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PENTECOST 13

1. [News and Events](#)

a. News events:

- i. An August reflection from Archbishop Anne - Gratitude
An attitude of thankfulness! [See attached document](#)
- ii. Register Now for: Annual Lay Readers' Conference Sept 24-25 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/>
- iii. Bishophurst garden site of monthly Eucharist - UPDATE
Link to poster at:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/08/16/an-august-reflection-from-archbishop-anne-gratitude/>
- iv. PWRDF accepting donations for Haiti earthquake relief
via the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)
PWRDF is accepting donations to respond to the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that rocked the Caribbean nation of Haiti on Saturday morning. Early counts report more than 200 people have died.
Link to request at:
<https://pwrdf.org/pwrdf-accepting-donations-for-haiti-earthquake-relief/>

See also via Episcopal News Service "Earthquake-battered Haitian Episcopalians assess damage as ministry partners prepare to help"...

Link to story at:

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/08/16/earthquake-battered-haitian-episcopalians-assess-damage-as-ministry-partners-prepare-to-help/>

v. Archbishop of Canterbury speaks about the ongoing situation in Afghanistan

via Anglican Communion News Service

Speaking in the House of Lords, the upper house of the UK parliament, Archbishop Justin Welby said, "We owe an absolute, lavishly generous moral covenant to all those who are at risk because they served with us in Afghanistan or took seriously our frequently professed commitment to its future, women and girls included.... This is about morals not numbers. Will the Government confirm that their policy will reflect moral obligation and not be controlled by numbers?" Link to Message at:

<https://www.anglicannews.org/news/2021/08/the-archbishop-of-canterbury,-justin-welby,-speaks-about-the-ongoing-situation-in-afghanistan.aspx>

See also via ChurchLeaders.com, "Christians in Afghanistan Feel 'Thrown to the Wolves' as Taliban Regains Control"... Link to article at:

<https://churchleaders.com/news/403504-christians-in-afghanistan-peril-taliban.html>

b. Covid Updates

i. Stage 3 continues

c. Justice

i. Residential School Horror and Genocide

(1) Residential institutions in the media

(a) County to recognize Sept. 30 as statutory holiday

via the Grove Examiner (Spruce Grove, Alta.)

Link to story at:

<https://www.sprucegroveexaminer.com/news/local-news/county-to-recognize-sept-30-as-statutory-holiday>

(b) Police looking to identify suspects involved in recent string of church arson and vandalism incidents

via MyPrinceGeorgeNow.com

Link to story at:

<https://www.myprincegeorgenow.com/146349/police>

[-looking-to-identify-suspects-involved-in-recent-string-of-church-arson-and-vandalism-incidents/](#)

- ii. Sept. 27–Oct. 1 (nationally): Truth and Reconciliation Week, with programming through the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation. Link to article and events at:
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/truth-and-reconciliation-week-tickets-153491752965>
- iii. Letter campaign to MPs regarding human rights violations in the Philippines KAIROS sponsored initiative
 The Diocese of New Westminster is the Companion diocese of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines (EDNP). All Anglicans are urged to participate in this online letter campaign to urge the Canadian government to use their influence on the global stage to hold the government of the Philippines to account for human rights violations. Link to story and 'letter' at:
<https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/news/letters-to-mps-regarding-human-rights-violations-philippines>
- iv. Creation/Climate Change
 - (a) Eco-grief: Counsellor provides tips on how to cope with climate change anxiety via CBC Nova Scotia
 While climate change is manifesting in more extreme weather events, it's also giving rise to a burgeoning field of clinical research: eco-grief and ecological anxiety. Registered counselling therapist Nancy Blair hosts support groups for people navigating eco-grief, through the Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island. "Ecological anxiety is a 'fear of the future,' but knowing it's normal can help, Nancy Blair says"
Link to story at:
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/climate-change-anxiety-1.6139168>
 - (b) Season of Creation Celebration Guide available as Christians prepare to unite around new theme via SeasonOfCreation.org
 The 52–page guide is full of meaningful ways Christians and communities can participate in the annual ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for creation, from September 1–October 4. Access to Celebration Guide at:

<https://seasonofcreation.org/2021/05/10/season-of-creation-2021-celebration-guide-en-news/>

- v. Lonely no more: Questioning Christians find belonging on TikTok
via Religion News Service
The TikTokers — known as creators — within this community come from different religious backgrounds and have different beliefs. But together, they are dissecting and rethinking the Christian theology they grew up with — a process many progressive Christians and former evangelicals call “deconstruction.” Link to story at:
<https://religionnews.com/2021/07/27/i-never-had-an-inkling-about-this-how-tiktok-is-fostering-community-among-questioning-christians/>
- vi. Prisoners' Justice Day
Rob Betty, a member of the Social Justice Committee in the Diocese of Edmonton, has recorded a series of reflections on integrating compassion for the incarcerated into our Christian journey. The first reflection is in observance of Prisoners' Justice Day, which took place on August 10. Link to video series at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZzrk67rhGU>
- vii. Children and Youth
 - (1) Kids Pray Too! World Day of Prayer Service
via the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC)
In a World Day of Prayer service led by, for and with young people and those who love them across Canada, the WICC offers this resource including songs, prayers, cooking in the kitchen and questions for children to ponder. Link to article and YouTube video service at:
<https://wicc.org/kids-pray-too-world-day-of-prayer-service/>
- d. Requests for prayer
 - i. Anglican-Lutheran Prayers for the next week
 - ii. Aug 20-21, 2021 Youth CLAY [Conference of Lay and Anglican Youth]: Please pray for the youth attending this annual Conference (via ZOOM this year).
 - iii. Wednesday, August 25, 7pm ET (online): Hymn Sing with the Primate, part of Ride for Refuge, to raise funds for safer births in Mozambique through Solar Suitcases. Link to information at:

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=957678#&panel1-1>

For more about Solar Suitcases, see PWRDF website...

<https://pwrdf.org/solarsuitcases2021/>

- iv. The people and the Taliban of Afganistan as the Taliban take over the country again as NATO troops withdraw. See item “a.v.” above
- e. 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/>
 - iv. Discerning God in Community via The Society of St. John the Divine
This Season 13 is a series of discussions on the subject of ‘Discerning God in Community’ on the web site of Leadership Transformations Inc.: The Discerning Leader Podcast – a series of 13 seasons. Link to this series is at: which can be heard at:
<https://www.leadershiptransformations.org/podcast>
- 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. Flipping the script of church owned property
via the Lewis Centre for Church Leadership (Wesley Theological Seminary)
How can local churches reimagine property stewardship so that a building can fund a church, rather than a church needing to fund a building? Writers Tom Sine and Dwight Friesen offer examples of churches that have discovered innovative ways to leverage their property to fund their church and ministry. Link to stories at:
<https://www.churchleadership.com/leading-ideas/flipping-the-script-of-church-owned-property/>
- iii. Connecting with the people God has placed in your pathway
via the Lewis Centre for Church Leadership (Wesley Theological Seminary)
Lewis Centre staffer Ann Michel says churches can improve outreach efforts by focusing on people nearby. Those attending activities in the building, family and friends of members, and immediate neighbours already know something about your church. And you know important things about them as well. Link to ideas at:
<https://www.churchleadership.com/leading-ideas/connecting-with-the-people-god-has-placed-in-your-pathway/>
- iv. The Society of St. John the Evangelist – Doors to God Ark
If Mary's vocation was to be the Ark of God, then so too is ours. For when Mary assented to God's choice that she bear, carry, and give birth to the One who is the Bread of Life, God's very self was implanted in her womb, and she became the Ark of God. When we say 'yes' to God, then Jesus is planted in our hearts and we too become Arks of God.
–Br. James Koester

Guides

The natural world was and is the first holy scripture, God's first Word from eternal silence. Perhaps because of this intimacy with the ongoing creation process, the simple creatures of the earth perfectly express the peace and joy of simply being. They model for us simply being as we are, and not trying so hard to be something else, something less than or more than we are. Our creaturely brothers and sisters thus become guides and gateways to God's Kingdom.
–Br. Nicholas Bartoli

New Life

Jesus was aware of the pain and suffering he would have to undertake in the process of restoring the Kingdom of God on earth. Jesus was the doorway into this process. When he says: "this

is but the beginning of the birthpangs,” he is telling his disciples, and perhaps himself, not to get caught up with fear about the things that scare us, but rather to focus on the accomplishment of the process: new life!
–Br. Jim Woodrum

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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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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