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Epiphany 6 into the Season of Lent

1. News and Events

a. News events:

- i. Pastoral letter from Archbishop Anne Germond
The Archbishop addresses the people of God in Algoma regarding Covid-19 protocols via Algoma News
RED STAGE protocols in place until Palm Sunday (March 28th) at the earliest. Link to letter at:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Pastoral-Letter-from-Anne-Feb-8-2021.pdf>
- ii. 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.
- iii. Church of the Ascension news via Algoma News
The Armstrongs are heading south. Link to this news item at:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/02/08/church-of-the-ascension-news/>

- iv. Lenten Quiet Day – The Sisterhood of St. John the Divine
via Valerie Tryon, St. Alban's, Capreol
Retreat Format: Online (Zoom) Registration Fee: \$30.00
Registration Deadline: February 18, 2021 Led by Bishop Andrew Asbil, Diocesan Bishop of Toronto and former dean of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto. Retreat Details: 1) Please note that handouts (if applicable) will be sent out 2–3 days before the retreat 2) The zoom link and retreat schedule will be sent out the day before the retreat. Link at: <https://ssjd.ca/2020/12/15/lenten-quiet-day/>
- v. 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.
- vi. Attention Lay Readers
The next Lay Readers Conference will be hosted by Sudbury–Manitoulin Deanery Sept 24–25 2021. This will be a virtual meeting via ZOOM platform. Save the dates!
- vii. 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/>
- viii. CLAY 2021 Announcement via Algoma News
Virtual CLAY 2021 – check it out! Link to announcement at:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/02/04/clay-2021-announcement/>
- b. Seeking Justice
 - i. Sacred Teachings new season "Suicide: The Other Pandemic" looks north in 2nd episode – A Blue Horse
In this week's podcast, Peter Downie interviews revered Elder and psychologist Dr. Martin Brokenleg about supporting young people to choose life. Listen at:
<https://podcasts.anglican.ca/>

- ii. February issue [of Anglican Journal] considers Black lives and Christianity
February is celebrated as Black History Month—and in the February issue, the Journal makes note of that tradition by turning attention to Black and African Christians inside and outside of the Anglican Church of Canada. Link to Journal at:
<https://mailchi.mp/national/anglican-journal-news-february-issu-e-available-online?e=23056c3f4c>
 - iii. Freedom Sunday liturgical resources and activities available
via Anglican Church of Canada of Canada News
An updated set of liturgical resources for Freedom Sunday (Feb. 21), along with ways to get involved in the fight against human trafficking, are available on the anglican.ca website. (For liturgical resources, see #1 under "How you can help" via the link above.)
Link to story at:
<https://www.anglican.ca/issues/human-trafficking/freedom-Sunday/>
 - iv. Anglican Communion re-affirms commitment to gender justice in new ACO structure
via Anglican Communion
The Standing Committee of the Anglican Communion is in the process of reviewing the work of and "slimming down" the Anglican Communion Office. Earlier this week, the role of Director of Gender Justice was confirmed to continue until the next full meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council, set for 2023. Link to story at:
<https://www.anglicancommunion.org/communications/press-and-media/press-releases/anglican-communion-re-affirms-commitment-to-gender-justice-in-new-acco-structure.aspx>
 - v. Racism
Thursday, February 18, time TBC (online): Pan African Women of Faith "Third Thursdays Webinar Series on the Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace"—Reimagining the Future. Link to video series at:
<https://www.oikoumene.org/events/pan-african-women-of-faith-third-thursdays-webinar-series-on-the-pilgrimage-of-justice-and-peace>
- c. Reflections
 - i. Bossey Ecumenical Institute invites applications for online course, expands repertoire
via World Council of Churches
A fully online course will be offered beginning in April. Link to courses at:

<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/bossey-ecumenical-institute-invites-applications-for-online-course-expands-repertoire>

- ii. Encounters with Christ, a Lenten sermon series
via Anglican Church of Canada News
Thursdays, February 18–April 1, 10am ET (online via ZOOM).
Sponsored by The Diocese of London. Link to the list of speakers and registration information at:
<http://www.stpaulscathedral.on.ca/news-and-events/events/lenten-sermon-series>
- iii. Knowing our neighbours (Peter and Paul)
The Rev. Canon Dr. Scott Sharman shares some thoughts on what two of his favourite icons might have to teach us about knowing our neighbours. Access to videos at:
<https://edmonton.anglican.ca/podcasts/media/series/known-our-neighbours>
- iv. Why we worship online via the Trail Times
"Online services are different to in-person services. They create different styles of worship. Not better, not worse, different," writes the Rev. Canon Dr. Neil Elliott (Diocese of Kootenay). Link to reflection at:
<https://www.trailtimes.ca/opinion/why-we-worship-online/>
- v. via The Society of St. John the Evangelist
Chosen
No matter how uncomfortable we are made by language of cleanliness or purity, our cleanliness or purity is of concern, in the end, to but one person. A person who asked us once: Who told you that you were naked? Who told you that you were dirty? He has already chosen us, sisters and brothers; and choosing us, he invited us to lay these categories aside and rest in His words, 'I do choose.'
–Br. Sean Glenn

Bless

Will we escape suffering in this world? No. Can we bring this suffering to God? Absolutely. And the God who loves us more than we can ever love ourselves, will take and use this suffering for our greater good, and use it to bless us and the world. "Do not be afraid," God says to us. "I will never leave you or forsake you."
–Br. David Vryhof

Serve

When we love we want to serve. We long to be given some task that will contribute to the good purposes of the one we love. The greatest hope of those who have chosen to serve is that they may be found trustworthy; they can imagine no greater joy than to do what pleases the other. –Br. David Vryhof

- d. Covid Updates
See Archbishop Anne's Pastoral Letter above.
- e. Prayers Requested
 - i. Anglican-Lutheran Weekly Prayer Cycle. See attached document.
 - ii. Installation of Bishop Hosam Naoum as Archbishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem
Save the date: Thursday, May 13 (St. George's Cathedral, Jerusalem). Press Release at:
<https://www.j-diocese.org/resources/file/news/Bishop%20Hosam%20Installation%20Press%20Release.pdf>
 - iii. Go in Peace
Music director at St. Matthias' (Diocese of Edmonton) Evan Thomas has shared a new piece that parishes and individuals might like to use in collective or personal prayer [prayer of Simeon with additions – page 90 of BAS]. Link to new music at:
<https://edmonton.anglican.ca/podcasts/message/2021-02-02-go-in-peace>
 - iv. Seafarers Prayer Diary via Mission to Seafarers
Every December, The Mission to Seafarers issues a global Seafarers Prayer Diary on their website. Download the diary for 2021 at the link above. Link to diary at:
<https://www.missiontoseafarers.org/at-church/prayer-diary>
- f. Resources
 - i. Toward a Common Prayer: An Intergenerational Dialogue within the Anglican Church of Canada
Thursday, February 18, 7pm ET (Webinar online): Link to information and registration at:
https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ze0spoGqSfWJ0b6fBzo6dq

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>

(2) 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/>

(3) SUGGESTIONS FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF ASH WEDNESDAY 2021 – Imposition of Ashes

via Algoma News

Various options for the observance of Ash Wednesday 2021. Link to this article at:

<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/02/03/suggestions-for-the-observance-of-ash-wednesday-2021/>

(4) Praying our way to ashes

The Rt. Rev. Geoff Woodcroft (Diocese of Rupert's Land) records a video message for Ash Wednesday. Video available on You Tube at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kejztG_eUG8&feature=youtu.be

(5) Ash Wednesday service from St. Luke's Cathedral

The Ash Wednesday service from St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie, is available at the link below commencing at 6 a.m. on February 17th and it will be available anytime thereafter. Archbishop Anne Germond is the preacher. Link to You Tube video live at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yRbpBqw9NxA&feature=youtu.be>

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/>

2. Parishes who are creating online services
See attached document
3. Deanery of Sudbury–Manitoulin Council
Website: <http://www.deanerysudbury-manitoulin.org>
4. Diocese of Algoma
Website: <http://www.dioceseofalgoma.com>
5. 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 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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