

# Sudbury Manitoulin Deanery Digest

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## EASTER 4

### 1. News and Events

#### a. News events:

##### i. Covid Updates

- (1) Pastoral letter from Archbishop Anne – 'Thou art with me'  
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want...Psalm 23

Link to Archbishop Anne's message at:

<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Message-to-the-faithful-in-Algoma-and-Moosonee-The-Good-Shepherd-April-23-2021.pdf>

- (2) 'Hold fast, Anglican Church of Canada' via Anglican Journal  
The past pandemic year, though painful, offers some opportunities for healing, writes guest columnist Emily Rowe. "We have been given this chance to consider which parts of what we had assumed to be 'normal' are worth returning to, and which are not." [www.anglicanjournal.com](http://www.anglicanjournal.com)

- (3) Church's affordable-housing project falls through amid 'skyrocketing' building costs, delays via the Times-Colonist  
"This was to be a win-win situation for everyone," says Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee (Diocese of British Columbia), "But, with skyrocketing building costs and excessive delays, the project could no longer be considered affordable and therefore is not feasible." Link to article at:  
<https://www.timescolonist.com/news/local/church-s-affordable-housing-project-falls-through-amid-skyrocketing-building-costs-delays-1.24308583>

- (4) Anglican, Episcopal leaders call for equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines worldwide via Episcopal News Service  
The discussion, which was joined by Archbishop Linda Nicholls, centred on unequal access to COVID-19 vaccines caused by "vaccine nationalism". Link to video of webinar and article at:  
<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/04/14/anglican-episcopal-leaders-call-for-equitable-access-to-covid-19-vaccines-worldwide/>
- ii. Church of the Epiphany Annual Book Sale cancelled  
GREETINGS BOOK SALE LOVERS,
- This Email Is to Inform You That the Church of the Epiphany Will Not Be Hosting a Book Sale in 2021.  
We Have Cancelled in the Interests of Everyone's Health and Safety.  
Date for 2022 –Friday January 28, Saturday January 29, and Sunday January 30.  
If You Have Any Questions Feel Free to Email Me.  
Stay Well Stay Safe  
Evelyn, Book Sale Lead
- iii. Diocesan ACW 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting May 26 via ZOOM.  
Registration and agenda documents (4) attached. Invitation and Annual booklet will sent to you via email following the May 6 deadline registration date.
- iv. Earth Week April 18–24  
Link to articles at:  
<https://www.kairoscanada.org/earth-week-2021>
- v. Thorneloe University: Thorneloe heading to court to stop Laurentian's attempt to end federation via CBC Sudbury  
"We expect Laurentian to abide by the valid agreements unless and until the court orders otherwise." Link to CBC article at:  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/laurentian-university-thorneloe-federated-agreement-court-action-1.5990985>
- vi. Spring Deanery Council Meeting May 1 2021  
[Hello] Deanery Council Members, I hope this email finds you and your family well.  
Our next Deanery meeting will be Saturday, May 1, 2021, 10am to 12noon. Our meeting will be held via zoom as we are still unable to gather due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Zoom details to follow.

One of our meeting items is to elect a new Regional Dean. Please see below qualifications.

Canon F-1: Deanery Officials qualifications of Regional Dean:

3. a) To be eligible for the office of Regional Dean, a person shall have served in Holy Orders for three years. (Amended 1999).

I look forward to seeing you all virtually!

Regards, Chantal Rozon

b. Justice

i. From Lament to Action: Archbishops' Anti-Racism Taskforce calls for urgent changes to culture of Church of England

via The Church of England

"Racism is a sin which disfigures God's image in us."

The Church of England Archbishops' Anti-Racism Taskforce has published its report 'From Lament to Action' proposing a suite of changes to begin bringing about a change of culture in the life of the Church of England. Link to articles at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/news-release/s/lament-action-archbishops-anti-racism-taskforce-calls-urgent-changes>

Link to Archbishops of Canterbury and York at:

<https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/news/news-and-statements/archbishops-statement-response-anti-racism-taskforce-report>

Archbishop of York statement (via the Guardian) via internet at:

<https://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/world/archbishop-of-york-commits-c-of-e-to-racial-justice-after-sobering-week/ar-BB1fYprS?li=AAggFp4&ocid=U452DHP>

ii. Climate issues

(1) The Church in Wales declares climate emergency

At an online meeting of the Church in Wales' Governing Body, members declared a climate emergency and agreed that an "urgent and rapid global response" to global warming is necessary. Link to article at:

<https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/news-and-events/church-declares-climate-emergency/>

iii. In Philippines, "worsening climate of impunity" has churches urging a global quest for justice

via World Council of Churches

As human rights violations worsen in the Philippines, religious leaders there are urging global solidarity for their increasingly urgent quest for justice. Link to article at:

<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/in-philippines-worsening-climate-of-impunity-has-churches-urging-a-global-quest-for-justice>

- iv. How shall we forgive? Re-discovering the way through, with Archbishop David Edwards [Diocese of New Brunswick] and National Indigenous Archbishop Mark MacDonald.  
 April 19: Creation and the Fall (the human offence) and its effects  
 April 26: God's answer in Christ, His Atonement, and the effects of the Resurrection  
 May 3: The new life and a different perspective: the offender, not just the offended, seeks reconciliation  
 May 10: The new life: applying 'forgiveness principles' and doing things differently  
 May 17: The new life: applying 'forgiveness principles' and living differently in creation. Link to registration at:  
<https://nb.anglican.ca/events/how-shall-we-forgive/2021-04-19>
- v. Churches and moral discernment: A series of three webinars by WCC Faith and Order Commission via World Council of Churches  
 In preserving and restoring unity, churches are increasingly confronted with moral questions. In a series of three webinars, the commission will look at the ways churches approach the discernment of ethical questions. Link to information and registration at:  
<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/churches-and-moral-discernment-a-series-of-three-webinars-by-wcc-faith-and-order-commission>
- vi. Ecumenical letter opposing evictions and demolitions of Palestinian homes in East Jerusalem  
 Together with other Canadian faith organizations, General Secretary the Ven. Alan T. Perry calls on Minister of Foreign Affairs the Hon. Marc Garneau to act on and denounce current human rights violations in East Jerusalem. Link to article from The Anglican Church of Canada at:  
<https://www.anglican.ca/news/ecumenical-letter-opposing-evictions-and-demolitions-of-palestinian-homes-in-east-jerusalem/30033645/>
- vii. West Indies Archbishop says church must acknowledge role in violence against women via Anglican Communion News Service  
 The Archbishop of the West Indies, Howard Gregory used his Easter message to call for the Christian church in Jamaica to accept

that some of its practices are used to justify violence against women. Link to article at:

<https://www.anglicannews.org/news/2021/04/archbishop-howard-gregory-says-church-must-acknowledge-role-in-violence-against-women.aspx>

c. Requests for prayer

i. Anglican-Lutheran Prayers for the next week.

See attached document

ii. Prayer in Memory of the Nova Scotia Shootings  
on the 1-year anniversary of the tragedy

God of love and mercy,  
embrace all those  
whose hearts today  
overflow with grief,  
unanswered questions and such a sense of loss.  
Our prayers go out to all who are suffering from grief,  
especially the families and friends of those who died  
April 18-19, 2020 in Nova Scotia and their communities  
Grant them space to express their tears.  
Hold them close through the coming days  
as they relive the memories of this tragedy and their loss.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
whose own suffering brought us life,  
here and for eternity.  
Amen

via the Diocese of New Westminster at:

<https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/blog/prayer-in-memory-of-the-nova-scotia-shootings>

iii. See related, "A Call to Prayer for the Philippines"... at:

<https://www.anglican.ca/news/a-call-to-prayer-for-the-philippines/30032548/>

d. Reflections

i. Right to worship

(1) Is in-person worship an essential service? via CityNews

In the Big Story podcast, the Rev. Michael Coren (Diocese of Niagara) discusses anti-lockdown protests by some of the more conservative churches and denominations during the pandemic. "Worship is not being restricted; assembly as it was is being restricted—for the sake of public health, on a

temporary basis." Link to podcast at:

<https://montreal.citynews.ca/2021/04/15/is-in-person-wo-rship-an-essential-service/>

(2) The easiest country to govern

via The Critic

The Rev. Michael Coren weighs in on the churches which are aggressively resisting restrictions, such as GraceLife in Alberta. Link to article at:

<https://thecritic.co.uk/the-easiest-country-to-govern/>

e. Resources

i. Jesus, glue and glitter

This website, launched by two family ministry creatives in the United Church of Canada, offers a number of ideas for worship and faith formation at home—including a number of activities and ideas in time for Pentecost. Link to website at:

<https://jesusglueandglitter.wordpress.com/>

ii. Growing up Christian, I couldn't listen to rap music. But DMX's iconic prayers turned me into a lifelong fan.

via Insider

Being a Christian means accepting life as an imperfect being in need of God's grace. Link to article at:

<https://www.insider.com/dmx-iconic-prayers-praying-christian-personal-essay-2021-4>

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

Website: [www.anglicanjournal.com](http://www.anglicanjournal.com)

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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 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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