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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.]

LENT 2

1. [News and Events](#)

a. News events:

i. From Archdeacon Glen's desk Hello,

Last evening I attended a very engaging Zoom Quiet Day. The presenter was the Rt. Rev. Susan Bell who currently serves as Bishop of the Diocese of Niagara. It was fitting during this Lenten Ember Season (Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after the 1st Sunday of Lent) for her topic to be "Missional Preaching" since the Ember Days were created, in part, to promote prayers for the Mission of the Church. If you are wondering what Mission might be let me say that in a nutshell the Mission of the Church is to advance the Mission of God which is to restore the image of God in humanity which was marred through their disobedience and to, through humanity, bring a blessing to all nations and into Creation itself. As partners in that mission each one of us is endowed with something which God will use from within the Body of Christ to bring about this restoration which will be fully realized on the day of Resurrection. We pray for that day to come even as we live within this in-between time. During this interval we can experience the effects of God's kingdom on earth and share those effects with the people we meet. If you have never contemplated these ideas then this season of Lent may be a good time to explore. If you need some help getting started or would like some resources please let me know. I have some books that I can drop off that may help. I pray that as we continue to walk through this year's version of the season of Lent our eyes and hearts will be

opened anew to the wonder and glory of our God and our Lord
and Saviour Jesus Christ, Glen +

a prayer

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation. Let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- ii. PLEASE SHARE: Young Anglicans urged to register for global environment event via Anglican Communion News Service
The Anglican Communion's Permanent Representative to the U.N., Jack Palmer-White, is calling on young Anglicans (ages 15–29) to participate in "Youth 4 Climate: Driving Ambition", a global environmental event taking place ahead of this year's COP26 climate change meeting. The youth event will take place in Milan, Italy, from Sept. 28–Oct. 2. **Applications close at end of day February 28.** Link to article and registration link at: <https://www.anglicannews.org/news/2021/02/young-anglicans-urged-to-register-for-global-environment-event.aspx>
- iii. Lay Reader's Quiet Day led by Archbishop Anne.
I have attached a flyer about a Quiet Morning for Lay Readers and Lay Readers in training that is being led by Archbishop Anne Germond. It will be held on Saturday March 20th from 9:00 to Noon and registration information is on the flyer. I look forward to participating with you in this Lenten Quite Morning. See attached Poster.
- iv. Diocesan ACW Conference Wednesday May 26 SAVE THE DATE
via Jacquie Howell, ACW Treasurer
Jacquie Howell has sent information for all women in this Deanery to attend via ZOOM the ACW Annual Conference. There are three (3) documents (PDF format) attached to this Digest edition (Registration, the 2021 Thank Offering and a request for women who have died in the last two years).

- v. Table of Moveable Feasts (2021–2040, PDF)
If your copy of the Book of Common Prayer includes a Table of Moveable Feasts which ended in 2020, you can find an updated table until 2040 at the link above. **Please share widely with anyone who you think would benefit from this resource.** Link to Table at: <https://www.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/BCP-Moveable-Feasts-2021-2040.pdf>
- vi. Highlights from the Council of General Synod: February 20
A recap of the Council of General Synod meeting from the weekend is available on anglican.ca at: <https://www.anglican.ca/news/highlights-from-the-council-of-general-synod-february-20-2021/30032262/>
- vii. Friday, March 5 (worldwide): World Day of Prayer
 - (1) Link to information at:
<https://wicc.org/world-day-of-prayer/>
 - (2) Canadian Virtual Service for World Day of Prayer available
via Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC)
The World Day of Prayer takes place this year on Friday, March 5. A number of resources for the day are available through WICC, including the video of an hour-long prayer service. Link to online service at:
<https://wicc.org/world-day-of-prayer/how-to-participate/>
- viii. Lay Reader's Quiet Day led by Archbishop Anne March 20 2021
via Alison Weir Diocesan Warden Of Lay Readers
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- ix. 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/>
- x. ENGAGE // Mental Health and Youth Ministry
via Princeton Theological Seminary's The Institute for Youth Ministry
How can the Church be one of the places where young people feel supported and seen, as they navigate their unique mental health challenges? "ENGAGE" offers perspectives about the role and

impact of youth ministers who faithfully walk alongside young people in the face of recent unprecedented challenges. Link to page in Newsletter at:

<http://iym.ptsem.edu/resources/engage/mental-health-youth-ministry/>

b. Seeking Justice

- i. Sacred Teachings new season "Suicide: The Other Pandemic" looks north in 4th episode – "The Toll It Takes

Having lost her brother to suicide, Judith Moses reflects on the aftermath and the toll it takes on the family and community.

Content warning: themes around and details of suicide within this episode. Listen at:

<https://podcasts.anglican.ca/>

- ii. 'Canada needs healing': Bishop Isaiah Beardy on Bill C-15 and UNDRIP

via Anglican Journal

Bill C-15, if passed, would require the government of Canada to align the country's laws with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Link to article at:

<https://www.anglicanjournal.com/canada-needs-healing-bishop-isaiah-beardy-on-bill-c-15-and-undrip/>

- iii. Finding home via Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria B.C.

Deacon Nancy Ford (Christ Church Cathedral Deacon to the City) reflects on the Church of England's new report on housing in the midst of our own local challenges. Link to article at:

<https://www.christchurchcathedral.bc.ca/news/finding-home>

- iv. Request from greater United Way of North Eastern Ontario
Choosing between food and buying hygiene and other products??
See attached document [retyped from an email from United Way L.A.Lachelle].

- vi. What slavery looked like in Canada via The Montreal Gazette

A generation before it was the final stop of the Underground Railroad, Canada was the westernmost outpost of a British Empire that was the biggest slave trader in the world. Link to article at:

<https://montrealgazette.com/news/canada/what-slavery-looked-like-in-canada>

- vii. Critical Black Christian voices

Have you been following the Black history content from the Diocese of Huron? The Rev. Steve Greene has published social media posts of critical Black voices within Christianity which will

continue throughout February. Visit the Deanery of London Facebook page to learn more about these important historical and modern-day Black figures of faith. Link to articles at:
<https://www.facebook.com/DeaneryLondon>

c. Reflections

i. Study examining churches, other heritage buildings at risk

via The Bellville Intelligencer

Last year, the National Trust for Canada, Ontario Trillium Foundation, Faith and the Common Good, Cardus and the Ontario Nonprofit Network studied the value of faith buildings and what their loss could mean in Ontario. Link to article at:
<https://www.intelligencer.ca/news/study-examines-churches-other-heritage-buildings-at-risk>

ii. What if Montreal's shuttered churches became 'centres of gravity for joy'?

via The Montreal Gazette

In the "capital of closed churches in Quebec", a pastor has helped turn St Jax (Diocese of Montreal) into a community centre, a place to explore faith — and a home for a circus. Link to article:
<https://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/what-if-montreals-shuttered-churches-became-centres-of-gravity-for-joy>

iii. Honest, vulnerable talk about mental health

via faith + lead

Start telling the story of mental health in your church, and how people living with mental health challenges are beloved by God. Link to reflection at:
<https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/honest-vulnerable-talk-about-mental-health/>

v. via The Society of St. John the Evangelist
 Invitation

If our lives feel like a home badly in need of renovation or a “model home” without a living soul underneath, invite Jesus to a house-warming party. Wherever Jesus goes and is invited to stay, demons are evicted, suffocating spaces breathe, and the plastic comes off the sofa. When the servants of Beelzebul see the lights on and hear the music, they'll know that the kingdom of God has come to that life, that soul, that community, and made it a home for the Holy Spirit.
 –Br. Keith Nelson

- d. Covid Updates
 - i. Updated RED Stage Protocols for Loving our Neighbours – February 16, 2021
Please review the updated RED Stage Protocols issues Feb 16–2021. See attached document.
 - ii. Diocese of Pennsylvania will host clinic to vaccinate clergy, essential church employees via Episcopal News Service
After petitioning to get clergy of all denominations classified as essential workers, the Diocese of Pennsylvania (TEC) plans to host a clinic to administer COVID–19 vaccines to its clergy and some church employees under the state’s next vaccination phase. Link to article at:
<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/02/24/diocese-of-pennsylvania-will-host-clinic-to-vaccinate-clergy-essential-church-employees/>
 - e. Prayers Requested
 - i. Anglican–Lutheran Weekly Prayer Cycle. See attached document.
 - f. Resources
 - i. Around the Council: Lent 2021
Read the latest news within Council of the North dioceses in this "hot–off–the–(digital)–press" update for Lent. Article at:
<https://mailchi.mp/national/around-the-council-lent-2021>
 - ii. 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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