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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.]

ADVENT 4 INTO CHRISTMAS SEASON

1. News and Events

[Editor's Note: On behalf of the Sudbury–Manitoulin Deanery Council, It has been a pleasure to have brought you The Deanery Digest over the last Church Year. Going into Year B 2020–21, this edition is focused on the Advent and Christmas message. Justice issues still exist and we will continue to place an emphasis on this issue and others over the next Church Year. There will be no edition Dec. 27 but will return Jan. 2/21. We pray to God that 2021 will be healthier and safer than 2020. God bless your Christmas celebrations and may they be full of His Peace, Joy, Grace and Love.]

a. Advent stories and Reflections

- i. Primate calls on Anglicans to ring bells at Christmas
"[On Christmas Day,] let's share with the world that despite all the restrictions and losses we are facing, Christ is born and hope is renewed." Read more at:
<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=4da99e4a05&e=23056c3f4c>

via Anglican Church of Canada News

ii. Lessons & Carols: From Coast to Coast to Coast

This was last night and is still available for us all in which we can participate – yesterday 8 PM Eastern time.

Anglicans and friends from around the world will be tuning into the broadcast online, and we'd love for you to do the same. Links at:

<https://mailchi.mp/national/lessons-and-carols-from-coast-to-coast-to-coast?e=23056c3f4c>

- iii. Advent Talk series "Shopping for a Messiah" videos now available on-demand
This Advent series, led by former bishop Bill Hockin (Diocese of Fredericton), will premiere its final episode "Add a little Luke to a Christmas Cart" on Monday, December 21, with previous episodes already available for on-demand viewing. Watch at:
<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=e5d78931a8&e=23056c3f4c>
- iv. Building Hope Together – report highlights Anglican Communion responses to Covid-19
A report by the Anglican Alliance provides an overview of how Anglican churches around the world have remained “a committed, loving and active presence in their communities” during the COVID-19 pandemic. Read more at:
<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=2e4aed50b2&e=23056c3f4c>
- v. New episode of Sacred Teachings: Your heart to mine
In this week's episode in the "Stories of Hope & Light" season, Josephine Malemute and Mike Mickelson of Alaska, U.S., talk about Dancing with the Spirit. The episode also includes some beautiful music to enjoy. Link at:
<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=e15fe2a964&e=23056c3f4c>
- vi. Latest Gospel Jam "Our Land of Hope and Light" available for viewing
Just a reminder—for anyone who missed the initial broadcast of the most recent Gospel Jamboree, which aired online and on the radio on November 28, the full video (and previous national Gospel Jamborees) can be viewed anytime on YouTube. Watch at:
<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=64d14f6d8c&e=23056c3f4c>
- vii. Blue Christmas service offers comfort during a season of potential grief for some
The Christmas season can be a very difficult time for many. St John the Divine – Onoway (Diocese of Edmonton) has recorded an online "Blue Christmas" service, inviting those confronted with worry, sadness, grief and/or loneliness to rest with the Lord in the assurance of His love and comfort. Watch at:
<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=2c1daf93b2&e=23056c3f4c>

- viii. The cave that became an inn via the New Westminster Topic
The Rev. Canon Herbert O'Driscoll considers a specific event in the Gospel of Luke. Read more at:
<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=82fa8494d4&e=23056c3f4c>
- ix. A joint Christmas message from the Primate and National Bishop
"May your hearts and homes be filled with peace and joy, in this Christmastide and always." Watch the joint Christmas video message from Archbishop Linda Nicholls, our Primate, and the National Bishop Susan Johnson, from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Read more at:
<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=14c0d27b86&e=23056c3f4c>
- x. A different Christmas still offers a chance for growth via Broadview
We won't miss the gifts. Instead, we yearn for each other.
Read more at:
<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=ff41560de3&e=23056c3f4c>
- xi. WAITING
Waiting
By our holy waiting we will learn to rely on God, who alone has the power to change our minds. For if it is God to whom we surrender the final word about ourselves, we will come to know that this thing that feels like death is actually the way into Life itself.
—Br. Sean Glenn
Society of Saint John the Evangelist
- "You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." —Luke 12:40
- Gestation
Everything in creation requires a time of gestation: canyons took millions of years to be formed by rivers of water; the oldest known Sequoia tree is said to have taken 3,266 years to grow; it takes nine months of being swaddled in the womb before babies are ready to be held in a mother's loving arms. I would say that it is a part of God's order to wait.
—Br. Jim Woodrum
Society of Saint John the Evangelist

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.”

—James 1:17–18

Gratitude

God waits too. God waits patiently as we wander, rebel, go our own way, and get lost. As a loving parent, God waits patiently “for the eyes of our heart to be enlightened.” God is there, scanning the horizon for the first glimpse of us, and runs wildly to welcome us home.

—Br. David Vryhof

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b. Seeking Justice

i. 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

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c. COVID UPDATE

d. Prayers Requested via Algoma and Anglican Church of Canada News Anglican–Lutheran Weekly Prayer Cycle. See attached document.

e. 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 valuable 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>

3. Diocese of Algoma

Website: <http://www.dioceseofalgoma.com>

4. Anglican Church of Canada

Website: <http://www.anglican.ca>

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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 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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