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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.]

Year B ADVENT 2

1. [News and Events](#)

- a. [The Archbishop's motto for 2021](#)
What does the Lord require of you?

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."
Micah 6:8

- b. [Anglican Journal December issue now online](#)

A very different kind of Advent and Christmas season beckons this year, as the world continues to struggle with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In the December issue, we consider the Christmas story and its promise of new life. Articles in this issue cover topics such as:

How this Advent could be a time for considering God's expectations for Christians and the church

What it means to celebrate Christmas during the pandemic

Two recently elected bishops describe their visions for episcopal ministry

Shining light in a time of darkness

How Indigenous Ministries is ramping up its pastoral support program

The Christmas message: how the "new" can arrive where we least expect it.

Link at:

<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=099cacf494&e=23056c3f4c>

- c. An Advent study of the Gospel of Mark facilitated by Valerie Tryon, St. Alban's, Capreol (part of her supervised parish placement for the C.A.L.L. program at Thorneloe University). See attached poster with contact info if you are interested in participating via an online platform.
- d. Advent and Christmas Liturgical Resources – 2020
Resources for use in the church, home, or online for 2020.
Link at:
<https://gmail.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=79c76a26fba103d687b53b6b6&id=87f1d5f8e6&e=527bcc543c>
- e. From the desk of Archbishop Anne
 - i. An Advent Message
What brings hope in hard times? Link at:
<https://gmail.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=79c76a26fba103d687b53b6b6&id=941ccc8135&e=527bcc543c>
 - ii. Archbishop announces new appointment
Welcome to the Rev. Bruce McLeish! Archbishop Anne is pleased to announce that she has appointed the Rev. Bruce McLeish as Honourary Assistant with Emmaus Anglican Church in Sault Ste. Marie. Rev. Bruce renewed his ordination vows and was installed on Sunday, November 29th (Advent 1). A wonderful new beginning in this time of hope.
We welcome Rev. Bruce to this new ministry and uphold him, his wife Judith, and Emmaus in prayer.
 - iii. Bishop of Myra granted permission in Algoma, Moosonee, and Ontario
May God grant St. Nicholas heavenly protection in his travels!
License can be viewed at:
<https://gmail.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=79c76a26fba103d687b53b6b6&id=cc6cdcabcd&e=527bcc543c>
- f. Lessons & Carols: From Coast to Coast to Coast
General Synod has worked with Anglican cathedrals across the country to offer a special, national service of Lessons and Carols. Files for optional inclusion in diocesan and parish services will be available for download beginning Thursday, December 10, with an online national broadcast to be held on Friday, December 18. Link at:
<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=a7d258d701&e=23056c3f4c>

g. Seeking Justice

i. Churches Beyond Borders—Advent Call to Address Racism and White Supremacy

Earlier this week, Archbishop and Primate Linda Nicholls joined leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in an Advent call to dismantle racism and to combat white supremacy. Link at:

<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=2a6b5d1203&e=23056c3f4c>

ii. 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence (Nov. 25–Dec. 10)

via Anglican Communion

The Anglican Communion and its provinces have been an active participant in the 16-Days campaign for a number of years. This year, to mark the 16 days, the Communion office is planning a social media campaign and has organized a series of webinars.

Link at:

<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=ed6d80fd27&e=23056c3f4c>

iii. Diocese leads the way in 16 Days of Activism

via Diocese of Edmonton

(1) The global call to 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence runs from November 25 to December 10, 2020.

The Ven. Jordan Ware has worked with Bishop Jane and leaders from local Muslim and Jewish communities to create a series of videos addressing the ways that faith traditions can speak to this problem. Link at:

<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=e5fa2aa924&e=23056c3f4c>

(2) Day 2 of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence

The Diocese of Edmonton continues its short video series promoting the global campaign to end gender-based violence. In this video, Rabbi Gila Caine of Temple Beth Ora in Edmonton speaks with Stacey Leavitt Wright, incoming CEO of the Jewish Federation of Edmonton, addressing aspects of Judaism that speak to violence against women, and the need for safe-haven. If you missed it, catch up on Bishop Jane Alexander's intro video from Day 1. Watch at: <https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=c5d934a5e7&e=23056c3f4c>

- iii. Artifacts of the future via Anglican Journal
 "After you live in the Four Corners for a while, you learn where to find the best places to discover ancient artifacts," writes Archbishop Mark MacDonald. "In the same way, as we follow Jesus in discipleship, we begin to learn where to find the artifacts of the World to Come." Link at:
<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=9b254d072e&e=23056c3f4c>
 - iv. Good News: Epiphany Year B Resource for Justice Seekers
via KAIROS Canada
 An Epiphany worship resource from KAIROS brings together the creation narrative and the stories of Jesus to help us seek out the goodness in our world today. Use the resource for worship in-person or online. Link at:
<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=bc613faa12&e=23056c3f4c>
 - h. COVID UPDATE:
 - i. Bishops elected, consecrated, while archbishop remains at home in N.B.
 The bursting of the Atlantic bubble due to COVID-19 has kept Archbishop David Edwards home, where he would have otherwise been travelling recently to oversee an episcopal election in one diocese, and to lead the consecration of a new bishop in another. Link at:
<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=cf10f452b3&e=23056c3f4c>
 - ii. 'This is serious and real': Sask. bishop spends 12 days in hospital with COVID-19 via the Saskatoon Star-Phoenix
 Bishop Michael Hawkins (Diocese of Saskatchewan) started to feel unwell on Nov. 13 and called 811 several times to try to schedule a test. A week later, his symptoms were so bad he went to the hospital, was tested for COVID-19 and admitted. He later learned he had the virus. Link for story at:
<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=59d2fd44ab&e=23056c3f4c>
 - iii. Faith communities praise Alberta's place-of-worship restrictions
via CTV News
 As a result of several COVID-related deaths in Calgary being tied to worship services, St. Laurence Anglican Church (Diocese of Calgary) has made the decision to stay closed. "The centre of our faith is to love our neighbours, and right now 'loving your

neighbour' means staying home and keeping them safe," says Bishop-elect Anna Greenwood-Lee. Link for story at:
<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=cd2994be15&e=23056c3f4c>

- iv. B.C. church fined \$2.3K for violating COVID-19 ban on worship services via CBC British Columbia
 An evangelical Protestant church in Langley B.C. has been fined for contravening a recent provincial health order that prohibits in-person, faith-related gatherings. The church leaders argue that restricting gatherings violated the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Link for story at:
<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=241efb7e5b&e=23056c3f4c>
- v. Eucharistic Practice and Sacramental Theology in Pandemic Times
 Over the past months, the Faith, Worship, and Ministry committee of General Synod compiled a number of theological reflections, from the Anglican community and several ecumenical partners, on the subject of eucharistic practice and sacramental theology. The compilation is now available to share and to further discussions about the online delivery of worship, pastoral care and discipleship formation becoming a new 'norm.' Link at:
<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=8fa85081c8&e=23056c3f4c>
- h. Thoughts and Reflections
 - i. "Converting Discipleship: Dissidence and Metanoia" paper newly announced during webinar via World Council of Churches
 A recent webinar unveiled and unpacked many aspects of a study paper produced by the World Council of Churches. The webinar, which included remarks from Archbishop Mark MacDonald, shed important light on the relationship between discipleship and colonization; the work of reconciliation must include decolonizing mission. Link at:
<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=7cd16d3637&e=23056c3f4c>
 - ii. Our Land of Hope and Light: Gospel Jamboree
 This past weekend, Indigenous Ministries hosted their fifth national Gospel Jamboree. Catch the compilation of uplifting prayer and songs, and share with those in your communities who would benefit from this sampling of faith-filled hope and light. Link for Story at:

<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=71406c276d&e=23056c3f4c>

- iii. Readings for Gospel-based discipleship
As a reminder, monthly readings for Gospel-based discipleship are always available on the anglican.ca website. Link at:
<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=444e8f51de&e=23056c3f4c>
- iv. Advent and Christmas will look different this year
via the Living Church
Many in The Episcopal Church (U.S.) are opting for a virtual rendition of the standards. Link at:
<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=7437b2357a&e=23056c3f4c>
- v. New season of Sacred Teachings podcast shares stories of hope and light
The first episode of the podcast's new season features Lori Calkins, an Anglican priest and a traditional birth supporter in Alberta. Link at:
<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=91d92170d3&e=23056c3f4c>
- vi. Rupert's Land News explores theme of "Rest" for December
As we begin to celebrate a more solitary Advent season, Rupert's Land News is "making a case for rest". The December issue of the magazine includes articles such as "A Sabbath rest still remains" by Mary Holmen, "The Riches of Rest" by David Labdon, and more. Link at:
<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=d8c4742850&e=23056c3f4c>
- v. Joy
Turn away from those things that are consuming your time and attention and look for what is teeming with the light of joy in your life. Jesus has taught that we will see God most in the face and countenance of those we encounter from day to day.
–Br. Jim Woodrum

Honesty

God sees through our facades. God invites radical honesty.

–Br. Luke Ditewig

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

- i. Prayers Requested via Algoma News
 - i. Anglican-Lutheran Weekly Prayer Cycle. See attached document.
- j. 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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