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Advent 2 Year C

#COMPASSION

Compassion is costly. In a world of turmoil and pain, it is easy to feel pity for those who suffer. But compassion is different from pity. Pity is a feeling; compassion is an action. Compassion brought Jesus into our world to experience our joys and griefs, our life and death. Compassion is how Jesus effected our salvation. Compassion calls us, too, as the Body of Christ, to live alongside others in solidarity – to enter into their experiences and work to transform lives with the love of God that has been poured into our hearts in Christ Jesus. —Susan Brown Snook

Accessed from #Advent Word: a global advent calendar

1. [News and Events](#)

a. News events:

i. Christmas Services

(1) Parish of Copper Cliff and Lively

Fri. Dec 24 4 PM at St. John the Divine, Copper Cliff

Fri. Dec 24 7 PM at Christ Anglican Church, Lively

Sat. Dec 25 10 AM Meadowbrook Village – possibly

Sun. Dec 26 9 AM in Copper Cliff

11 AM in Lively

ii. Church of the Epiphany

Greetings My Book Lovers and Followers,

Church of the Epiphany in Downtown Sudbury must Delay the January Book Sale Once Again Due to the Pandemic.

We Are Aiming for the First Weekend in May 2022. May 6, 7 & 8.
We must Keep Everyone Safe and Our Usual Date Is Too Soon to Plan for Based on the Sudbury Outbreaks.

I Continue to Collect and Store Books So When We Have the Sale I
Do Not Think You Will Be Disappointed.
Thank You for Your Ongoing Patience and Love of Books
Stay Safe. Enjoy Family and Every Other Little Thing

iii. Liturgy Resources

- (1) **REMINDER** Lessons & Carols: From Coast to Coast to Coast
 - (a) After a successful online national service of Lessons & Carols in 2020, General Synod is working again with Anglican churches across Canada to offer another national service of Lessons and Carols this Advent season, to help us prepare for the coming of the Kingdom of God. Note: Ordained and/or lay leaders may submit their email information at the bottom of the page linked above, to be notified of when files of the service are available to download for optional inclusion in local services/events. Link to information and registration (free) at:
<https://www.anglican.ca/lessonsandcarols/>
 - (b) National service of Lessons & Carols now available for advance download by ordained/and lay leaders
Files in both audio/video and audio-only formats of the Lessons & Carols service are now available for advance download. The files are being made available by General Synod for parish and/or diocesan leaders to optionally include in regional and local services. Find out more at the bottom of the page via the link above: <https://www.anglican.ca/lessonsandcarols/>
 - (c) December 23, 4pm AT (3 PM ET) to December 26, 11pm AT (10 PM ET) (online): A Chorister's Christmas 2021, video broadcast presented by Capella Regalis Men & Boys Choir (Halifax). Link to video at:
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/capella-regalis-a-choristers-christmas-2021-online-broadcast-tickets-222612779817>
 - (d) Holy Trinity presents: The Annotated Christmas Song Book
Holy Trinity Anglican Church (Diocese of Edmonton) continues to release episodes of their Annotated Christmas Song Book. New episodes are released daily on popular podcast platforms as well as YouTube, continuing through this Advent season. Link to

video/Podcast at:

<http://holytrinity.ab.ca/the-annotated-christmas-song-book/>

(2) Texts for trial use and feedback added to anglican.ca

As a reminder, the liturgies and texts commended by the Council of General Synod in November 2021 for study, trial use, evaluation and feedback (where permitted by the Ordinary) are available for download on anglican.ca. Link to resources at:

<https://www.anglican.ca/about/liturgicaltexts/trialuse/>

iv. Hope of the Christmas season shines through the dark of winter in Journal's December issue via Anglican Journal

Read the December issue of the Anglican Journal via the link above or as a PDF.

v. Manitoba parish targets period poverty with red mailbox project

via Anglican Journal

At least two churches have installed red mailboxes of their own: St. Matthew's Anglican Cathedral in the Diocese of Brandon and St. Luke's Anglican Church (Burlington) in the Diocese of Niagara.

vi. Primates Meeting Communique via the Anglican Communion

The Primates' Meeting took place virtually on November 22 and 23, and brought together the Primates, Presiding Bishops and Moderators of the Churches of the Anglican Communion. Link to communique (French and English) at:

https://www.anglicancommunion.org/media/465002/2111-primates-meeting-communique_fr.pdf

https://www.anglicancommunion.org/media/464367/2111-pm-communique_en.pdf

See also via The Living Church, "Primates' Meeting Focuses on Pandemic & Climate"...

<https://livingchurch.org/2021/11/29/primates-meeting-focuses-on-pandemic-climate-issues/>

vii. Latest News from the Diocese of Algoma

(1) Anglican Foundation news – Grant Awards Celebration

Diocese of Algoma receives great news! Link to story at:

<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/12/07/anglican-foundation-news-grant-awards-celebration/>

Related article via The Anglican Foundation...

(2) Synod Office news

Christmas hours announced. Link to this announcement at:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/12/08/synod-office-news-8/>

- (3) Newest Deacon in the Diocese
 The Reverend Katherine Walker, Assistant Curate, St. Luke's Cathedral. Link to this announcement at:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/12/08/newest-deacon-in-the-diocese/>
- (4) Church of the Ascension, Sudbury, to welcome new Incumbent
 Archbishop announces new appointment. Link to this announcement at:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/12/08/church-of-the-ascension-sudbury-to-welcome-new-incumbent/>

viii. Reflections

- (1) The power of Advent via Ministry Matters
 "Advent serves an important function for our faith; it reminds us that our deepest longings can be voiced to God on high," writes the Rev. Dr. Kyle Norman. Link to reflection at:
<https://medium.com/ministrymatters/the-power-of-advent-ef5037323046>
- (2) Messiah/Complex offers a new interpretation of Handel's Messiah
 The filmed performance of Messiah/Complex showcases multilingual translations and features a diverse cast of soloists and choirs from every province and territory across Canada, accompanied by the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. It is available for on-demand viewing from December 12 through January 9. Link to video/tickets (General fee is free or to donate at:
<https://againstthegraintheatre.ticketleap.com/messiahcomplex2021/>
- (3) Soaring over the barriers of ableism
 via the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada
 "When I said 'we have to accept differences', they said, 'No.' I was shocked into silence. We sat there in awkward silence until one of the youth finally broke it. 'Steph', he said, 'we don't have to accept differences, we have to appreciate them.'" Link to article at:

<https://wicc.org/soaring-over-the-barriers-of-ableism-part-2/>

See also via Christian Today, "The Church still sees disability as a tragedy needing to be fixed"...

<https://www.christiantoday.com/article/the.church.still.sees.disability.as.a.tragedy.needing.to.be.fixed/137823.htm>

- (4) The "Advent blues": An unplanned pause from parish ministry via Ministry Matters
 "How do I connect with a community of prayer as something more than a spectator or visitor, when I have become disconnected from the people, the sacred space and the familiar patterns of worship, that normally allow me to feel I am home?" The Rev. Canon Martha Tatarnic faces new challenges in an unexpected leave from parish ministry. Link to article at:
<https://medium.com/ministrymatters/the-advent-blues-an-unplanned-pause-from-parish-ministry-48f57f779a03>
- (5) Bill Hockin: A 1st century prescription for a 21st century recovery
 Retired Fredericton Bishop Bill Hockin's highly anticipated and long-running series called Advent Talks began the season online, as it did last year, on Nov. 29. With two talks having taken place, two talks remain which will complete this year's series. "My talk today is about recovery from fear, isolation, even anger over this pandemic and all it has caused," began Bishop Hockin. The talks are available online for on-demand viewing. Link to podcast at:
<https://nb.anglican.ca/news/bill-hockin-a-1st-century-prescription-for-a-21st-century-recovery>
- (6) Worship Music
 - (a) in difficult times (PDF) via Rupert's Land News
 The music director from saint benedict's table in Winnipeg looks at the ministry of music today in contrast with the past. Link to article at:
https://mcusercontent.com/8ae7782a412b5753884fc7694/files/8512cd82-5493-ac83-1b8a-42bfee121620/2021_12_DEC_Music_in_Difficult_Times.pdf

- (b) Canadian church's music studio creates connections for young artists via Episcopal News Service
A project that has taken shape at Grace Church, Markham (Diocese of Toronto), during the pandemic is helping to create connections within the church community and beyond. Parkway Studio, a music studio set up in the church building, has become a space for youth to belong and a place where Markham musicians can rehearse locally.
See original article in The Anglican (Diocese of Toronto), on page 2 (PDF)...
<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/the-anglican-dec-2021.pdf>
- (7) Diocese of Pennsylvania reopens 3 in churches in 5 years by rediscovering their communities via Episcopal News Service
Buildings that once faced the prospect of sale after their congregations folded now host lively Latino congregations, feeding ministries and outreach to homeless people. Link to story at:
<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/12/09/diocese-of-pennsylvania-reopens-3-in-churches-in-5-years-by-rediscovering-their-communities/>
- (8) From The Society of St. John the Divine (SSJE)
- (a) Darkness
The next few weeks are some of the darkest weeks of the year. Jesus promises us that what is said in the dark will be heard in the light. So grab hold of God in the darkness and tell him everything. Don't hold back. Let it all out. -Br. Jack Crowley
- (b) Withdraw
Without some empty space, there will be no room for God to abide. In order to fully live out our callings, we must come to know the withdrawal of Christ to the lonely mountaintops, if only from time to time. -Br. Keith Nelson
- (c) Risk
Unless we let go of the familiar, the safe, the secure; unless we take the risk of becoming vulnerable, we cannot grow. So much of the literature of the world is about this very theme. From the story of Abraham in Genesis, to the great epic stories of the Odyssey, the

Iliad, the Lord of the Rings. They all require leaving everything and going on a journey that will lead to a new life, a new identity. –Br. Geoffrey Tristram

b. Justice

i. Truth and Reconciliation

- (1) To find life on a day like this via Anglican Journal
 Troubled by the inability of non-Indigenous people and institutions to grasp the pain and challenges of Indigenous life, National Indigenous Archbishop Mark MacDonald says that it is the task of the churches to follow Jesus into a new identity based on a discipleship of justice and compassion.

- (2) Fort Norman Métis call for meaningful apology as 'issues fade into time' via Cabin Radio
 First Nations, Métis, and Inuit delegates are set to travel to the Vatican, in Rome, from December 17 to 20. Métis man Rocky Norwegian says it is important that community members "hear from the Pope personally, to acknowledge the crimes, promise to prevent the Church from ever allowing this to happen again, and seek forgiveness from all of their victims." Link to story at:
<https://cabinradio.ca/80876/news/justice/fort-norman-metis-call-for-papal-apology-as-issues-are-fading-into-time/>
 Related Story via Cabin Radio... Dec 7 2021: Omicron variant postpones Indigenous leaders' trip to Vatican
<https://cabinradio.ca/81394/news/omicron-variant-may-postpone-indigenous-leaders-trip-to-vatican/>

- (3) Working group established for Chooutla Residential School via the Toronto Star
 The recently established Chooutla Working Group is reaching out to First Nations and others who have history, stories, information and photos that will shed light onto those who didn't return from residential institution in the Yukon. The Chooutla Residential School in Carcross, Yukon, was operated by the Anglican Church from 1911 to 1969. Link to story at:
<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2021/11/29/working-group-established-for-chooutla-residential-school.html>

- ii. 'Separate worlds': Corner Brook study highlights gulf between those with housing and those without
via CBC Newfoundland & Labrador

The Very Rev. Katherine Short, Dean at St. John's the Evangelist Cathedral in Corner Brook, says the church has a role in helping. She said she's going to bring the findings of the study to the local ministerial association to see if there's a collective approach to tackling housing needs. Link to story at:
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/corner-brook-housing-1.6270759>

- iii. Making a Difference?! 45th Anniversary of the Ordination of women to the Priesthood in the ACC via Anglican Church of Canada YouTube
 On November 30, 1976, the first six female priests in the Anglican Church of Canada were ordained. This year the Anglican Church of Canada's first female Primate, Archbishop Linda Nicholls, joined with women across the Church to celebrate 45 years of the Ordination of Women in the Church. The recording of the event is now available. Watch at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AiATlJK1qAs>

- iv. Engage Difference! Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry
 via the Forum for Intercultural Leadership and Learning World Council of Churches
 This 12-week online course will focus on faith, heart, mind and skills for the art of intercultural ministry. Begins Monday, January 10. Link to online study program at:
<https://www.interculturalleadership.ca/duimonline>

c. Requests for prayer

- i. Anglican-Lutheran Prayers for the next week

d. Resources

- i. Advent Resources
 - Prayers and devotionals
 - Alternative Collects for Years A, B & C of the Revised Common Lectionary and Seasonal Prayers over the Gifts and after Communion (PDF)
<https://www.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/Alternative-RCCL-Collects-Final-2019.pdf>
 - Bishop of Saskatoon Advent Devotional
<https://www.anglicandiocesesaskatoon.com/bishops-corner>
 - Readings and Prayers for Advent in the Diocese of Brandon
<https://www.facebook.com/bill.cliff1/posts/10105940440901191>

Advent resources via the Diocese of New Westminster

<https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/diocesan-resources/2021-advent/pages/more-advent-resources>

Awaiting the King: Reflections for Advent 2021

daily devotional reflections from Anglicans across Canada

<https://parishofcraighurstandmidhurst.org/2021/11/22/a-devotional-resource-for-advent/>

10 Meaningful Advent Traditions to Try This Year

via Busted Halo

<https://bustedhalo.com/ministry-resources/10-meaningful-advent-traditions-to-try-this-year>

ii. The advent of Advent

via Ministry Matters

A new voice to the Ministry Matters blog, Matthew DS (on social media circles as "Yes We AngliCAN!") writes about some of the history, symbols and meaning behind the liturgical season of Advent. Link to article at:

<https://medium.com/ministrymatters/the-advent-of-advent-57694d72b391>

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 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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