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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.]

Reign of Christ (Proper 34)

O God, you gave to your servant Margaret such faithfulness as Queen of Scotland that she cared for the poor and relieved the needs of those who lay in prison. Grant us a like devotion, whatever the service to which you call us, that we may be agents of your justice and true servants of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

—Collect for the Commemoration of Margaret, Queen of Scotland,
Helper of the Poor, 1093 (For All the Saints, pages 346–347)

1. News and Events

a. News events:

i. **Prayers Requested**

(1) A message from Archbishop Mark MacDonald

via Archbishop Anne at Algoma News

Dear Relatives and Friends – I am asking your urgent prayers for our communities in Northern BC. They have had severe weather and there are floods, mudslides, and rockslides. People are stranded, as highways and bridges have been washed out. Read full message at:

<https://www.facebook.com/anne.germond.5/posts/1529412714112176>

(2) Primate and National Indigenous Archbishop to host Sunday prayer service for British Columbia

This Sunday at 5:30pm Eastern (2:30pm Pacific), Archbishop and Primate Linda Nicholls will join National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop Mark MacDonald in hosting A Vigil for British Columbia. Streaming from anglican.ca, this will be a

national service of prayer to lift up those impacted by the devastating floods experienced recently in B.C..

<https://www.anglican.ca/news/primate-and-national-indigenous-archbishop-to-host-sunday-prayer-service-for-b-c/30036142/>

ii. Message from Archbishop Anne – Reign of Christ 2021

Published: 18 November 2021

Archbishop Anne Germond shares a pastoral message with the Diocese of Algoma as we prepare to celebrate the Reign of Christ on Sunday, November 21st. Message at:

<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/11/18/message-from-archbishop-anne-reign-of-christ-2021/>

iii. Reflections

[Rev. Elizabeth] Green Epiphany shared Mindful Christianity's post.
See post at:

<https://www.facebook.com/egreen.epiphany/posts/414963083596939>

iv. All Saints, Coniston

Bag Lunch and Bake Sale November 27, 2021 11 AM to 1 PM.
Covid-19 protocols will be followed. Poster attached.

v. COVID Updates

Anglicans worldwide call for equal access to COVID-19 vaccinations

via Anglican Journal

Two Anglican Communion groups are adding their voices to demands that the world's wealthy nations share their COVID-19 vaccines. Story at:

<https://www.anglicanjournal.com/anglicans-worldwide-call-for-equal-access-to-covid-19-vaccinations/>

vi. 50 years in dialogue

Today marks the 50th anniversary of the first meeting of the Anglican-Roman Catholic ecumenical dialogue in Canada (ARC Canada). ARC Canada began in 1971, and the ARC Bishops' Dialogue was established in 1975. For this anniversary, past members of ARC Canada have recorded messages about their involvement in the dialogue. Visit the anglican.ca website to watch the videos and to learn more.

vii. Small Western Kansas congregation selling church to cut costs, maintain community outreach

via Episcopal News Service

By saving on building costs, the Episcopal congregation is hoping to secure its future together while continuing to support ministries that serve its community. Article at:

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/11/15/small-western-kansas-congregation-selling-church-to-cut-costs-maintain-community-outreach/>

- viii. SAVE THE DATE Friday, December 17 at 8 PM Eastern (online): 2021 Service of Lessons & Carols: From Coast to Coast to Coast.
<https://www.anglican.ca/lessonsandcarols/>

- ix. 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>

b. Justice

i. Climate justice

- (1) WCC executive committee member shares reflection on “how are we called to act in love and justice?”

via World Council of Churches (WCC)

Bishop Sally Dyck of the United Methodist Church (USA) delivered a sermon at a service held during the WCC executive committee meeting. “Who is our neighbour and how are we called to act in love and justice?” she asked. “When it comes to climate justice, I came to realize, our neighbour is definitely near—others who experience the same drought, intense storms, fires, toxic disasters, and other environmental disasters as we do—and our neighbour is far—on the other side of the country or continent or world.” Article at:

<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/wcc-executive-committee-member-shares-reflection-on-how-are-we-called-to-act-in-love-and-justice>

See also, “WCC executive committee appeals for ‘fundamental and sustainable future’ after COP26’....

<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/wcc-executive-committee-cop26-statement-november-2021>

- (2) PWRDF youth podcast: Radio communication as a tool for climate action and climate justice

via the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)
 The sixth episode of the podcast, a just generation, presents a conversation between PWRDF Youth Council member Charlotte Lilly and World Association for Christian Communication's Lorenzo Vagas talking about an initiative to promote people-led environmental protection among Indigenous, peasant and Afro-descendant communities across six affected regions in the Paramos, Colombia.

Podcast at:

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/1758773/9307165-radio-communication-as-a-tool-for-climate-action-and-climate-justice>

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. A message from Archbishop Mark MacDonald via Archbishop Anne Dear Relatives and Friends – I am asking your urgent prayers for our communities in Northern BC. They have had severe weather and there are floods, mudslides, and rockslides. People are stranded, as highways and bridges have been washed out. Read full message at:
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- iv. Prayers ascending for British Columbia
 Posted on Algoma News Nov 18, 2021
 In solidarity we pray for the people of British Columbia.
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/11/18/prayers-ascending-for-british-columbia/>
- v. 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-communication-churches-pledge-to-join-in-anglican-communion-day-of-prayer.aspx>

d. Resources

i. Advent Resources

- (1) Advent Preaching Resource via The Society of St. John the Evangelist
A new resource aimed particularly at smaller congregations. From Christ the King Sunday to Christmas Day, we have six short sermons, based on the Sunday lectionary. [this resource has one of the Brothers preaching] Check out the resource at: <https://www.trytank.org/vpm.html>
- (2) REMINDER: 2021 devotional from Churches Beyond Borders available for Advent
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. Resource at: <https://www.anglican.ca/news/un-campaign-against-gender-based-violence-inspires-churches-beyond-borders-2021-devotional/30036012/>
- (3) Becoming the Story We Tell – Advent 2021 resources
Posted via Algoma News Nov 18, 2021
Advent Bible Study Resources for Year C at: <https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/BST-Advent-Small-Group-Reflection-Year-C-2021.pdf>

ii. Lewis, Tolkien, and Chesterton in a personally significant faith journey via the B.C. Catholic

C.S. Lewis – The Most Reluctant Convert, a film based on a one-man play, presents Lewis' spiritual journey from atheistic materialism to his ultimate conversion to the Anglican Church and his being a famous and influential proselytizer of his faith. Article at: <https://bccatholic.ca/voices/alan-charlton/lewis-tolkien-and-chesterton-in-a-personally-significant-faith-journey>

iii. New Bible study for dementia caregivers and their churches

via Episcopal News Service

Finding Sanctuary in the Midst of Alzheimer's: A Spiritual Guide for Families Facing Dementia, by Dr. Elizabeth Shulman, offers spiritual support for those caring for someone with dementia. Done in a Bible study format with separate sections for spouses, adult children caring for a parent and those who want to provide support to a caregiver but don't know how, this resource equips churches, senior living facilities and support groups with the tools to find hope and thrive as caregivers. Article and book available at:

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/pressreleases/new-bible-study-for-dementia-caregivers-and-their-churches/>

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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