

# Sudbury Manitoulin Deanery Digest

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## Epiphany 4

### 1. News and Events

#### a. From Archbishop Anne's Desk:

- i. Synod 2021 – REVISED DATES Jan 25, 2021  
To all potential delegates to Diocesan Synod 2021,

Due to the current situation with the Covid-19 pandemic, it has been decided to delay our Diocesan Synod to September. Please ensure you mark the new dates in your calendars: Friday, September 17th – Saturday, September 18th. In all likelihood the Synod will be a hybrid model (i.e. Synod officers in person and remaining delegates online).

A reminder, also, that parishes should be electing Synod delegates at their upcoming vestries to represent them at Synod 2021.

- ii. Collation of our Diocesan Archdeacon, The Ven. Dr. Jay Koyle  
via Algoma News  
"Accept this charge, which is both mine and yours..."  
Feb 2, 2021 4 PM via You Tube. Link at:  
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/01/29/collation-of-our-diocesan-archdeacon-the-ven-dr-jay-koyle/>
- iii. 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 poster.

- iv. 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!
- v. 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/>
- b. Seeking Justice
  - i. Sacred Teachings new season "Suicide: The Other Pandemic" looks north in initial episode  
**Content warning: The episode discusses topics related to suicide, abuse, racism and trauma, including details of a specific incident, which some listeners may find disturbing.**  
"Nobody wants to pass trauma on to their children; nobody wants to pass trauma on to their community, but [it's] happening right now... [This] reality of suicide and other things that come with it: abuses or addictions—these are all interconnected with this very real end of suicide. It ends for that individual perhaps, ... but it doesn't end for the rest of us that remain." Listen at:  
<https://podcasts.anglican.ca/>
  - ii. 'We have to help one another to survive': A conversation with Jonas Alloo via Anglican Journal  
Two years after his retirement as dean of St. Jude's Cathedral in Iqaluit, the Rev. Jonas Alloo is effectively homeless. Having originally reported on this last year, the Journal recently spoke to Alloo on whether his housing situation has since changed. Read article at:  
<https://www.anglicanjournal.com/we-have-to-help-one-another-to-survive-a-conversation-with-jonas-alloo/>
  - iii. COVID-19 and global hunger: a Zimbabwe case study via Anglican Journal  
Last year, shares PWRDF's Will Postma, one in 45 people needed humanitarian assistance and protection. This year, it's one in 33. That's a 36% increase in need, in a single year. Article at:  
<https://www.anglicanjournal.com/covid-19-and-global-hunger-a-zimbabwe-case-study/>

- iv. AFC thanks donors for overwhelming response to annual fundraising effort via Anglican Foundation of Canada  
The spirit of generosity remains high among Canadian Anglicans as the Anglican Foundation of Canada thanks donors from coast to coast to coast for an overwhelming response to its annual fundraising effort, expected to total more than \$165,000, representing a 9% increase over last year. Article at:  
<https://www.anglicanfoundation.org/afc-thanks-donors/>
- v. The forgotten Hongkonger who became the world's first female Anglican priest via South China Morning Post Jan 25 2021  
Read about the controversial and inspiring history of the Rev. Florence Li Tim-oi and her extraordinary achievements in the Anglican Communion and across the globe. Article at:  
<https://www.scmp.com/lifestyle/article/3118814/first-woman-priest-anglican-church-1944-hongkonger-florence-li-ministered>
- vi. Racism
  - (1) Connected to her ancestors via Diocese of Fredericton  
“Growing up with my brown skin, I always analyzed everything,” says Dr. Mary Louise McCarthy-Brandt. “Who benefits, who makes decisions? Are my ancestors’ voices included in the decisions? I wanted to understand more. I have a spirit in me that demands justice.” Gisele McKnight writes of McCarthy-Brandt's experiences that have propelled Mary to pursue truth and justice for both her ancestors and her contemporaries. Article at:  
<https://nb.anglican.ca/news/connected-to-her-ancestors>
  - (2) Ecumenical letter on the deteriorating human rights situation in the Philippines  
The Primate and the National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop join The United Church of Canada and KAIROS Canada in a letter to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, calling for Canada to support an independent investigation mechanism for the ongoing human rights crisis in the Philippines. Letter at:  
<https://www.anglican.ca/news/ecumenical-letter-on-the-deteriorating-human-rights-situation-in-the-philippines/30031817/>

- (3) Maryland church donates \$500K in reparations to ‘atone’ for slavery via New York Post  
An Episcopal church in Baltimore wants to be on the right side of history. The Memorial Episcopal Church has announced plans to contribute a total of \$500,000 by 2025 — \$100,000 each year — towards racial justice organizations, particularly efforts to support slave reparations. Article at:  
<https://nypost.com/2021/01/28/maryland-episcopal-church-puts-up-500000-for-slave-reparationsmaryland-church-atoness-for-slave-labor-with-500000-in-donations/>
- (4) Presiding Bishop joins call for Christians to counter Christian nationalism during webinar via Episcopal News Service  
The webinar, hosted by the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty earlier this week, provided an overview of what Christian nationalism is, how it is showing up in America and how Christians can address it. [Editor’s note: Although this article features the situation in the USA, there are parallels found in Canada.] Article and Webinar at:  
<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/01/28/presiding-bishop-joins-call-for-christians-to-counter-christian-nationalism-during-webinar/>
- (5) Hate, Racism and Islamophobia in Canada—Where Are We Now? Where Are We Going? via Manitou Intentional Learning Community  
Presentation via Zoom by Mr. Fareed Khan Wednesday, February 3rd from 7pm–8:30pm. See attached document for details.

c. Covid Updates

- i. Are churches a health hazard or essential service? A tale of two B.C. cities via Vancouver Sun  
Threatening tax-exemption status of all places of worship due to one congregation’s non-compliance is extraordinarily short-sighted, writes Cardus B.C. director and education director, David Hunt. Article at:  
<https://vancouversun.com/opinion/david-hunt-are-churches-a-health-hazard-or-essential-service-a-tale-of-two-b-c-cities>
- ii. Inspired Anglican priest takes message out of church and into streets via London Free Press  
"It was strange enough to be bizarre. A lone figure in a hockey sweater, standing in the parking lot of St. Aidan’s Anglican Church

[in the Diocese of Huron], and... using his hockey stick to extend Advent wreath kits to those driving through to pick them up."

Note: This content may be inaccessible to some readers, due to a paywall. Article at:

<https://lfpress.com/opinion/columnists/pearson-inspired-anglican-priest-takes-message-out-of-church-and-into-streets>

- iii. Together at a distance via Rupert's Land News  
 "People are lonely. They ask us every day 'When will things go back to normal?' Of course, we can't answer that. We say, 'Soon, we hope.'" Article at:  
<https://rupertslandnews.ca/together-at-a-distance/>
- iv. 'Last week I added 180 crosses' – sadness as cathedral Covid memorial grows via Eastern Daily Press (UK)  
 The Rev Canon Andy Bryant, the Cathedral's canon for mission and pastoral care, began placing the crosses in June and said it had been "heart-rending" to have to place so many more since the start of 2021. Article at:  
<https://www.edp24.co.uk/news/norfolk-covid-deaths-pass-a-thousand-7070426>
- v. 'Is it OK to eat during online mass?': how the faithful handle lockdown via The Guardian  
 From streamed baptisms to the impossibility of hajj, it's been a tricky time for religious people to stay observant. But many have some holy hacks. Read more at:  
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/jan/23/eating-during-online-mass-how-the-faithful-handle-lockdown>
- vi. Quebec religious groups have mixed reactions to latest gathering guidelines via Global News  
 "Most of our parishes have adapted and are able to meet online and so we haven't felt that it was necessary or worth the risk to meet in [provincially-permitted groups of ten or less]," says Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson (Diocese of Montreal). Article at:  
<https://globalnews.ca/news/7600970/quebec-religious-groups-mixed-reactions-gathering-guidelines/>
- d. Prayers Requested
  - i. Anglican-Lutheran Weekly Prayer Cycle. See attached document.

- ii. As Parliament reconvenes via Nation at Prayer  
 With the Parliament of Canada back in session as of Monday this week, we pray for the following in our elected representatives:
- Wisdom and discernment
  - Integrity and strength of character
  - Capacity to understand and manage complex issues and information, and to respond effectively to rapidly changing circumstances
  - Vitality and endurance
  - Safety and protection for them and their families
  - Courage to do what is right and grace in doing it
- Above all and for all, may this be a time of transformation when the Holy Spirit awakens or deepens relationships with God, the source of transformation. Because we pray, may their lives – and our nation – be impacted and transformed.
- 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>
- ii. Reconciling the Body of Christ
- (1) 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/>

- (2) Montreal Dio and the United Theological College form a strategic alliance via Montreal Dio  
Montreal Diocesan Theological College and the United Theological College have begun a transition period to explore and plan for the formation of a combined Anglican–United college in Montreal. Article at:  
<https://montrealdio.ca/dio-utc-strategic-alliance/>
- (3) Global ecumenical prayer shows “we are one world and one human family” via World Council of Churches  
The WCC held its first ever online global ecumenical prayer on January 25, drawing attendees from across the world who came together in a spirit of hope. Watch You Tube video at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=91tmRfxhVKA&feature=youtu.be>
- (4) Father Don MacDonald honoured by Anglicans for ecumenism efforts via Grandin Media  
It is rare, but not unprecedented, for a church of one communion to confer an honorific title upon a minister of another communion. Article at:  
<https://grandinmedia.ca/father-don-macdonald-honoured-by-anglicans-for-ecumenism-efforts/>

e. Resources

- i. Songs and stories from St. John's Shaughnessy  
What began as one friend helping another friend with a rehearsal space and a venue to stream a live concert has transitioned into a monthly event, “Songs and Stories from St. John’s” features a blend of traditional Indigenous worship, inspirational stories and drumming. Watch at:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mwkvAfm\\_zvc&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mwkvAfm_zvc&feature=youtu.be)
- ii. Ash Wednesday Resources
  - (1) Creative ideas for a COVID–19 Ash Wednesday 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>

(1) Ash Wednesday resources

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/>

iii. Lent 2021 resources via Anglican Church of Canada web site  
 This year, the season of Lent will be observed February 17 to April 3. A list of resources [reviewed Jan 27 2021] is available on the anglican.ca website to help you prepare for the liturgical season ahead. Link at: <https://www.anglican.ca/resources/lent2021/>

iv. Upcoming Gospel Jam to include Presiding Bishop Michael Curry  
 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/>

v. Illuminating the Middle Ages via St. Augustine's (Diocese of Calgary)  
 University of Lethbridge professor Dr. Brian Black kicks off a series of talks on Friday, January 28, with each session concentrating on an important illuminated manuscript, then looking at its historical background and cultural context. The series, hosted through Zoom and held Friday evenings, is titled "Illuminating the Middle Ages: The Art of the Book from the Monastery of Lindisfarne to the Court of Burgundy". **Registration is required in advance, so it is likely that those finding out about the series through this email may not be able to attend the initial session of the series.** Link to these talks available at:  
<http://www.staug.org/illuminating-middle-ages>

f. Reflections

i. A life of conversion

via Montreal Dio



The conversion of St. Paul (Feast celebrated on January 25) was an opportunity for Montreal Dio's Director of Pastoral Studies, Hilary Bogert-Winkler, to think about conversion in her life during the pandemic. Article at: <https://montrealdio.ca/a-life-of-conversion/>

- 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
    - (1) <http://epiphanysudbury.org/news> Streamed on Video available anytime after Saturday afternoon.
    - (2) 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 above)
  - v. St. Alban's Capreol  
[www.facebook.com/alban.church](http://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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