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PENTECOST 24 (Proper 33)

God of grace and compassion, whose providence is unerring wisdom and whose wisdom is unbounded love, grant that, like your servant Charles Simeon, we may walk with Christ in all simplicity and in all things know your mercies; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

—Collect for the Commemoration of Charles Simon (For All the Saints, Revised)

1. News and Events

a. News events:

i. Reflections

- (1) A message from Archdeacon Glen Miller
Hello,

During the past week while I've been preparing a sermon for Sunday [Nov 7] I have been drawn to a focus on kindness. This 'fruit of the Spirit' grows out of the heart of God in the people he has called by name and included in his family. Kindness is much more powerful than many of us realize in changing hearts and allowing God's life to appear in our society. Kindness is mentioned in the description of love which St. Paul offered to the Corinthians and in his letter to the Ephesians and is part of God's call on our lives. I have been the recipient of acts of kindness and have been privileged to offer some and these events have always had a transformative nature. I remember the kindness of some customers when I worked at a retail store and I remember the kindness of colleagues as I struggled with some difficulty. As I thought about kindness in the midst of the pandemic restrictions I realize that it is one of the fruits of

the Spirit which can be bestowed even while we are separated. So, during the next week, perhaps it would be a good exercise to choose kindness in new situations and with different people. May God's Spirit grow this fruit in us as we engage with one another. Glen +

Lord God please guide us all into some random acts of kindness and lead us to offer this fruit of the Spirit to someone new this week. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

(2) Why Jesus was a rebel and a radical

via TVO's The Agenda with Steve Paikin

The Rev. Michael Coren (Diocese of Niagara) discusses his spiritual journey and his recent book, *The Rebel Christ*. Watch interview at [copy/paste to browser instead of click on the site below]:

<https://www.tvo.org/video/why-jesus-was-a-rebel-and-a-radical>

(3) Is the United Church going to disappear?

via Broadview magazine

In Broadview's December 2021 issue, The United Church of Canada's Rev. Christopher White answers a reader's question, "I think it is only a matter of time before some type of intense collaboration with the Anglican and Presbyterian churches will begin." Article at:

<https://broadview.org/united-church-disappearing/>

(4) Is it wrong to question my pastor?

via Crosswalk.com

Have you ever questioned your pastor's decisions or sermons? What was the response? Do individual members of a congregation have the right to question a pastor's motives, decisions, or theology? The Rev. Dr. Kyle Norman (Diocese of Calgary) writes about why answering this question affirmatively is important. Article at:

<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/spiritual-life/is-it-wrong-to-question-my-pastor.html>

(5) Choosing to stay

November's second feature from Rupert's Land News is a reflection from Lynda Wolf of St. Peter's. Lynda writes about her first encounters with beauty growing up on the Saskatchewan prairies and how it's shaped her understanding of God over the course of her life. Story at:

<https://rupertslandnews.ca/choosing-to-stay/>

- (6) The Society of St. John the Evangelist
- (a) Truth
If we can't find evidence of God's Truth in the doctrine and practice of our neighbors, then we need to practice opening our hearts a little wider, praying that by the glow of Christ's Light we can recognize God's most essential Truth wherever it may be found.
–Br. Nicholas Bartoli
- (b) Worth
This is what it means to claim our identity as followers of Jesus: to share with each other the diversity of God's infinite goodness and be assured that there is nothing we can do to make ourselves more worthy of God's love.
–Br. Jim Woodrum
- ii. All Saints, Coniston
Bag Lunch and Bake Sale November 27, 2021 11 AM to 1 PM.
Covid-19 protocols will be followed. Poster attached.
- iii. COVID Updates
- (1) Amber Stage Fundraising Protocols released – Covid 19
Fundraising protocols – November 2021 now available.
Article at [click on 'Amber-Fundraising (2021-08)']:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/about-the-diocese-of-a-gloma/covid-19-pandemic-response/>
- (2) WCC executive committee “reimagining the future” with a sense of hope via World Council of Churches
As the World Council of Churches (WCC) executive committee convened today, the governing body began its deliberations with a sense of reimagining the future by tracing some positive trends and opportunities born out of the grief-filled COVID-19 pandemic. Article at:
<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/wcc-executive-committee-reimagining-the-future-with-a-sense-of-hope>
- iv. DON'T MISS / PLEASE SHARE November 18–20, 8pm ET (online): Stronger Together, a full communion session-based event for youth and young adult leaders across the country to build community, worship and learn about issues facing youth ministry — free registration at:
<http://www.ichm.ca/wholistic-care-webinar/>

- v. Highlights from the Council of General Synod: November 5–7
The Council of General Synod gathers this weekend in an online and in-person format. Highlights from the first day of the gathering are now available. Highlights at:
<https://www.anglican.ca/news/highlights-from-the-council-of-general-synod-november-5-2021/30035870/>
<https://www.anglican.ca/news/highlights-from-the-council-of-general-synod-november-7-2021/30035991/>

- vi. Remembrance Day Events
 - (1) Highway of Heroes plants 175 trees in remembrance
via the Kingston Whig-Standard
Earlier this week [Nov 5], a grove of 175 maple trees was dedicated to the memory of Canada's fallen military heroes. The event also served as an acknowledgment of the 175th anniversary of Highway of Heroes partner St. George's Anglican Church (Diocese of Ontario). Link to article at:
<https://www.thewhig.com/news/local-news/highway-of-heroes-plants-175-trees-in-remembrance>
See also via Quinte News, "Highway of Heroes Tree Campaign honours Canadian Armed Forces" ...
<https://www.quintenews.com/2021/11/04/highway-of-heroes-tree-campaign-complete/>

 - (2) Thousands of knitted poppies pour in for Elora church remembrance project
via GuelphToday
St. John's Anglican Church (Diocese of Niagara) ended up with over 7,000 knitted poppies for an art installation—from people in the church, the community, the country and even the world. Article at:
<https://www.guelphtoday.com/membership/features/thousands-of-knitted-poppies-pour-in-for-elora-church-remembrance-project-6-photos-4714094>
See also CTV News Kitchener, "Elora church displays knitted and crocheted poppies ahead of Remembrance Day" ...
<https://kitchener.ctvnews.ca/we-re-bursting-with-pride-elora-church-displays-knitted-and-crocheted-poppies-ahead-of-remembrance-day-1.5649558>
See also the Wellington Advertiser, "'The Poppy Project': Community knitting project exceeds participants' expectations" ...
<https://www.wellingtonadvertiser.com/the-poppy-project-community-knitting-project-exceeds-participants-expectations/>

 - (3) via Anglican Journal

- (a) 'No, they weren't in vain'
The collapse of the Canada-backed Afghan government this year has prompted renewed discussion about the legacy of the war in Afghanistan. In advance of Remembrance Day, the Anglican Journal spoke to retired chaplain Doug Friesen on recent developments and his experience of Canada's longest war.
 - (b) 'Everybody's just being ignored'
Tim Goddard—father of Capt. Nichola Goddard, the first female Canadian soldier to die in combat—has publicly criticized the federal government for its handling of the war in Afghanistan and Ottawa's response to those left behind. The Journal spoke to Tim recently about Nichola's death, his feelings about the war and Canada's response to the ongoing refugee crisis.
- (4) Veteran processes Afghanistan takeover by the Taliban
via the Eganville Leader
Among the Canadian veterans of the Afghanistan conflict who are processing the recent takeover in Afghanistan is Robert Lauder, an Anglican priest who as Maj. Rev. Robert A. Lauder served a seven-month stint as leader of a seven-person team of chaplains from August 2006 to March 2007. Story at:
<https://www.eganvilleleader.ca/breaking-news/veteran-processes-afghanistan-takeover-by-the-taliban/>
- vii. Tenth Sacred Circle continues; documentary of part 1 available
Indigenous Anglicans in the Church gather today and tomorrow for the second part of the tenth Sacred Circle, as they continue on the path of a self-determining Indigenous church. We hold them in our prayers as they continue this important work. A video documentary is now available (through the link above) from the first part of Sacred Circle 10, which was held in July earlier this year. Watch at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDy3HwvT2Xo>
- viii. Fresh Expressions
Pew & Beyond: Dinner Church
The founder of the Dinner Church Collective, Verlon Fosner, joins Pew & Beyond hosts the Rev. Canon Lisa Vaughn and the Rev. Dr. Neil Mancor in a discussion about developing and running a dinner

church. Video Interview at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dWPzWxOI2XU>

b. Justice

i. Reconciliation with First Nations

- (1) Search of former Dauphin residential institution grounds begins via Winnipeg Free Press
First Nations have started another search of a suspected Manitoba burial site at a former residential institution in Dauphin, Man., with documented student abuse. The institution was originally run by the Anglican Church from 1957 to 1969, and closed in 1988. Article at:
<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/local/search-of-former-dauphin-residential-school-grounds-begins-575670882.html>
- (2) Search for unmarked graves begins at former Mohawk Institute site in Ontario via APTN News
According to Kim Murray, executive lead of the Survivors' Secretariat, the first search will last one week and a complete search plan will be finalized while other search areas will be prepared over the winter. Article at:
<https://www.aptnnews.ca/national-news/search-for-unmarked-graves-begins-at-former-mohawk-institute-site-in-ontario/>
- (3) Grieving for our children via the Anglican Journal
The discovery of graves on the grounds of residential schools "tears at the hearts of all of us who are working toward reconciliation," writes Nii K'an Kwsdins (Jerry Adams), retired missionary for Indigenous justice ministries in the diocese of New Westminster.
- (4) "Heeding the Call of Indigenous Peoples": Anglican Communion co-hosts official COP26 side event via Anglican Communion News Service
The Anglican Communion co-hosted an official side event for COP26 earlier this week entitled "Making Peace with Nature: Heeding the Call of Indigenous Peoples". Among those speaking was Archbishop Mark MacDonald, who said it is "absolutely critical for us to understand that Indigenous people and their life stand in a prophetic relationship with humanity's future." Article at:
<https://www.anglicannews.org/news/2021/11/%E2%80%9C>

[heeding-the-call-of-indigenous-peoples%E2%80%9D-anglican-communion-co-hosts-official-cop26-side-event.aspx](#)

COP26 event urges partnership between religious,

Indigenous leaders to save planet via Religion News Service

There can be no solution to the climate crisis that does not recognize the rights and spiritualities of Indigenous peoples, according to religious leaders who gathered for the official COP26 side event 'Making Peace with Nature.' Watch video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0B6YAI_CtDc

- ii. UN campaign against gender-based violence inspires Churches Beyond Borders 2021 devotional

This year's Advent devotions by Churches Beyond Borders are also timed with and inspired by the UN's annual 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign. Article at:

<https://www.anglican.ca/news/un-campaign-against-gender-based-violence-inspires-churches-beyond-borders-2021-devotional/30036012/>

[Read the devotional \(PDF\)...](#)

<https://www.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/EIR-CBB-Joint-Devotions-2021-EN-1.pdf>

- iii. Jeff Bezos is quizzed on 'emotional' rocket ride and economics of space flight during National Cathedral event

via Episcopal News Service

The Washington National Cathedral's dean the Very Rev. Randolph Marshall Hollerith opened the event, which also featured the NASA administrator and the U.S. director of national intelligence, by noting that one of the building's stained-glass windows contains a moon rock collected during the Apollo 11 mission. Article at:

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/11/11/jeff-bezos-is-quizzed-on-emotional-rocket-ride-and-economics-of-space-flight-during-national-cathedral-event/>

- iv. PWRDF Youth Council launches resource for youth interested in climate justice, development, education and theology

via the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)

This resource, called Social Justice inFocus, has been designed to provide individuals or groups of young people (ages 12-17) with a jumping-off point into the realm of sustainable development and eco-theology. Information at:

<https://pwrdf.org/get-involved/youth-movement/>

- v. Webinars: Inventory of Racial Justice and Truth-Telling Ministries

via The Episcopal Church

For the second year, The Episcopal Church has gathered data from more than 70 dioceses detailing regional and local ministries of racial justice, reconciliation and healing. A series of three monthly webinars, beginning Nov. 17, will explore the inventory.

Information and registrations at:

<https://us17.campaign-archive.com/?u=9a7ef179469128dbcd83a2931&id=f513d804a9>

c. Requests for prayer

i. Anglican-Lutheran Prayers for the next week

ii. The people and the Taliban of Afganistan as they struggle to find safety under the Taliban extremist rule.

iii. Condolences to the Willems family

‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ Matthew 25:23. Information at:

<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/11/08/condolences-to-the-willems-family/>

iv. Anglican Communion churches pledge to join in Anglican Communion Day of Prayer

via the Anglican Communion News Service

More than half of the provinces in the Anglican Communion have pledged to join the Anglican Communion Day of Prayer on November 30. A 24-hour global wave of prayer has been organized by the Anglican mission agency, United Society Partners in the Gospel (USPG). Information at:

<https://www.anglicannews.org/news/2021/10/anglican-communion-churches-pledge-to-join-in-anglican-communion-day-of-prayer.aspx>

d. Resources

i. Wednesday, November 17, 12:30pm ET (online): Wholistic Care and Wellness, a webinar hosted by InterChurch Health Ministries Canada, featuring the Rev. Dr. Helen Wordsworth, International Consultant, Westberg Institute for Faith Community Nursing. Information and registration at:

<http://www.ichm.ca/wholistic-care-webinar/>

ii. [Anglican-Lutheran] Assembly 2022: Let there be greening

Interested in keeping up-to-date on what is happening leading up to Assembly? Bookmark the Assembly website and/or sign up for updates via the anglicanlutheran.ca link [at]:

<https://www.anglicanlutheran.ca/assembly/>

- iii. Lifelong learning at Huron University's Faculty of Theology offering online courses
Courses beginning this month include the 8-week, "The Wisdom of the Ancient Christians: An Introduction to Patristic Theology" with The Rev. Dr. Lisa Wang (Diocese of Huron's Developer for Catechumenal Ministries) and the two-day offering, "Church Cracked Open, Canada: Decline and Hope for Beloved Community" with The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers (The Episcopal Church's Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Evangelism, Reconciliation, and Creation Care—see video teaser). Information and registration at: <https://huronatwestern.ca/programs/theology/life-long-learning/>
 - iv. Staff Writer – Anglican Journal
The General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada is seeking a Staff Writer for the Anglican Journal, to research and write news and feature stories, as well as other tasks associated with the printed and online publication. The Anglican Journal is the national voice of the Anglican Church of Canada and celebrates 150 years of publication. More information and application process at: <https://jobs.anglican.ca/job/the-anglican-church-of-canada-toronto-2-staff-writer-the-anglican-journal/>
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- 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 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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