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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. Most information is from the Anglican Church of Canada's News from General Synod and Algoma News web pages.]

PENTECOST 12 – St. Mary the Virgin

1. [News and Events](#)

a. News events:

- i. **SAVE THE DATES – Annual Lay Readers' Conference – 2021**
You don't want to miss this! We have 20 registrants as of this date. For more information and registration, see attached document or <https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/ministry-resources/lay-readers/>

- ii. Who is Mary for us today?

In the Calendar of the Church Year, August 15 is a Holy Day of observance for Saint Mary. In a video compiling a series of discussions, the Rev. Matthew Kieswetter of St. Andrew's Memorial, Kitchener (Diocese of Huron), sits down one-on-one with Anglicans (including our Primate) and Roman Catholics, looking at Mary's importance and the different Christian perspectives and approaches toward her. **Note: The video premieres at 3pm today and will be available for on-demand viewing anytime afterward.** Link to video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K_IBA0kc8jw

b. Covid Updates

- i. Stage 3 continues

- ii. Current service times in the Deanery

(1) THE EPIPHANY REMAINS CLOSED FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP:
However there are plans for reopening:

Because we are all still experiencing a time of uncertainty concerning COVID-19, and with the summer months soon upon us, it is hoped that Church of the Epiphany will reopen its doors for worship on Sunday, August 22nd.

In the meantime, every member of the Church of the Epiphany is urged to please receive the two required vaccination shots so to help ensure the health and safety of all. Thank You.

Pre-Recorded worship services will be posted here on our website ..., our YouTube Channel and our Facebook Page each week. While the services are posted each Saturday afternoon or evening, they will not premiere until 8:00 each Sunday morning, and can be viewed anytime you choose after the premiere has ended.

When we do re-open for in-person worship it is our hope and plan to stream the service live each each Sunday morning on our Facebook Page and/or YouTube channel. Following the service it will be posted to our website etc.

(2) St. Alban's, Capreol

St. Alban's hasn't resumed in-person worship and Coulson Crt. Service is also suspended at the present time.

(3) Parish of Copper Cliff and Lively

Resumed in person worship Aug 1. Online services continue to be produced.

iii. Spiritual direction has left the building

via the faith + leader (a Luther Seminary blog)

ELCA[merica] spiritual director and pastor Ruth

Sorenson-Prokosch writes, "As the church we have been dislocated and bewildered. Our routines and assumptions have been upended as we constantly ask, 'What does this mean? What does church look like as a hybrid community? What does church look like when we are living in-between grief and hope?'" Link to article at:

<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/spiritual-direction-has-left-the-building/>

c. Justice

i. Residential School Horror and Genocide

(1) Residential institutions in the media

Again, scroll down to the second item to find links to more stories at:

<https://mailchi.mp/national/anglican-church-of-canada-update-for-august-10-1073800?e=23056c3f4c>

<https://mailchi.mp/national/anglican-church-of-canada-update-for-august-13-2021?e=23056c3f4c> [4th item in this update.]

- (2) Truth before reconciliation: Eight ways to confront residential-school denialism via TVO
Residential-institution denialism is not the outright denial of the Indian Residential School system's existence, but rather the rejection or misrepresentation of basic facts about residential schooling to undermine truth and reconciliation efforts. Two Indigenous studies professors break down strategies of denialists and how to counter them. Link at:
<https://www.tv.org/article/truth-before-reconciliation-eight-ways-to-confront-residential-school-denialism>

(3) Creation

- (a) A Season of Creation like no other this year



"It will be necessary to celebrate the Season of Creation this year through the lens of catastrophe," retired dean Ken Gray writes. Links:

<https://takenote33173231.wordpress.com/2021/07/25/a-season-of-creation-like-no-other-this-year/>

<https://www.anglican.ca/publicwitness/season-of-creation/>

- (b) Open Enrolment Courses on Creation (English) and the New Testament (French) at Montreal Dio
via Valerie Tryon, St. Alban's, Capreol
Information and links to Montreal Dio are found in the attached document.

- (c) August 2021 newsletter from ACEN
via Anglican Communion Environmental Network (ACEN)
Read the latest environmental news from around the Anglican Communion, including information for the ecumenical Season of Creation, how to get involved in the UN Climate Summit (Conference of the Parties, COP26), theological reflections about creation and more. Link to resources and information at:
<https://mailchi.mp/ea74624d6492/acen-digest-4784910>
- ii. Letting the light in: Stories of Indigenous spirituality
Bishop Todd Townshend (Diocese of Huron) writes of his path of learning with regards to "ancient but new-to-me stories, the large meaning-making stories of Indigenous spirituality", as well as his thoughts around fostering "a more just church". Link to article at:
<https://diohuron.org/news/letting-the-light-in-stories-of-indigenous-spirituality>
- iii. Justice Murray Sinclair on the Royal Proclamation of 1763
via Chippewas of Rama First Nation (by way of Reconciliation Thunder)
Not a new video, but worth sharing—The Royal Proclamation of 1763 was used as a basis for the Treaty of Niagara with over 2000 Indigenous representatives from all over North America. Murray Sinclair discusses how the proclamation and the treaty that followed can serve as a model of the type of relationship we can return to. Watch on YouTube at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSQsyZDGoX0>
- iv. Children and Youth
 - (1) August 20–22 (online): REGISTER BY AUG 15 (online and locally, where available): EnRoute 2021, the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth gathering, with keynote speaker Sarah Bessey — also available on demand, for those who cannot attend during the live event. Link to registration at:
<https://claygathering.ca/enroute/>
Anglican, Lutheran national youth gathering keynote announced
Information at: <https://claygathering.ca/enroute/keynote/>
 - (2) Young Anglicans invited to expose scandal of gender-based violence
via Anglican Communion Office (ACO)
Young Anglicans from around the world are being invited to take part in this year's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence through a social media video

campaign. Video submission details are available on the ACO website; the deadline video submissions is October 31. <https://anglicancommunion.org/mission/gender-justice/exposure-focusing-the-lens-on-gender-based-violence.aspx>

(3) Looking for children's ministry content?

Cheeky Pandas, who partnered with Thy Kingdom Come this year, provide free online resources to help children and families grow in their faith. Link to these resources at: <https://cheekypandas.com/>

v. Frog Lake road trip: A journey toward reconciliation

Nearly 100 representatives of the Diocese of Edmonton made the trek to Frog Lake First Nation last weekend to attend the annual powwow, after an invitation from Fred Matthews (Church of the Nativity in Frog Lake). Matthews had arranged for a special meeting at the Frog Lake Historic Site, where Herb Stanley, Elder and Cultural Liaison for Frog Lake First Nation, took time to speak to the group. Link to story at: <https://edmonton.anglican.ca/news/frog-lake-road-trip>

vi. Windsor-Essex opioid awareness campaign aims to bring community together, end stigma via CBC Windsor

You Are Not Alone! aims to raise awareness for the opioid crisis and offer a space to gather and remember loved ones who have died because of it. Each Saturday this month, community members will gather at All Saints Anglican Church (Diocese of Huron) to place a cross for those who have died. Link to story at: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/windsor-opioid-campaign-overdoses-1.6133109>

Please know that this opioid crisis is in Sudbury District. If you have a wish to help in some way, Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Green, Rector at The Church of the Epiphany is a great person to contact. Her email address is:

greenepiphanypriest@gmail.com

d. Resources

- i. Every other Wednesday, Sept. 22-Dec. 1, 5pm ET (online): Canadian Indigenous Realities and the Canadian Church with the Rev. Dr. Ray Aldred, a six-session Masterclass designed for church leaders, organized by Food for the Hungry. Link information and registration at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/canadian-indigenous-realities-and-the-canadian-church-with-ray-aldred-tickets-165148287975>

- ii. Season of Creation webinars via the Church of England
September brings the ecumenical Season of Creation (Sept. 1 to Oct. 4). The Church of England hosts a webinar series for the season, thinking about the environment in relation to worship, theology and mission. Link at:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/season-creation>
 - iii. Thorneloe University Fall Courses
Course offerings at Thorneloe for the Fall of 2021. Link to information at:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/08/13/thorneloe-university-fall-courses/>
- e. Requests for prayer
Anglican-Lutheran Prayers for the next week.
- f. Reflections
 - i. Sacred Teachings season finale released
In the final episode of this season's podcast, we hear from close friends, including Archbishop Mark MacDonald, about: what made Ginny Doctor so special; what drove her to achieve so much; and, what she wanted to leave behind. Link to all episodes and the first six seasons at: <https://www.anglican.ca/im/podcasts/>
 - ii. The Society of St. John the Evangelist
 - (1) Love
Why would we chose to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us? Because that is the way of God. God never stops loving, never stops blessing. Only God's love abiding in us can love in this way, only God's strength at work in our weakness can make us God-like in our words and actions.
-Br. David Vryhof
 - Treasure
Here is a challenge for today. Think of someone you know that you find difficult to love. Try to peel away the labels you have affixed to this person and take a fresh look at them. Study their supposed "defects" and try to understand why they trouble you. Look for the hidden treasures in this person that your dislike of them might have prevented you from seeing. Appreciate the mystery that they are, and entrust them to God.
-Br. David Vryhof

2. Parishes who are creating online services
See attached document
3. List of Parishes
See attached document
4. Deanery of Sudbury–Manitoulin Council
Website: <http://www.deanerysudbury-manitoulin.org>
5. Diocese of Algoma
Website: <http://www.dioceseofalgoma.com>
6. Anglican Church of Canada
Website: <http://www.anglican.ca>
7. Anglican Journal
Website: www.anglicanjournal.com

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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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