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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.]

Epiphany 3

1. [News and Events](#)

a. From Archbishop Anne's Desk:

- i. A pastoral message from Archbishop Anne Germond Jan 22, 2021
Trust in him at all times, O people; Pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Psalm 62.8. See attached document.
+Anne The Most Rev. Anne Germond Archbishop of Algoma
- ii. Pancake Supper February 16 2021 (Shrove Tuesday) at L'Arche Community via The Church of the Ascension/Sponsored by L'Arche Community.
11 AM to 2 PM. Tickets \$12. Details on poster. See attached document.
- iii. Attention Lay Readers
The next Lay Readers Conference will be hosted by Sudbury Deanery Sept 24-25 2021. This will be a virtual meeting via ZOOM platform. Save the dates!
- iv. WICC to release one-hour World Day of Prayer service
via Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC)
The WICC is releasing a video recording of a World Day of Prayer service after February 15, to view at home and churches. The World Day of Prayer is traditionally celebrated on the first Friday of March, which falls on March 5 in 2021. Link at:
<https://wicc.org/one-hour-world-day-of-prayer-service-available-on-video/>

v. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan. 18–25

- (1) General Synod releases ecumenical video series
An ecumenical video series has been created to help Anglicans across the country celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU). In the first video of the series, Primate Linda Nicholls discusses how Christ calls us to abide in His love, and "bear much fruit". Other videos in the series feature members of three Anglican monastic/religious orders. Link to watch at:
<https://www.anglican.ca/weekofprayer/>
- (2) Church eyes possible full communion with Moravians in 2022
via Anglican Journal
A task group now in the works could pave the way for a resolution on full communion at the next General Synod. Link to article at:
<https://www.anglicanjournal.com/church-eyes-possible-full-communion-with-moravians-in-2022/>
- (3) Trinity Anglican + Lutheran Church signs historic agreement
After twenty plus years in a shared ministry, Trinity Anglican + Lutheran Church in Port Alberni (Diocese of British Columbia) took its final, historic step as a Full Communion parish. Link to article at:
<https://bc.anglican.ca/news/trinity-anglican-lutheran-church-signs-historic-agreement>
- (4) Pope: Unity is always higher than conflict via Vatican News
Pope Francis introduces the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity by encouraging the faithful to pray that Jesus' desire for the unity of all might be accomplished. Link at:
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-01/pope-francis-angelus-christian-unity-dialogue.html>
- (5) Christianity in the Anabaptist tradition
The Rev. Canon Dr. Scott Sharman talks with Pastor Sherri Guenther Trautwein of Lendrum Mennonite Church about her faith in Christ as lived through the Anabaptist tradition. Watch (Vimeo) at:
<https://edmonton.anglican.ca/podcasts/message/2020-11-10-christianity-in-the-anabaptist-tradition>

- (6) WCC will host online celebration for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity via World Council of Churches
WCC interim general secretary Rev. Prof. Dr Ioan Sauca is inviting the global ecumenical family and friends to join a livestreamed public prayer service on the final day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Link at:
<https://www.oikoumene.org/events/global-ecumenical-prayer-for-christian-unity>
- (7) World Council of Churches mission journal focuses on assembly theme of reconciliation via World Council of Churches (WCC)
The latest issue of "International Review of Mission," looks toward the WCC's 11th Assembly taking place in 2022 in Germany on the theme "Christ's love moves the world to reconciliation and unity." Link at:
<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/world-council-of-churches-mission-journal-focuses-on-assembly-theme-of-reconciliation>

b. Seeking Justice

- i. Bishop of Swaziland and global environmental advocate Ellinah Wamukoya dies from COVID-19 via Anglican Communion News Service
Bishop Ellinah Ntfombi Wamukoya was elected Bishop of Swaziland in 2012, becoming the first female bishop in the Anglican Church in Africa. In 2016, BBC News listed her as one of the 100 most inspirational and influential women in the world. Article at:
<https://www.anglicannews.org/news/2021/01/bishop-of-swaziland-and-global-environment-advocate-ellinah-wamukoya-dies-from-covid.aspx>
- ii. Racism
 - (1) Dismantling systemic racism in the Church
Writing as a Black person and member of the Anglican Church in the West Indies and in Canada, Camille Isaacs-Morell looks at the history and legacy of racism in the Anglican denomination and the steps that are being taken in the Diocese of Montreal to eradicate anti-Black systemic racism. Article at:
<https://glorymatters.wordpress.com/2021/01/14/dismantling-systemic-racism-in-the-church/>
 - (2) Looking at racism in our churches and communities
Late last year, PWRDF Montreal hosted the Rev. Christopher Belle (member of the Anti-Black Racism Task Force in the

Diocese of Montreal) in an online conversation to speak about the topic of anti-Black racism. Fr. Belle shared details of his lived experience, cultural stereotypes which contribute to anti-Black racism in Canada, and steps that we can take to identify racism within our own parishes and communities. Watch at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azPE5xi_TDY&feature=youtu.be

c. Covid Updates

- ii. COVID vaccine jabs accompanied by organ music at Salisbury Cathedral via The Guardian

The 800-year-old building has become a temporary vaccination centre, offering soothing organ music for patients receiving the vaccine. Link to article and video at:

<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=a0cb3c9efb&e=23056c3f4c>

- iii. Our Primate is here for you

During this difficult time of the pandemic, the Archbishop and Primate Linda Nicholls continues her support to diocesan and parish leadership. She welcomes invitations to worship (preach or participate), attend a coffee hour, study group, youth group, confirmation class or share in other online gatherings during this period of extended isolation. If interested, please contact primate@national.anglican.ca

d. Prayers Requested

- i. Anglican-Lutheran Weekly Prayer Cycle. See attached document.

- ii. Prayers for the people of our Neighbours
Washington National Cathedral hosts online National Prayer Service after Biden inauguration via Episcopal News Service
 Presiding Bishop Michael Curry (Episcopal Church of the USA) and other Episcopal leaders participated in the service, attended virtually by thousands. Article and video at:
<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/01/21/washington-national-cathedral-hosts-online-national-prayer-service-after-biden-inauguration/>

- iii. Prayer Journey for the Next Lambeth Conference

- (1) The Archbishop of Canterbury launches Lambeth Conference prayer journey via Lambeth Conference
 The Archbishop of Canterbury has launched a prayer journey, to mark the start of the Anglican community

journeying together in the lead up to the Lambeth Conference. Prayers focusing on themes of hope, proclaiming good news, pandemic response, people, planet, peace, politics, justice and poverty, have been sent in from dioceses and nations from across the global Anglican Communion, including from Primate Linda Nicholls.

Link to story at:

<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=f078997d5d&e=23056c3f4c>

(2) Lambeth Conference Prayer Journey: Archbishop Anne Germond

Archbishop Anne (Diocese of Algoma, Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario) shares her prayer of hope. "May we... be strengthened by your Holy Spirit to be effective signs and servants of your kingdom this day and witnesses of your just love and peace." Watch at: <https://vimeo.com/498508215>

iv. An ecumenical message for World Interfaith Harmony Week

Via The Anglican Church of Canada Website

The Primate and the National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop join the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada's National Bishop, Susan Johnson, in encouraging the observance of World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) from February 1–7. A list of resources and events are provided in the letter. Article at:

<https://www.anglican.ca/news/world-interfaith-harmony-week-february-1-7-2021/30031008/>

e. Resources

i. Intentional Discipleship resource hub

via Anglican Communion

A number of resources supporting Christian life and formation are provided on the Anglican Communion website. Links at:

<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=e452ccec67&e=23056c3f4c>

ii. Creative ideas for a COVID-19 Ash Wednesday

(1) via The Living Church

What will the day look like? Will churches be open? Will there be the imposition of ashes? Will there be restrictions? The Living Church tackles the questions surrounding February 17 and captures some of the sentiment emerging from those left unanswered. Article at:

<https://anglican.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d120aa8efc4112c7cae41108e&id=be8425f17d&e=23056c3f4c>

via Building Faith, a Ministry of Virginia Theological Seminary
With Lent arriving in about one month, Building Faith shares ideas and activities for the start of the Lenten journey, Ash Wednesday. The list even includes a creative way to observe Ash Wednesday at home. Check them out at:
<https://buildfaith.org/ash-Wednesday/>

via Montreal Dio

Whether or not you attended Montreal Dio's webinar introducing the Gospel of Mark as part of the Good Book Club reading initiative for Epiphanytide, you can now access all of the resources online, including a recording of the webinar and the slides used. Check them out at:

<https://montrealdio.ca/gospel-of-mark-good-book-club/>

Themed “With Love Before Us, We Are Walking,” the next online national Gospel Jamboree welcomes the Most Rev. Michael Curry (of the Episcopal Church) as its special guest preacher. All are welcome to participate in this event through sending in a video, audio or written submission before the end of January. Watch at: <https://www.anglican.ca/im/gospeljam/>

An eight-week retreat and course of study—beginning Tuesday, February 9 and held over Zoom—will provide an overview of the Gospel of John and introduce participants to its major themes. Information at: <https://www.ssje.org/prayingjohn>

via Montreal Dio

What is Anglicanism and where does it come from? Beginning in the last week of February, Montreal Dio provides students with a course to deepen their understanding of the history of the Anglican tradition, its unique characteristics, and the gifts this tradition has to offer to Christianity. Link to course at:

<https://montrealdio.ca/courses/anglican-origins/>

via the Church Times

"What stops people from talking normally to others about Jesus?"
Article at:

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2021/15-january/feature/s/features/when-religion-is-put-through-filters>

- ii. A new day via Wycliffe College
 "Have you ever seen so many people so anxious to put something behind them?" asks Wycliffe Principal Stephen Andrews referring to the year just ended, "But I also regret that in our impulse to disparage last year, we neglect to identify those moments when 2020 was used by God to bring promise, joy, justice and salvation." Article at:
<https://www.wycliffecollege.ca/blog/new-day>
 - iii. Seeing the whole via First Things
 Wycliffe College professor Ephraim Radner recounts an experience of viewing a fresco in a southern France cathedral years ago; an experience which leads him to reflect upon modern-day understandings of God's power, in contrast with the understandings of those from centuries past. Note: This content may be inaccessible to some readers, due to a paywall. Link at:
<https://www.firstthings.com/article/2021/02/seeing-the-whole>
 - iv. Storm
 Next time your heart sinks, your stomach flips, you strain at the oars, battling the wind and waves of life, don't be afraid to cry out, as did the disciples, 'Teacher, do you not care that [I am] perishing?' And then open your ears. You might just hear, above the noise of your fear, Jesus speaking words of peace: 'Peace! Be still!' And you will know that your life is being saved. –Br. James Koester
These meditations are found at:
<https://www.ssje.org/>
- g. Deanery Parishes Continue producing Services online due to Current Lock Down
 - i. Churches of Manitoulin Island
 Virtual services are usually up late Saturday night on YouTube. Best way to access the services is to simply Goggle: Doug Prebble YouTube. The videos are dated, choose and enjoy!
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQDMLTd18dMsO8hW9Tpzp3A>
 - ii. Church of the Epiphany
 - (3) <http://epiphanysudbury.org/news> Streamed on Video available anytime after Saturday afternoon.
 - (4) Online 'Godly Play' for the children.
 With thanks to Fr. Aidan and the children's ministry of the Church of the Ascension, we are posting their weekly online

‘Godly Play Storytime’ on the Church of the Epiphany’s Facebook Page:

[\(https://www.facebook.com/EpiphanySudbury/](https://www.facebook.com/EpiphanySudbury/)

Parents are encouraged to check it out and share with their children.

iii. Church of the Ascension

Online service and Godly Play Storytime on their FACEBOOK PAGE @ASCENSIONSUDBURY

iv. Parish of Copper Cliff and Lively

<https://www.thelivelyanglican.ca/news> Morning Prayer service in Word documents; our Pastor is producing services using video on Facebook and You Tube (link on the web site)

v. St. Alban’s Capreol

www.facebook.com/alban.church – they have posted the readings from the Revised Common Lectionary and many other very valuable pieces of hope in various posts.

vi. All Saints Coniston

<https://allsaintsangcon.weebly.com/sunday-service-bulletins.html>
The full service is printed there with a couple of video’s embedded.

vii. St. Georges Espanola

Check out their online services on facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/1657007827882930/videos/1148115742201139/>

2. Deanery of Sudbury–Manitoulin Council

Website: <http://www.deanerysudbury-manitoulin.org>

3. Diocese of Algoma

Website: <http://www.dioceseofalgoma.com>

4. Anglican Church of Canada

Website: <http://www.anglican.ca>

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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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