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PENTECOST 19 Harvest Thanksgiving

1. [News and Events](#)

a. COVID UPDATE:

i. [Archbishop Anne's Thanksgiving Message](#) October 07, 2020

In a special letter to Anglicans in the ecclesiastical province of Ontario, Archbishop Anne Germond, on behalf of the province's bishops and executive officers, offers a message of encouragement and gratitude ahead of the Thanksgiving long weekend.

"While our Thanksgiving celebrations will be very different in our sanctuaries and in our homes this year, as God's faithful people we remain "joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer" (Romans 12.12), lifting our eyes to God whose unending faithfulness, generosity, and graciousness sustains and nurtures us."

The letter notes that with the pandemic surging, this is a time for heightened vigilance adherence to the new protocols that have been put in place. "While we do not expect to close our churches across the entire province again, we must continue to be nimble in our approach, adapting our protocols at the local level based on the current conditions," writes the metropolitan.

See attached letter.

ii. [From the Desk of our Archdeacon](#) Hello and Happy Thanksgiving!

Over the past few days the daily office readings have included the story of St. Paul after his arrest in Jerusalem. This is a beautiful account of how God can use difficult circumstances to proclaim the Good News of Jesus to a wider audience than usual. In the course of the trials and examinations St. Paul had the opportunity to tell soldiers, governors, tribunes, and his own religious leaders about the wonders of God and the hope of the resurrection. Some of those who heard his testimony came to believe while others remained opposed to the message but in all of it the truth of the Gospel was shown to be in control. If you haven't read the story in a while you can find it in the Acts of the Apostles in chapters 23 and 24 and be reminded of how that interruption in St Paul's life was used for God's glory. The unusual and unexpected appearance of the Covid-19 virus has caused a major interruption in all of our lives but there are many accounts of how this pandemic has provided a way for the Good News of Jesus to find a much wider audience than usual. While I am no happier than anyone else about the restrictions I rejoice in the fact that many people are being offered, in new ways, the opportunity to come into a fuller relationship with God through Jesus Christ. My prayer is that as we continue to be hard pressed we will, like St. Paul before us, remain committed to trusting God and telling God's story. As we spend some time this weekend focusing on our reasons to give thanks perhaps we can find ways to give thanks for the ways in which God is using this pandemic to once again show His love and compassion through the people of God. Glen
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a prayer

Most gracious God, by whose knowledge the depths are broken up and the clouds drop down the dew: we yield you hearty thanks and praise for the return of seed time and harvest, for the increase of the ground and the gathering in of its fruits, and for all other blessings of your merciful providence bestowed upon this nation and people. And, we pray, give us a just sense of these great mercies, such as may appear in our lives by a humble, holy, and obedient walking before you all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Ghost be all glory and honour, world without end. Amen. (From the American Book of Common Prayer)

iii. Amber Stage Protocol Revisions – Oct 7, 2020

Please see this note bringing attention to revisions to the Amber Stage Protocols, and word about the implications for the Church of provincial limits on attendance at gatherings. Amber Revisions (2020 10 09). See attached document.

- iv. Over the last six months, I've tested more than 1,000 people for COVID in hospitals, shelters and homeless encampments

via Toronto Life

A Toronto neurologist shares reverent insights from the front lines of the pandemic, including their experiences conducting COVID assessments in homeless encampments—with culturally-sensitive testing arranged in part by the Toronto Urban Native Ministry.

Article online at:

https://torontolife.com/city/life/over-the-last-six-months-ive-tested-more-than-1000-people-for-covid-in-hospitals-shelters-and-homeless-encampments/?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=460a2b322e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_10_02_08_25&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-460a2b322e-243900825

- v. ADOn the Move podcast returns

Season 2 kicks off of the Diocese of Ottawa's podcast "ADOn the Move", with an episode including Bishop Shane Parker and Albert Dumont, Indigenous Advisor to the Bishop, discussing the Algonquin community. Listen online at (near the top are several 'buttons' on which to listen):

https://www.buzzsprout.com/1150388/5707522?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=460a2b322e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_10_02_08_25&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-460a2b322e-243900825

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 has resumed the September 6th. Each weekend we will be having one Eucharist Saturday night at 7:30 Pm and Sunday morning at 10 AM. Online services will continue as well.

- 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 have waited and re-opened Sunday September 20th. Eucharist will start again Oct 11.

Please note that a Service of New Ministry Sunday Oct 4 at 4 PM. Please call Gwen at Epiphany at 705-675-2279 to reserve as a spot as there 20 places left (50 is the maximum number people allowed under Covid-19 restrictions).

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

Online services will continue as well.

iii. Parish of Copper Cliff and Lively.

St. John the Divine reopened Sept 6 2020 at 11 AM. Christ Church Lively's reopening is still to be determined due to electrical problems in the building.

Online services will continue as well.

c. Monthly newsletter from WICC includes theme "Flourishing" – World Day of Prayer via Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC)

Read the latest news from the WICC, including a recap of their first "World Day of Prayer NOW" prayer session in September, along with an invitation to join October's prayer times on October 2 and 16 at 1pm ET. Check out WICC Website at:

https://mailchi.mp/ab66fe09bace/flourishing?e=20841cf14e&utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=04192b1d93-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_10_02_06_06&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-04192b1d93-243900825

d. General Synod News from the Anglican Church of Canada

i. Sacred Teachings podcast:

This week's episode of the Sacred Teachings podcast features author and historian Dr. Jim Daschuk, talking about Canada's attempted genocide of Indigenous peoples. "The Creator's Game", guest host Peter Downie looks at the origin and evolution of lacrosse as well as its spiritual significance. Online at: <https://www.anglican.ca/im/podcasts/>

ii. Anglican Journal October issue now online

As some Canadian churches continue to reopen while others face renewed restrictions, the Anglican Journal's October issue offers a view into a few of the places where the church is becoming something new. We take a look at:

Check it out online at:

https://www.anglicanjournal.com/october-issue-examines-continued-pandemic-adaptations/?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=0335e17a2d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_09_30_06_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-0335e17a2d-243900825

e. Seeking Justice

- i. How Canada's first female Anglican archbishop healed a divided community via Montecristo Magazine
 "I'm hoping that the diocese will understand that this is one bishop that loved them—where they felt loved and appreciated," says Archbishop Melissa Skelton in a feature profile from Montecristo Magazine. Article online at:
https://montecristomagazine.com/magazine/volume-13/canadas-first-female-anglican-archbishop-healed-divided-community?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=14b9b15cad-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_09_24_07_05&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-14b9b15cad-243900825
- ii. October 2: Wrongful Conviction Day via Anglican Deacons Canada
 Originally published in the Fall issue of the Diocese of Ontario's Dialogue, the Rev. Canon Sharon Dunlop writes about an issue that has links to Exodus 20:16. Article online at:
https://www.anglicandeacons.ca/news/wrongful-conviction-day-october-2?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=04192b1d93-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_10_02_06_06&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-04192b1d93-243900825
- iii. Former Premier Kakfwi reflects on monumental sadness of residential schools via NNSL Yellowknifer
 Every September, former NWT premier Stephen Kakfwi feels a profound sense of longing and loneliness, rooted in his residential school experience. "It is not much as a church to ask your congregation, 'You've been living here and raising children here. Do you know what happened in Fort Providence? There are children buried in unmarked graves... children and family names still alive today... [and] some that don't exist anymore.'" News Item online at:
https://nnsi.com/yellowknifer/former-premier-kakfwi-reflects-on-the-residential-school/?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=04192b1d93-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_10_02_06_06&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-04192b1d93-243900825
- iv. 'Like a big jail' via CBC News North
 Yukoners reflected on the painful residential school legacy on Orange Shirt Day—the territory had residential schools in Carcross, Whitehorse, Dawson and Shingle Point, and one school in northern British Columbia for Yukon Indigenous students. The Chooutla School was run by the Anglican church from 1911 to

1969. News Item online at:

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/orange-shirt-day-yukon-1.5743957?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=04192b1d93-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_10_02_06_06&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-04192b1d93-243900825

iii. The Indigenous youth fighting for Wet'suwet'en sovereignty

via The Christian Century

Montreal Dio graduate Lyndon Sayers writes about Indigenous resistance, resurgence, and renewal in Canada: "The call to 'Heal the People, heal the Land' will be realized when all Canadians recognize that the healing of Indigenous bodies and land is necessary for everyone's healing." See attached document.

iv. The discomfort—and faithfulness—of transformation

via Anglican Journal

"As our world opens up again ... will we pay attention to what we have seen and commit to new ways of mutual care and responsibility?" asks Archbishop and Primate Linda Nicholls. Check it out online at:

https://www.anglicanjournal.com/the-discomfort-and-faithfulness-of-transformation/?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=460a2b322e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_10_02_08_25&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-460a2b322e-243900825

v. Decolonization starts with me

Anglican Journal columnist Wayne Holst writes of his efforts to decolonize his mind. See attached document.

vi. Hay River Reserve remembers students of residential school

via NNSL Media

About 30 people gathered for the Orange Shirt Day ceremony in Hay River, N.W.T. last week, at a pavilion topped by a bell from the residential school. St. Peter's Mission School was operated by the Anglican Church on what is now the Hay River Reserve from 1893 to 1937. Article online at:

https://nnsi.com/nwtnewsnorth/hay-river-reserve-remembers-students-of-residential-school/?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=6a0fcd5d41-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_10_06_01_06&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-6a0fcd5d41-243900825

You can also check out an article of St. Peter's Mission School online at:

https://www.anglican.ca/tr/histories/st-peters-hay-river/?utm_s

source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=6a0fcd5d41-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_10_06_01_06&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-6a0fcd5d41-243900825

- vii. COVID exposed Christian ableism—what happens when churches reopen? via Sojourners
 "With reopening, the last should be first," writes theologian Miriam Spies. The Sojourner's article is online at:
https://sojo.net/articles/covid-exposed-christian-ableism-what-happens-when-churches-reopen?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=bd27757823-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_10_06_07_07&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-bd27757823-243900825
- viii. On the suffering of American neighbours
 There are people of great depth, beauty and kindness in the US, but millions struggle against an ingrained cruelty, now laid bare for the world to see. Article online at:
https://www.anglicanjournal.com/on-the-suffering-of-american-neighbours/?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=bd27757823-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_10_06_07_07&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-bd27757823-243900825
- ix. "The forgotten Ones: Untold and unseen consequences of COVID-19" By Jeff Renaud
 An article in the Alumni magazine from University of Western Ontario in London Ontario. There are several articles about COVID-19 and other issues. I have added this web address because it has articles which are relevant to our Justice work.

<http://www.alumni.westernu.ca/alumni-gazette/>

- x. Dignity
 We may not all be able to open our homes in order to house and feed another, but we all can give a person the dignity and respect that is their right as a child of God: to learn someone's name, and to speak to them with interest in learning who they truly are, instead of ignoring or dismissing them as inhuman.
 –Br. Jim Woodrum
 The Society of St. John the Divine <https://www.ssje.org>

f. The Environment:

- i. New resource for the Season of Creation

The Diocese of Montreal's Stewardship of the Environment Committee launches a new film called "The Seed" on October 4. The trailer and questions for theological reflection are available on the diocesan website. Press Release online at:

https://www.montreal.anglican.ca/latest-news/2020/9/23/a-new-resource-for-the-season-of-creation?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=04192b1d93-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_10_02_06_06&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-04192b1d93-243900825

Watch (released Oct 4 2020) at:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=343250426769513>

- ii. Churches' Week of Action on Food creates path to "Grow, Nourish, Sustain Together" via World Council of Churches (WCC)

Churches around the world will be observing Churches' Week of Action on Food from October 11–17. The WCC is providing resources, including online prayer services and a series of podcasts involving farmers and faith communities from different regions of the world. (We will look out for when these resources become available and will be sure to share links in a future update.) Article online at:

https://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/churches-week-of-action-on-food-creates-path-to-grow-nourish-sustain-together?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=bd27757823-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_10_06_07_07&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-bd27757823-243900825

- iii. Harvest prayer of Thanksgiving

The Rev. Canon Chelsy Bowman, Canon Pastor for Rural Ministries (Diocese of Edmonton), created a prayer video for everyone to enjoy this Thanksgiving; to remember our connection to the land and the many parishes that serve rural communities throughout the diocese. Video online at:

https://edmonton.anglican.ca/podcasts/message/2020-10-06-happy-thanksgiving?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=bd27757823-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_10_06_07_07&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-bd27757823-243900825

- g. Thoughts and Reflections

- i. COVID, children and catechesis via The Living Church
Bishop Jenny Andison (Diocese of Toronto) discusses the potential for change within the Church, resulting from the circumstances of

the pandemic, such as the opportunity for parents to reclaim their children's faith formation at home.

See attached document.

- ii. Are you equipped for intercessory prayer? via Crosswalk.com
The Rev. Dr. Kyle Norman (Diocese of Calgary) discusses how we must look beyond our individual needs and consider how we go about praying for others. Article online at:
https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/are-you-equipped-for-intercessory-prayer.html?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=460a2b322e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_10_02_08_25&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-460a2b322e-243900825
- iii. And there is no health in us via Rupert's Land News
Lowell Friesen (Diocese of Rupert's Land) offers a compelling reading of Albert Camus' The Plague, and examines the virtues of Christian character as they reveal themselves in literature.
See attached document.
- iv. 5 addictions the Church must overcome to grow in the future
via Lewis Centre for Church Leadership
Churches must respond to a culture that's become even more digital, mobile and home-centered during the pandemic. Christian pastor Carey Nieuwhof predicts growing churches will focus less on place-based ministry and will adjust budgets and attitudes to fit a new reality. Article on Lewis Centre for Church Leadership online at:
https://www.churchleadership.com/leading-ideas/5-addictions-the-church-must-overcome-to-grow-in-the-future/?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=bd27757823-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_10_06_07_07&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-bd27757823-243900825
- h. Prayers Requested via Algoma News
 - i. Anglican-Lutheran Weekly Prayer Cycle. See attached document.
 - ii. 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.
- g. 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

Check out their online services on facebook at:
<https://www.facebook.com/1657007827882930/videos/1148115742201139/>

2. 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>

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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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