders of the Anglican Church of Canada, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, The Episcopal Church, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Check out both articles Online at:
https://www.anglican.ca/publicwitness/season-of-creation/?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=0243a1b5ab-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_08_13_04_31&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-0243a1b5ab-243900825
 - iii. Rev. Henrik Grape: "Understanding the need for creation to rest"

World Council of Churches senior advisor on Care for Creation, Sustainability, and Climate Justice the Rev. Henrik Grape shares his reflections on the Season of Creation. Online at:
https://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/rev-henrik-grape-understanding-the-need-for-creation-to-rest?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=e95c756860-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_09_01_06_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-e95c756860-243900825

g. Prayers Requested

via Algoma News

1. Prayers requested – Canon Michael Hankinson Sep 02, 2020

Prayers ascending for peace and comfort. The family of the Rev. Canon Michael Hankinson (Honourary Emeritus – Church of the Epiphany) are requesting prayers for him as he has been experiencing a rapid deterioration in his health over the past couple of weeks. We ask God to bring him peace at this time and to provide comfort and strength to his family as they walk this difficult road. We pray, also, for wisdom and compassion for his health care team.

“The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

Condolences to the Hankinson family Sep 04, 2020

The Rev. Canon Michael Hankinson – a peaceful passing for a gentle soul.

<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2020/09/04/condolences-to-the-hankinson-family/>

2. Ordination services upcoming Sep 02, 2020

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I counsel you with my loving eye on you." Psalm 32:8

<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2020/09/02/ordination-services-upcoming/>

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

3. Outreach for Tarime

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

4. New positions available in the Diocese of Algoma Sep 01, 2020

Positions available across the Diocese. Check them out online at and pray:

<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2020/09/01/new-positions-available-in-the-diocese-of-algoma/>

2. Deanery Parishes producing Services online

i. 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>

ii. Church of the Epiphany

(1) <http://epiphanysudbury.org/news> Streamed on Video available anytime after Saturday afternoon.

(2) 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.

iii. Church of the Ascension

Online service and Godly Play Storytime on their FACEBOOK PAGE @ASCENSIONSUDBURY

iv. Parish of Copper Cliff and Lively

<https://www.thelivelyanglican.ca/news>

v. St. Alban's Capreol

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

vi. All Saints Coniston

<https://allsaintsangcon.weebly.com/sunday-service-bulletins.html>

The full service is printed there with a couple of video's embedded.

vii. St. Georges Espanola

<https://www.facebook.com/1657007827882930/videos/1148115742201139/> Check out their Facebook page for live streaming of services.

3. Deanery of Sudbury–Manitoulin Council
Website: <http://www.deanerysudbury-manitoulin.org>
4. Diocese of Algoma
Website: <http://www.dioceseofalgoma.com>
5. Anglican Church of Canada
Website: <http://www.anglican.ca>

The Society of St. John the Divine <https://www.ssje.org>

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We would like to receive items by the Thursday 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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