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Christmas and Season of Epiphany

God of power and life,
the glory of all who believe in you,
fill the world with your splendour
and show the nations the light of your truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

—Collect for Christmas II, Book of Alternative Services (p. 278)

1. News and Events

News events

- a. Archbishop and Primate Linda Nicholls' sermon for New Year's Day
The Primate joined Christ Church Cathedral (Diocese of Ottawa) via video on New Year's Day to preach a sermon at the Cathedral's choral service of Morning Prayer. Link to sermon at:
<https://www.anglican.ca/news/ny-sermon-2022/30038248/>
- b. Christmas messages from Canada and beyond
On this Twelfth Day of Christmas, we offer a roundup of Christmas messages and stories (known at the time of sending) from leaders across the church in Canada as well as select individuals beyond our borders.
- Archbishop and Primate Linda Nicholls and ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson:
<https://www.anglicanlutheran.ca/statements/a-joint-christmas-message-from-the-primate-and-national-bishop-2/>

- National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop Mark MacDonald. Watch at: <https://www.anglican.ca/news/a-christmas-message-from-the-national-anglican-indigenous-archbishop/30038209/>
- Bishop David Lehmann (Diocese of Caledonia) via the Caledonia Connector (PDF): <https://dq5pwpg1q8ru0.cloudfront.net/2021/11/30/13/07/15/43670fe8-5f32-4fb9-95a1-47b395d0b6f6/December%202021.pdf>
- Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee (Diocese of the Islands and Inlets, B.C.): <https://bc.anglican.ca/news/bishops-christmas-letter-to-the-diocese-657>
- Bishop John Stephens (Diocese of New Westminster): <https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/news/from-a-newborn-child-jesus-grew-to-be-god-amongst-us>
- Archbishop Lynne MacNaughton (Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of B.C. and Yukon), video of sermon for Christmas I (begins at 18:00): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGmgrlVeEgg&t=1080s>
- Bishop Stephen London (Diocese of Edmonton), video of Christmas Eve sermon (begins at 26:40): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMzZPx6Ogjk&t=1600s>
- Bishop David Greenwood (Diocese of Athabasca): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kz49MGs7dHI>
- Bishop Chris Harper (Diocese of Saskatoon), a New Year's message: <https://www.anglicandiocesesaskatoon.com/bishops-corner/a-new-son-g-for-the-new-year>
- Bishop William Cliff (Diocese of Brandon): <https://www.facebook.com/bill.cliff1/posts/10105964271444591>
- Bishop Geoffrey Woodcroft (Diocese of Rupert's Land): <https://www.rupertsland.ca/news/bishops-christmas-message>
- Archbishop Anne Germond (Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario): <https://www.rupertsland.ca/news/bishops-christmas-message>
- Bishop Todd Townshend (Diocese of Huron): <https://diohuron.org/news/a-christmas-message-from-the-bishop-of-huron>

- Bishop Andrew Asbil (Diocese of Toronto) [Read or Watch]:
<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/from-our-bishops/bishop-shares-video-message-for-christmas/>
- Bishop Susan Bell (Diocese of Niagara):
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dh77_V2RwO8&feature=youtu.be
- Bishop Shane Parker (Diocese of Ottawa):
<https://www.facebook.com/shane.parker.90475/posts/10159658396239743>
- Bishop Michael Oulton (Diocese of Ontario):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S1-ytoCgT7g&feature=youtu.be>
- Bishop Bruce Myers (Diocese of Quebec), in a Christmas Eve presentation of the diocese's Christmas Lessons and Carols (begins at 5:00):
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=951327235817713>
- Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson (Diocese of Montreal) [read]:
<https://www.montreal.anglican.ca/latest-news/2021/12/15/bishop-marys-christmas-message-2021>
- Bishop Sam Rose (Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador):
<https://www.facebook.com/BishopSamRose/posts/324789362979678>
See also from Bishop Sam, A Christmas Story:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XfS0WkkEI-I>
- Archbishop David Edwards (Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada):
<https://nb.anglican.ca/news/a-christmas-message-from-the-archbishop>
- Bishop Sandra Fyfe (Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island):
<https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/newsletters/364/display>
- Bishop John Organ (Diocese of Western Newfoundland) [starts at 22.20 minutes into the worship service]:
<https://www.facebook.com/kay.short.50/videos/1063318137856167>
- Bishop John Watton (Diocese of Central Newfoundland):
<https://www.facebook.com/revjohnny2000/posts/10158043688641432>
- Canadian Council of Churches President Rev. Dr. Das Sydney:
<https://www.councilofchurches.ca/news/christmas-greetings-from-the-council-president/>

- Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby:
<https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/speaking-writing/sermons/archbishop-canterburys-christmas-sermon-2021>
 - World Council of Churches Acting General Secretary Rev. Prof. Dr Ioan Sauca: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/christmas-2021>
 - Queen Elizabeth II via BBC [watch]:
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-59768736>
- a. From the Bahamas to Fenelon Falls: New Anglican priest loves small town life via the Lindsay Advocate
A local reporter interviews Father Alvarado Adderley, incumbent at St. James Anglican Church in Fenelon Falls and Christ Church in Coboconk (Diocese of Toronto). Article at:
<https://lindsayadvocate.ca/from-bahamas-to-fenelon-falls-new-anglican-priest-loves-small-town-life/>
 - b. Callander Catholic church welcomes parishioners from neighbouring Anglican church via CTV Northern Ontario
When structural issues closed St. Peter's Anglican Church (Diocese of Algoma) two weeks ago, parishioners were left without a place to celebrate Christmas service. Then the congregation of St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church opened their doors to the St. Peter's community so they could hold their own Christmas service. Link to article at:
<https://northernontario.ctvnews.ca/callander-catholic-church-welcomes-parishioners-from-neighbouring-anglican-church-1.5722822>
 - c. January issue shares news and reflection from CoGS, Sacred Circle, COP26 via Anglican Journal
How has the pandemic affected the church? How did Anglicans react to the B.C. floods? Can running bring you closer to God? The Anglican Journal's first issue of 2022 is now available at:
www.anglicanjournal.com
 - d. Justice
 - i. Beginning Monday, January 10 (online)
via Canadian Council of Churches:
Engage Difference! Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry, a 12-week online course via the Forum for Intercultural Leadership and Learning. Check out outlines and registration at:
<https://www.interculturalleadership.ca/duimonline>

or at:

<https://www.wycliffecollege.ca/programs-and-courses/courses/Intercultural-leadership-and-learning-engaging-ministry-diverse-0>

- ii. Feds approve \$1M for research into Pelican Lake Residential School [Sioux Lookout Ontario] burial sites via Thunder Bay News Watch
Lac Seul First Nation will engage with 33 affiliated northern Ontario communities to establish cultural and spiritual protocols in working with Survivors, intergenerational Survivors, knowledge keepers and leaders to address the location, documentation, mapping, maintenance and commemoration / memorialization of burial sites. Article at:
<https://www.tbnewswatch.com/local-news/feds-approve-1-m-for-research-into-pelican-lake-residential-school-burial-sites-4883660>
- iii. Canada, First Nations reveal details of \$40B draft deals to settle child welfare claims via APTN News
Details of two agreements which could—in principle—end a nearly 15-year-old legal battle over the racist underfunding of child welfare services were announced earlier this week.
<https://www.aptnnews.ca/national-news/canada-first-nations-reveal-details-of-40b-draft-deals-to-settle-child-welfare-claims/>
See also via CBC Politics, "Ottawa releases early details of landmark \$40B First Nations child welfare agreement"...:
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/first-nations-child-welfare-agreements-in-principle-1.6302636>
- e. Reflections
 - (1) Christmas Candles have the power to change a story
via the Times-Colonist
"The physical light a single candle gives doesn't meet the visual needs of those of us accustomed to backlit screens and LED lights", writes the Rev. Canon Nancy Ford (Diocese of British Columbia), "Yet that gentle light has the power to open doors and break into impenetrable darkness."
Reflection at:
<https://www.timescolonist.com/blogs/spiritually-speaking/christmas-candles-have-the-power-to-change-a-story-4879207>
 - (2) From The Society of St. John the Divine (SSJE)
 - (a) Incarnation

The mystery of the incarnation is not an isolated event in history but is ongoing. We have found favor with God to reflect His life, light, and love to the world. We may experience fear at the prospect of such an awesome vocation, but Jesus will give us the provision to carry out that vocation. –Br. Jim Woodrum

(b) Adoption

On the first day of a new year, the very first thing that we celebrate is the name of Jesus; because we too, have been intimately joined with God and made holy. We are made holy when we were baptized into the sacred name of Jesus. We become united with Jesus, adopted by grace, into a place of deep intimacy with God our Father. –Br. Geoffrey Tristram

f. Requests for prayer

i. Anglican–Lutheran Prayer Cycles

ii. Desmond Tutu, South Africa's foe of apartheid, dies at 90

via Winnipeg Free Press

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, South Africa's Nobel Peace Prize-winning icon, an uncompromising foe of apartheid and a modern-day activist for racial justice and LGBT rights, died Sunday at 90. Link to article at:

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/arts-and-life/life/faith/desmond-tutu-south-africas-foe-of-apartheid-dies-at-90-575974352.html>

See also several other articles at General Synod News [part way down the page]:

<https://mailchi.mp/national/anglican-church-of-canada-update-for-january-5-2022?e=23056c3f4c>

2. Parishes who are creating online services

See attached document

3. List of Parishes

See attached document (Updated Dec 17 2021)

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 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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