

# Sudbury Manitoulin Deanery Digest

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## LENT 3

### 1. News and Events

#### a. News events:

- i. A letter from the Ontario House of Bishops – March 2, 2021

"Jesus Wept" – John 11:35

See attached document

- ii. Anglican Journal News: March issue of the Journal marks 12 months of disease and distancing. Available online at:  
[https://www.anglicanjournal.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/aj-mar2021\\_web.pdf](https://www.anglicanjournal.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/aj-mar2021_web.pdf)

#### iii. Lay Readers

- (1) 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 Quiet Morning. See attached Poster.

- (2) YouTube: Anglican priest offers a brief History of the English Reformation via Anglican Planet

A special series of six short videos (12–15 min. each) on the English Reformation is being presented especially for the laity by Anglican theologian and historian Canon Ross Hebb (Diocese of Fredericton). It is subtitled "The Story of Religious Turmoil, Rebellion and Reform in England during the 1500s." Link to YouTube videos at:

<https://anglicanplanet.net/youtube-anglican-priest-offers-a-brief-history-of-the-english-reformation/>

(3) 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!

- 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. Ecumenism: At-home Ash Wednesday services include inter-church provisions via the Catholic Register  
Anglican Archbishop Anne Germond of the Diocese of Algoma was a little surprised, but very pleased, to hear from the new Catholic bishop about the possibility of outdoor ash imposition being ecumenical this year. Link to story at:  
<https://www.catholicregister.org/item/32772-at-home-ash-wednesday-services-include-inter-church-provisions>
- vi. WCC invites youth to Stewards Programme for 11th Assembly in 2022 via World Council of Churches (WCC)  
The WCC invites young people (ages 18-30) to be stewards at the 11th Assembly in Karlsruhe, Germany, in 2022. The invitation is open to young people from a variety of backgrounds, churches and regions. **The deadline to apply is April 10.** Link to article and application at:  
<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/wcc-invites-youth-to-stewards-programme-for-11th-assembly-in-2022>
- vii. Lay Reader's Quiet Day led by Archbishop Anne March 20 2021  
via Alison Weir Diocesan Warden Of Lay Readers  
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b. Seeking Justice

- i. Sacred Teachings new season "Suicide: the Other Pandemic: Episode 6 "The Best Place"  
In the latest of the podcast series, host Peter Downie visits Alaska to learn about the power of listening from the Rev Anna Frank.  
Listen at:  
<https://podcasts.anglican.ca/>
- ii. Global Day of Climate Action (shared via the Diocese of New Westminster)  
Thursday, March 11, 11am locally (worldwide). Check it out at:  
<https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/news/sacred-people-sacred-earth>
- iii. Black Anglicans of Canada: Spotlight series  
Through their Facebook page, Black Anglicans of Canada is spotlighting Black Anglicans who are sharing who they are and what Black history means to them. Scroll their Facebook page for these testimonials. Article series at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/blackanglicansca/posts/882026819305238>

c. Reflections

- i. Through poetry and art, Queens church aims for a lively Lent after a mournful year via Episcopal News Service  
The Rev. Spencer Reece (Long Island, TEC) said he couldn't bring himself to talk to his parishioners about giving up things for Lent. Instead, he is encouraging parishioners to double down on whatever creative projects they feel drawn to, and he is planning a small-scale, socially distanced arts festival in the church garden for Holy Saturday. Link to story at:  
<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/02/19/through-poetry-and-art-queens-church-aims-for-a-lively-lent-after-a-mournful-year/>
- ii. via The Society of St. John the Evangelist  
Blindness  
We never approach scripture with a naked objectivity. We bring a world of experiences and assumptions, many we do not even suspect we carry. We never read these words "as they are." If we are sensitive to this tension, we discover we read much more than scripture in this way. Scripture tells us we wind up living these blind spots out in our lives as judgments. –Br. Sean Glenn

### Lord's Prayer

It is so easy to pray the Lord's Prayer, as it trips almost unthinkingly off our tongues, but the reality is otherwise. We should pray it in fear, trembling, conscious that we do so, not as individuals cataloguing our personal needs, but as part of a great chorus of believers. We are asking not simply for our own needs, but also for the needs of those whom we love, and those whom we don't, those whom we know, and those whom we may never know.

—Br. James Koester

### iii. Third Thursday of Lent: Caught by God

Quoted from Walter Bruggeman, "A Way other than Our Own

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

—Psalm 23:6. See attached document

### 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.

### e. Prayers Requested

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

- ii. From the Archdeacon's desk.

Hello,

The season of Lent, more than others in some ways, is a season for prayer. Over the next seven days there are two special occasions for prayer in which you may be interested. The first Friday of March has long been a time when people gather for the World Day of Prayer. This year we won't be able to gather in person but the International Organizing Committee for the event has provided a virtual version of the prayer service. I have posted it on our Parish web page ([www.thelivelyanglican.ca/events](http://www.thelivelyanglican.ca/events)) so you can watch it anytime but in order to show solidarity you may wish to wait until the usual time of your local gathering. The second event is designed to acknowledge the anniversary of the declaration that the Covid–19 outbreak had become a pandemic and restrictions on our behaviour were begun. The Anglican Bishops of the Province of Ontario have published a letter suggesting that on the anniversary (March 11) people from our congregations spent a few minutes in prayer about the pandemic. I have attached a copy of that letter to this email in case you can't find it.

The wonderful connection we have with God through prayer is both a lifeline to us and a source of encouragement and strength to the entire Body of Christ. As we take advantage of these two events may God's Holy Spirit fill our hearts and our lips with praise, thanksgiving, intercessions and supplications that are appropriate to our personal circumstances. Glen +

#### A prayer For the Mission of the Church

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island. We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen. (BAS p. 676)

#### 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/>

##### iii. A river through the desert: A Lenten pilgrimage

via St. George's College, Jerusalem

In Dean Richard Sewell's email update, he includes details of a Lenten pilgrimage video series/course. The individual or group-friendly course includes suggested Bible readings as well as a "Live from Jerusalem" webinar in March. While the course is free, Canadians are invited to make a donation to The Archbishop Fred Hiltz Scholarships, c/o Diocese of Toronto Foundation (**details can be found at the bottom of the page linked above**). Link to College information and video series at:  
<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/UPDATED-LENT-SERIES-MATERIALS--INCLUDING-FINAL-VIDEOS---WEBINAR-INFO.html?solid=1134318082985&aid=BDX8KkGGD9w>

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>

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Feel free to send me and Allison Cline–Dean (our Webmaster) any and all events and news. “Your Viewpoint” articles are also very welcome. You can use either my personal email as above or the Deanery email address above.

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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