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[Editor's Notes: Improvements: If you have any concerns or suggestions regarding our editorial policies, please fell free to send them to me. Most information is from the Anglican Church of Canada's News from General Synod and Algoma News web pages.]

## Season of Epiphany

## 1. News and Events

a. This issue is dedicated to the life Bishop Tom Corston. Bishop Tom died on Friday last week while living his last days at the Maison McCulloch Hospice in Sudbury after a short battle with a cancer. We send out God's light and love to his family.

The office of the Diocese of Algoma put together a Tribute to Bishop Thomas Corston:

'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' Matthew 25:23

"Then the ceremony was performed on Jesus, and while he was praying, the sky opened up and the Holy Spirit came down in the form of a dove and rested on him, a voice from the world above spoke like distant thunder, "You are my Much Loved Son who makes my heart glad." (Luke 3.22, First Nations Version)

Bishop Tom Corston, the much loved 9th Bishop of Moosonee, died peacefully in Sudbury on the Eve of the Baptism of the Lord. He is the much loved husband of Ruth, much loved father of Andrew (Michelle) and Stephen (Emilie), much loved son of Frances Corston, much loved brother of Deborah (Bruce), Margaret (Allen) and Erin (Paul), and much loved uncle, pastor, colleague, and friend to many. Above all, he is God's much loved son, marked as Christ's own at his baptism, who made God's heart glad just by being Tom. In the moment of his death the heavens opened, the Holy Spirit rested upon him, and Tom was embraced by his Father's heart to be with God forever. On Tuesday February 1st, 2022 at 11:00 am, at Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury, the People of God will gather for Tom's Funeral Eucharist, a reminder of his union with Christ in baptism. Unfortunately, due to gathering restrictions with Covid-19 this funeral is by invitation only.

In this time of pandemic, when we are unable to gather to share stories about Bishop Tom, colleagues and friends have written tributes, which we have posted for you to read on the websites of the Diocese of Algoma, Diocese of Moosonee, and the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario. They echo the messages of condolence for his family and words of remembrance shared as the news of Bishop Tom's death made its way through the circles of the church. Bishop Tom is remembered as being a kind, dependable man who served his convictions and Christian beliefs well and who loved to tell a good story. He is appreciated for his warmth, humility, honesty, sense of humour, and for being a mentor to many laity and clergy in the church.

Friends wishing to send cards of condolence to Ruth may send them to 2489 Cavendish Court, Sudbury, Ontario P3E 5X7. The family is requesting that donations be made to the Anglican Diocese of Moosonee or The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

On behalf of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, we assure Tom's family of our prayers, and we join with them in giving thanks for his life and legacy.

+Anne

- b. <u>Other tributes can be found at</u>: <u>https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Tribu</u> <u>te-to-Bishop-Tom-Corston.pdf</u>
- c. <u>Church of the Epiphany Sudbury</u> https://epiphanysudbury.org/rest-in-peace-bishop-tom/

2. <u>Ordination upcoming - livestream link available</u>

Archbishop Anne Germond is pleased to announce that Ann Camber will be ordained (God willing) to the Sacred Order of Deacons by Bishop Victoria Matthews (on behalf of the Archbishop) on Saturday, January 15th at 5 p.m. in St. Paul's, Thunder Bay. The service will be livestreamed and is available at https://www.youtube.com/c/StPaulsMedia/featured

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We uphold Ann in prayer as she prepares for this special day in her faith journey.

- 3. Requests for prayer
  - i. <u>Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycles</u>
  - ii. Bishop Thomas Corston and family, friends and his spiritual brothers and sisters.
  - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity online service
    "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship Him." Archbishop Anne Germond and Bishop Thomas Dowd are co-presiding an online service to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Mark your calendars and join them on Thursday, January 20th at 7 p.m. See attached poster.
- 4. Parishes who are creating online services <u>See attached document</u>
- 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: <u>www.anglicanjournal.com</u>

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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 <u>above or the Deanery email address above.</u>

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

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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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