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[Editor's Notes: Improvements: If you have any concerns or suggestions regarding our editorial policies, please feel 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

"Where is the child that has been born king of the Jews?"

—Scripture passage (Mt 2:2) selected for the second day of 8 Days of Prayer, a Canadian Bible study resource for the 2022 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

1. News and Events

- a. Service of Prayer and Remembrance for Bishop Tom Corston
Friends and colleagues are invited to share in this service as we remember Bishop Tom Corston. UPDATE – PLEASE KNOW THAT ALL FRIENDS/COLLEAGUES OF BISHOP TOM'S ARE WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE NOT JUST MEMBERS OF THE DIOCESES OF ALGOMA AND MOOSONEE!!
Link to January 23rd service via ZOOM at:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2022/01/18/service-of-prayer-and-remembrance-for-bishop-tom-corston/>
- b. Job Postings for Clergy in Algoma Diocese – Thunder Bay and Parry Sound.
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/about-the-diocese-of-agloma/job-openings/>
- c. General Synod 2022 Calgary: Let There Be Greening
 - i. An update on Assembly 2022 planning
"Planning for Assembly 2022 has continued through this time on various aspects of theme, agenda, worship and more. The difficult and uncertain piece in all of this is whether our gathering should be held in-person." Link to update at:
<https://anglicanlutheran.ca/statements/an-update-on-assembly-2022-planning/>

- ii. General Synod may revisit rules for membership, voting
via Anglican Journal
When it meets this summer, General Synod is expected to vote on a set of proposals concerning its own rules for membership and voting. Link to article at:
<https://www.anglicanjournal.com/general-synod-may-revisit-rules-for-membership-voting/>
- d. World Wide Anglican Communion
Consultation launched on membership of body which nominates future Archbishops of Canterbury via the Church of England
The Archbishops' Council (Church of England) has launched a consultation on a proposal to change the make-up of the Crown Nominations Commission—which nominates future Archbishops of Canterbury—recommending an increase in the number of representatives from the wider Anglican Communion. Link to story at:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/press-releases/consultation-launched-membership-crown-nominations-commission-future>
- e. Mental Health: Thursday, January 27, 7pm AT (online): Addressing the Challenges of Mental Health, hosted by the Diocese of Fredericton. Link to information and ZOOM link online at:
<https://nb.anglican.ca/events/addressing-the-challenges-of-mental-health/2022-01-27>
- f. Fresh Expressions: Mondays, January 31–February 21, 2:15pm ET (online): 7th Intro Course to New Monastic Missional Communities, via the Rev. Ian Mobsby & Fresh Expressions. Link to information and registration at:
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/7th-intro-course-to-new-monastic-missional-communities-by-ian-mobsby-tickets-231241438367?keep_tld=1
- g. Reflections
 - i. The State of Religion
 - (1) 'Gone by 2040': Why some religions are declining in Canada faster than ever via Global News
"The idea of modernity, which is based on science, is somehow intrinsically against religion. There is a view that is out there, not one that I agree with, that science and religion can't mix," says statistics and research officer the Rev. Canon Dr. Neil Elliot. This story, with links to its three parts, can be read or watched on video at:

<https://globalnews.ca/news/8471086/religion-decline-canada/>

- (2) The church will never regain the power it once had, but this minister says that's a good thing

via CBC Newfoundland & Labrador

The Rev. Robert Cooke (Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador) looks forward to a future that will 'shake the foundations of what makes us the church'. Link to article at:
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/robert-cooke-new-spirituality-1.6313429>

- ii. Sudbury faith: The joy of setting things up via the Sudbury Star
 The Rev. Dr. Bill Steadman (honorary associate of St. James Anglican Church, Goulais River), writes, "I always feel sad when a certain time of year passes and another one pushes into our consciousness. It takes time to enter into a festive season and too soon it is gone." Link to article at:
<https://www.thesudburystar.com/opinion/columnists/sudbury-faith-the-joy-of-setting-things-up>

2. Requests for prayer

- a. Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycles
- b. Bishop Thomas Corston and family, friends and his spiritual brothers and sisters.

3. Resources

- a. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – online service
- i. "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.
Other links at:
 (1) <https://www.anglican.ca/weekofprayer/>
 (2) <https://www.weekofprayer.ca/2022-wpcu-resources>
 (3) <https://www.oikoumene.org/search?keywords=Week%20of%20Prayer%20for%20Christian%20Unity>
- ii. Praying for Christian unity
 Archbishop and Primate Linda Nicholls writes, "My own experiences of the gifts of other Christian communities have taught me to see the face of Christ in others; to be humble about

my own tradition; and to recognize the many ways in which God is at work in the world beyond what I know and can see." The Primate's message, with links to other denominations with whom we are forming communion covenants, is at:

<https://medium.com/ministrymatters/praying-for-christian-unity-d06c9de40760>

- b. New resource available for children, youth and family ministry
Come Together, an e-book manual, focuses on the feasts and festivals of the church year with an emphasis on all age gatherings for the whole community throughout the entire year. Included for each gathering is an introduction, running order and a resource section filled with video and audio links, activities, recipes and more. Link to resource at:
<https://www.montreal.anglican.ca/latest-news/2022/1/10/yus8fvrqvw/x6bzyplm3z5fp6cfnwq>

4. Justice

a. Environmental issues

- i. Do Look Up! via Anglican Journal
Smug and cynical though it may be, Don't Look Up encourages us "to pay attention, and to stay connected with what's truly important," writes Peter Elliott. This is a story about human institutions ignoring what disasters are happening in our world. Link to article/film review at:
<https://www.anglicanjournal.com/do-look-up/>
- ii. Latest update from the Anglican Communion Environmental Network
The latest update includes: reflections from Indigenous Bishop Steven Charleston; environmental emergency news in 2022; Christian resources with an environmental focus; and, more. Link to this Newsletter at:
[https://mailchi.mp/4e4c2ee8959e/acen-digest-5090005?e=\[UNIQID\]](https://mailchi.mp/4e4c2ee8959e/acen-digest-5090005?e=[UNIQID])
- iii. All Church of England dioceses join Eco Diocese program ahead of 2030 net-zero target via the Church of England
All 42 dioceses in the Church of England have signed up to become an "eco diocese" as part of their commitment to reach carbon net zero by 2030. Link to story at:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/press-releases/every-church-region-country-signs-become-eco-diocese-ahead-2030-net>

5. 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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