

# Sudbury Manitoulin Deanery Digest

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## Holy Week

### News and Events

#### a. News events:

##### i. Upcoming Diocesan Information Sessions

Screening in Faith sessions upcoming – plan to participate!  
Mark your calendars! Diocesan Information Sessions are being planned to provide training and an opportunity to ask questions regarding the Screening in Faith policy and process across the Diocese. It is crucial that Incumbents, wardens, and those involved in the Screening in Faith protocols in your parishes participate. These sessions will occur via Zoom over three days at various times so everyone should have the opportunity to participate. Zoom information will be sent to the Incumbents for sharing by the end of this week. The dates and times of the sessions are [See attached document for details]:

Wednesday, April 7 – 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 8 – 10:00 a.m.

Monday, April 12 – 7:00 p.m.

##### ii. Palm Sunday from St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie

Service available on Sunday, March 28th at 9:00 a.m. Link:

<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/03/24/palm-sunday-from-st-lukes-cathedral-sault-ste-marie/>

##### iii. A joint Easter message from the Primate and National Bishop

A video message is now available to view or download from the Full Communion ACC-ELCIC website, [anglicanlutheran.ca](http://anglicanlutheran.ca).

Dioceses and parishes are encouraged to incorporate the message into upcoming worship and/or events, or to share separately with their congregations.

Link to video:

<https://anglicanlutheran.ca/2021-joint-easter-message/>

iv. Holy Week resources

(1) Easter Bible reading going worldwide via the South Peace News  
The Holy Week Bible Reading Marathon, an Easter tradition that started at St. Mark's Anglican (Diocese of Athabasca) about 20 years ago, is now going worldwide. Register here:  
<https://www.athdio.ca/news/bible-reading-marathon>

(2) Holy Week Resources for Households 2021  
Resources for home use, including a link to 'Stations of the Cross in Nature' devotionals for adults and children. Link to resources:  
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/03/24/holy-week-resources-for-households-2021/>

v. ACW 53rd Annual – May 26th, 2021 via Zoom

Join Anglican Church Women from across Algoma in fellowship, worship, and discussion. REGISTER NOW!! Information on the ACW 53rd Annual is now available on the Diocesan website:

<http://www.dioceseofalgoma.com>

“One Body in Christ” is happening via the Zoom platform on Wednesday, May 26th, 2021

Registration is required no later than May 6<sup>th</sup>.

vi. Save the date: National Worship Conference: Grace and Disruption

Just a note—this year's Anglican and Lutheran (ELCIC) National Worship Conference will be held online on Tuesday, July 6 and Wednesday, July 7. We'll be sure to share updates as they become available. Link to information:

<https://www.nationalworshipconference.org/>

b. Seeking Justice

i. Human Trafficking

(1) Tuesdays, March 23–April 27 (online): Do no harm: A fresh perspective on anti-human trafficking work, weekly webinar series from the Collaborative Network To End Exploitation. Link to series of webinars at:  
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/do-no-harm-a-fresh-perspective-on-anti-human-trafficking-work-tickets-142258873119>

- (2) An open letter to Senators on ending modern slavery and human trafficking  
 "As churches and relief and development organizations, we work with partners around the world who call on us to make Canada more accountable in its global practices and ensure that our decisions here do not result in negative outcomes for people in other parts of the world." Link to letter at:  
<https://www.anglican.ca/news/an-open-letter-to-senators-on-ending-modern-slavery/30033027/>
- Link to status and text of BILL S-216: An Act to enact the Modern Slavery Act and to amend the Customs Tariff at:  
<https://www.parl.ca/LegisInfo/BillDetails.aspx?Bill=S216&BillId=10922230&View=0>
- ii. LGBTQ+ and inequality  
Study [among American Christians] finds that 'queer' Christians quit the church twice as much as others via Religion News Service  
 A study in the Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion strongly associated queer identity with a decision to attend church less frequently or stop going altogether. Link to report of this study at:  
<https://religionnews.com/2020/11/06/straight-is-the-gate-lgb-people-leave-christianity-behind-twice-as-frequently/>
- iii. Episcopal delegation advocates gender justice at 65th UN conference on women's rights via Episcopal News Service  
 Members of The Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop's delegation invite everyone to join them for a virtual debriefing presentation to the church on March 25 and for a closing worship session on March 26. Link to article:  
<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/03/15/episcopal-delegation-advocates-gender-justice-at-65th-un-conference-on-womens-rights/>
- iv. Creation: Meaningful Allyship and Stories from the Front Lines of Land Defence, hosted by St. Aidan's (Diocese of Toronto) Sunday, March 28, 1pm (online). Link to service (Copy/paste only the ZOOM address and not the meeting ID and passcode):  
<https://staidansinthebeach.com/events/meaningful-allyship-workshop/2021-03-28>
- v. Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples within the Anglican Church

A conversation with Archbishop Mark MacDonald and Judith Moses, Chair of the Jubilee Commission. Links to registration information and livestreaming April 7 2021 6–7:15 PM:  
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/03/25/reconciliation-with-indigenous-peoples-within-the-anglican-church/>

c. Reflections

- i. Save the date: "Rising in hope, wisdom from the Elders"  
 The next Gospel Jamboree is scheduled for Saturday, April 10. The event will feature key footage of Indigenous Elders sharing wisdom and hope—submit your songs, poems and reflections today to take part. Link to information at:  
<https://www.anglican.ca/im/gospeljam/>
- ii. via The Society of St. John the Evangelist Awareness  
 The only thing that separates us from God, us who seek Him, is our awareness in this moment of His presence. The Psalmist asks, "Who can stand in His Holy place"? Well, that's a sort of a trick question, since all we really need to do is open our eyes to see that wherever we are, we're already standing in His presence.  
 –Br. Nicholas Bartoli
- vi. Holy Week with Handel: Meditations on the Messiah, Diocese of Edmonton March 29–31, 7pm MT (online). Link to registration for ZOOM links at: [admin@christchurchedm.ca](mailto:admin@christchurchedm.ca)
- vii. If someone asks you about Lent, tell them about Easter  
 The Rt. Rev. David Greenwood (Diocese of Athabasca) discusses Easter in the fourth instalment of his Lenten video series. Link to You Tube video at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FFLWzKjKI0I>
- viii. Transforming into a community hub  
 Bishop Michael Oulton (Diocese of Ontario) visits the former St. Paul's Church in Delta, Ont. The church has plans to transform itself into a community hub, housing the local food bank, a youth theatre company and a drop-in centre. Link to You Tube video at:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-bs8D\\_giPU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-bs8D_giPU)
- ix. We are St Martha's Chapel (in the basement)  
 The Rev. Jean Daniel Williams (Diocese of Montreal), chaplain and director of a multichurch ministry to students and young adults, explains how St Martha's goes beyond ministering to students on the McGill campus. Link to article at:

<https://www.montreal.anglican.ca/latest-news/2021/3/10/we-are-st-marthas-chapel-in-the-basement-by-rev-jean-daniel-williams>

c. Resources

- i. Dr. Amy-Jill Levine in conversation on Pew & Beyond  
In the weekly discussion series Pew & Beyond, hosts the Rev. Canon Lisa Vaughn and the Rev. Dr. Neil Mancor join guest Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, professor of Old Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University, for a thought-provoking (and fun) discussion about the culture and context of when Jesus lived and when the Gospels were written. Link to You Tube video:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNp\\_tPiNMto](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNp_tPiNMto)
- ii. Digital first, but not digital only  
via Institute of Evangelism at Wycliffe College  
Institute of Evangelism Mentor Joanna la Fleur discusses the importance of seeing beyond the digital in these pandemic times. Link to article:  
<https://institute.wycliffecollege.ca/2021/01/digital-first-but-not-digital-only/>

d. Covid Updates

- i. Operation Remote Immunity  
Retired family physician Dr. Jane Cox (Diocese of Algoma) writes a first-hand reflection about her experience in "Operation Remote Immunity"—a project, under Ornge paramedic leadership, to administer COVID-19 vaccines to residents in the Kashechewan and Attawapiskat communities along the James Bay coast. Link to story at:  
<https://www.anglican.ca/news/operation-remote-immunity/30032883/>
- ii. Covid and Grief
  - (1) Grief inescapable for those who have lost loved ones to COVID  
via Langley Advance Times  
“One of the hardest things has been not having funerals,” said the Rev. Andrew Halladay, vicar of St. Andrew’s Anglican Church in Langley (Diocese of New Westminster). Article at:  
<https://www.langleyadvancetimes.com/community/grief-in-escapable-for-those-who-have-lost-loved-ones-to-covid/>
  - (2) COVID 19 Grief, Loss and the Church’s response to it

A moving article by the Rev. Grace Delaney, Diocese of Moosonee. Link to article:

<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/03/26/covid-19-grief-loss-and-the-churchs-response-to-it/>

(3) "How long, O Lord?": Prison writing and the pandemic

via Rupert's Land News

J. Ryan Smith writes, "[Lately,] there are so many unique stories of loss and grief... It is difficult to speak or make sense of all these stories. Yet at times, attending carefully to one story can shed light on our own, and offer new light which unveils God's presence even in the midst of our struggle to have faith, and find hope and experience Christ's love." Link to article:

<https://rupertslandnews.ca/how-long-o-lord-prison-writing-and-the-pandemic/>

e. Prayers Requested

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

ii. Our Primate is here for you

Throughout 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](mailto:primate@national.anglican.ca)

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>

7. Anglican Journal

[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)

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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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