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EASTER 5

1. [News and Events](#)

a. News events:

i. [Covid Updates](#)

(1) Hello,

The season of Easter is a time to reflect on the difference the resurrection of Jesus makes to our lives. Following that wondrous day, we are told, Jesus met frequently with his disciples speaking to them about the kingdom of heaven over a period of 50 days. This was a time when the disciples had the opportunity to come to grips with living with this new reality – that the last days were upon them as they were initiated by the resurrection of Jesus. We have all had over a year to come to grips with the reality that a tiny virus has the power to radically alter our everyday life so we can identify to some degree with those disciples whose world had been turned upside down. As we continue our walk with Jesus through this season we are invited to listen to the messages from our scripture readings and try to discern from them and from our experience how the resurrection can impact our response to living in a pandemic controlled world. Our Primate asks 'what have we learned about being Church over the past year that will be carried into our future?' and I wonder the same kind of thing. The fact that our lives will be different even after the restrictions are lifted is not really in doubt but how our lives will be different is up for some debate. This Sunday the readings feature the passage from John 15 where Jesus describes himself as the vine with his disciples as the branches. This teaching was something that affected the

understanding of those first disciples and it is offered to those who have been grafted into that vine in our generation. I suggest that you find a broadcast of a Church service and listen to a preacher talking about the vine and branches. The offering of Morning Prayer for this parish will be posted on our web-page by about 6 pm on Saturday May 1 (www.thelivelyanglican.ca/news) or it can be found on our YouTube Channel (the Anglican Parish of Copper Cliff and Lively) with a link to Facebook. My prayer is that as we journey with our Saviour through the season of Easter we will be helped by the Holy Spirit to learn and grow in our understanding of how to live as disciples of Jesus in this pandemic age. Glen +
a prayer

Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen. (BAS p. 341)

- (2) Pew & Beyond: With guest Dr. Joel Thiessen
Via The Anglican Church of Canada
Director of the Flourishing Congregations Institute Dr Joel Thiessen joins Pew & Beyond hosts the Rev. Dr. Neil Mancor and the Rev. Canon Lisa Vaughn. In the discussion, they look at the latest research in Canada about what makes for flourishing congregations, what it means to flourish and how COVID-19 has changed the game. Watch on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WMXy6ptVXjg>
- (3) National Surprised by the Spirit initiative launches
 - (a) Today [April 27 2021], during a live guest appearance on the weekly Pew & Beyond discussion series, Archbishop and Primate Linda Nicholls announced "Surprised by the Spirit", a new initiative to connect Anglicans across Canada in conversation, prayer and discovery. **We'll share the Pew & Beyond discussion once it becomes available on YouTube.** Watch at: <https://spirit.anglican.ca/>
 - (b) Pew & Beyond Surprised by the Spirit episode with the Primate now available
Hosts Rev. Canon Lisa Vaughn and the Rev. Dr. Neil Mancor met online with Archbishop Linda Nicholls in a one hour episode of the weekly discussion series Pew

& Beyond this week. In the episode, the Primate shared background and details to the new national initiative, Surprised by the Spirit. Watch at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vIsKS4NnKZQ>

See also, Surprised by the Spirit website...at:

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

See also, "Will the last Anglican please turn out the lights? Bad jokes don't tell the truth" (blog post related to episode)...at:

<https://www.lgreesor.com/blog-4/2021/4/28/will-the-last-anglican-please-turn-out-the-lights-bad-jokes-dont-tell-the-truth>

- (4) Worship and wallets via Winnipeg Free Press
According to a recent survey, there was a \$1.5-billion drop in giving to churches and Christian ministries in Canada last year. Link to article/story at:
<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/arts-and-life/life/faith/worship-and-wallets-574269462.html>
- (5) Latest News from The Diocese of Algoma
Important news from Camp Manitou – Covid-19 UPDATE
Summer programming cancelled for 2021!
The Camp Manitou Board has made the difficult decision to cancel all programs/camps for the 2021 season. With COVID-19's current status in Ontario and the restrictions in place, we will not be able to safely run summer programming. The decision was not made lightly and comes with a heavy heart. Letters to the Directors and Registrars, Campers and Volunteers are available at the links below:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Directors-Letter-COVID-19-2021.pdf>
And at:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Camp-Manitou-Cancellation-Letter-2021.pdf>
- ii. Anglican Foundation of Canada – upcoming Annual General Meeting via Algoma News
May 19th at 5 p.m. – Registration required! Link to information and registration at:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/04/27/anglican-foundation-of-canada-upcoming-annual-general-meeting/>
- iii. Diocesan ACW 53rd 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. 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>

- v. 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

- vi. Key documents of Indigenous Anglican church drafted via Anglican Journal
"The Sacred Circle"—the name of the national gatherings of Indigenous Anglicans held every two or three years—has been tentatively chosen as the name for the new church itself.
www.anglicanjournal.com

b. Justice

- i. Vaccination Equity
 - (1) The gift of a COVID vaccination via Ministry Matters
Last week, Archbishop and Primate Linda Nicholls received a first dose of COVID vaccine. Today, she shares her thoughts about vaccine equity, quoting Archbishop Thabo Makgoba, "Everyone deserves more than the crumbs under the table, when others are eating a full loaf of bread". Link to article at:
<https://medium.com/ministrymatters/the-gift-of-a-covid-vaccination-fbd2d0b8dd60>

(2) Get vaccinated, then pay it forward

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund has launched a new Vaccine Equity Fund to contribute to the worldwide vaccination effort from COVID-19. Link to article at: <https://pwrdf.org/vaccineequityfund/>

ii. Racism

(1) Eyes wide open: Race, class and gender on pandemic TV
via Anglican Journal

For many, pandemic lockdowns have meant evenings spent at home, watching films and series on streaming services. The Very Rev. Peter Elliott provides a review of new TV series that deal with issues of race, class and gender.

(2) In Minnesota service, Presiding Bishop calls verdicts in George Floyd's death steps in 'long walk' to justice
via Episcopal News Service

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry (TEC) preached an impassioned and at times personal sermon during a virtual Compline service, organized by the Episcopal Church in Minnesota and held hours after a jury convicted a former police officer in the killing of George Floyd.

Link to article at:
<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/04/21/during-minnesota-compline-presiding-bishop-calls-guilty-verdicts-in-george-floyds-death-steps-in-long-walk-to-justice/>

(3) In wake of Chauvin trial, what can faith leaders learn from the Rodney King LA riots? via Religion News Service

Following the "no guilty" verdict in Rodney King's killing, Dr. Najuma Smith-Pollard watched L.A. fill with people and fire, but one religious leader found a way to gather protesters peacefully. She hopes he can be a lesson for crowds following Derek Chauvin's trial. Link to article at:

<https://religionnews.com/2021/04/20/what-can-faith-leaders-learn-from-the-la-riots-after-the-rodney-king-verdict/>

(4) How are Anglicans around the world fighting racism inside and outside church structures?

via Anglican Communion News Service

Churches within the Anglican Communion have been making efforts in the fight against racism, both within the structures of the church itself, and in wider society. Link to article at:

<https://www.anglicannews.org/features/2021/04/how-are-anglicans-around-the-world-fighting-racism-inside-and-outside-church-structures.aspx>

iii. 'Street' Missions

Joy is highly contagious

Gilli McLaren writes of the friendship between himself, his wife and some unexpected friends in their community. Link to story at:
<https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/blog/joy-is-highly-contagious>

iv. Seeking Justice Together, a gathering of justice-minded Canadian Christians. Link to information and registration at:
<https://cpj.ca/seeking-justice-together/>

v. Gender Issues

(1) LISTEN: Gender equality in the Church

How do you support women in the church? In a new podcast from PWRDF's Youth Council (called "a just generation"), host Emily Walker speaks with ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson and Primate Linda Nicholls about gender equality in the Church, through stories about tokenism, stereotypes and the church's progress towards a gender-equal world. Link to Podcast at:
<https://open.spotify.com/episode/5RsAxx6FvOKZx8Krppkd4P?si=Vr769-sMRpKAYG3g2z5dMw&nd=1>

(2) Qulliit awards 2 Nunavut women for outstanding work with youth

via Nunatsiaq News

One of the recipients, Eunice Laura Panigayak of Taloyoak, coaches volleyball, chairs the Anglican church youth group, teaches Sunday school and volunteers on the local daycare committee—outside of her regular duties as an elementary school counselor. Link to story at:

<https://nunatsiaq.com/stories/article/quilliit-awards-2-nunavut-women-for-outstanding-work-with-youth/>

vi. Archbishop of Canterbury launches film series exploring how Christians can be peacemakers

via Archbishop of Canterbury

The film series, 'Faith in a Conflicted World', features five videos in which the Archbishop teaches three habits based on the life and ministry of Jesus that reflect His call on us to be peacemakers. Link to article at:

<https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/news/news-and-statem>

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See also registration to watch /Listen to film series at:

<https://difference.rln.global/register-your-interest>

- vii. WCC publishes first-of-its-kind handbook to help churches promote good health via World Council of Churches (WCC)
The new handbook, "Health-Promoting Churches Volume II: A handbook to accompany churches in establishing and running sustainable health promotion ministries," includes guidelines, resources and tools to equip and support local Christian congregations in starting sustainable health ministries, as well as a theological and public health basis for health-promoting churches. Link to article at:
<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/wcc-materials-educate-and-advocate-for-vaccine-awareness-and-equality>

- c. Requests for prayer
 - i. Anglican-Lutheran Prayers for the nest week.
See attached document

 - ii. Thy Kingdom Come: Run an Upper Room this year
via 24-7prayer.com
Here's a new idea for Thy Kingdom Come 2021 (or TKC, which is a global prayer movement that invites Christians all over the world to pray, from Ascension to Pentecost, for others to come to know Jesus). Link at:
<https://www.24-7prayer.com/blog/2894/run-an-upper-room-thy-kingdom-come-2021>
Watch the TKC webinar, which features this year's plans including new resources...at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A00k78VubMw>

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via Anglican Journal
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- d. Reflections
 - i. 5 lessons from the story of Joshua and Jericho via Crosswalk.com
What might this story lend to our Christian walk? What lessons are we to glean from this story? The Rev. Dr. Kyle Norman (Diocese of Calgary) shares five lessons to consider. Link to story at:

<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/lessons-from-the-story-of-joshua-and-jericho.html>

- ii. Abiding with Jesus via Niagara Anglican
The Rev. Michael Coren (Diocese of Niagara) shares the story of a poignant WWII experience from his grandfather, and how an element of that story links to our Christian path today. Link to story at:
<https://niagaraanglican.news/2021/04/26/abiding-with-jesus/>
- iii. The Language of Praise: how we sing is how we see
via Rupert's Land News
Contemplative singer-songwriter Alana Levandoski calls us to be more attentive in our worship practices and meditates on the idea of lateral praise. Link to article at:
<https://rupertslandnews.ca/the-language-of-praise-how-we-sing-is-how-we-see/>
- iv. Coup de projecteur sur Victor David
Une nouvelle vidéo en français présentant le ministère du Ven Victor David Mbuyi-Bipungu (diocèse de Montréal) [en française].
Watch at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B-m6RAs-YLA>
- e. **Resources**
 - i. Introduction to the Old Testament
via Huron's Licentiate in Theology
in partnership with the Diocese of Brandon
Open to those wishing to explore the literature of the Christian Old Testament, with attention to contemporary understandings of its composition and development, its range of literary genres and keys for their interpretation. Held on Tuesdays from 8–10pm ET, beginning May 4. Link to poster with registration information at:
<https://www.facebook.com/grayhame.bowcott/posts/10159423745334083>
 - ii. Indigenous Studies Program Summer School (online)
via Vancouver School of Theology (VST)
The Indigenous Studies Program Summer School takes place across 2 weeks in July. Course descriptions and registration details are available on the VST website. Link to information and registration at: <https://vst.edu/isp-summer-school/>
 - iii. "Theological Commentary on the Bible: What we have learned from the Brazos Commentary Series", Scripture and Theology colloquium from Wycliffe College. Link to information and

registration at:

<https://www.wycliffecollege.ca/scriptureandtheology>

- iv. Festival of Homiletics, a free festival hosted by Luther Seminary (Minnesota, U.S.). Link to registration at:

<https://www.festivalofhomiletics.com/register/>

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

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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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