

Sudbury Manitoulin Deanery Digest

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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 Lent – 1

1. News and Events

a. The Church of the Ascension: The Exodus Story Bible Study

Most of us are familiar with the stories about Moses, the burning bush and the parting of the Red Sea, but the Story of Israel's Exodus from Egypt also provides the foundation for understanding Good Friday and Easter. Come explore the first half of the book of Exodus with us at the Church of the Ascension on Thursday evenings at 7pm from March 3rd until April 7th. This will be a hybrid in-person/Zoom Bible study. There are a limited number of in-person seats, but lots of space on Zoom and all are welcome to join us. Speak to Rev. Jeff or e-mail the church office at ascension@vianet.ca to register for an in-person space.

Zoom meeting details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81741684556?pwd=WXg5Uk1NbUdlbnNiU0lMTjNaJFQTO9>

Meeting ID: 817 4168 4556

Passcode: 736749

Phone in line: +1 647 558 0588

b. Anglican Foundation of Canada News

See attached document!

c. Deanery Council News

Sudbury-Maniotulin Deanery Council met this past Saturday Feb 25 via ZOOM. It was a good meeting, the first time in a long time that we have met during the winter. We have a new Lay Steward, Mara Waeren from St. Alban's congregation in Capreol. Do not forget that we have web page at: <https://www.deanerysudbury-manitoulin.org/>

We received a note from Allison Cline, our webmaster who lives in England and former chaplain to Pioneer Manor:

"I want to close down the deanery Facebook page as I created a deanery Facebook group (two separate entities). I have been trying to close the page down for a year now however people refuse to go to the group even though there is a notice pinned to the top of the Deanery Facebook page advising them the page is no longer up-dated and providing the url for the Deanery Group. The Deanery Facebook page is part of my personal Facebook account ergo the reason I want to close the deanery page. When I eventually retire from being web-mistress, the Facebook deanery group will be able to keep going without being reliant on me. The Deanery Facebook page has not been up-dated since Easter 2020 whereas the group is up-dated weekly.

The Deanery group can be accessed at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/deaneryofsudburymanitoulin>.

Please encourage everyone who currently accesses the page to move over to the deanery group. Possibly this is something that can go in the weekly newsletter as part of informing people using a different media. Is there anything you wish from me by way of a report on the web-site and Facebook group?"

Also from the Council minutes of Feb 25: Parish or congregation sharing of what they will be doing in this Lent:

Parish of St. John's/Christ Church: Sunday School resource for families which can be sent out to families; Ash Wed Services and Good Friday; hybrid meetings

St. Peter's Elliot Lake: in a state of flux after Rev. Henk died – Lutheran and visiting Anglican priests – surviving at this time

Manitoulin Island Churches: Little Current – Ash Wed service, rev Doug arranged a Lenten Bible Study; Gore Bay – same joint with Kagawong;

All Saints, Coniston: Ash Wed service in the evening; Bible Study around the Book of Isaiah; lots of people joining us on ZOOM for Sunday worship; thinking about something for kids at school from All Saints; on All Saints Facebook

Church of the Ascension Sudbury: 2 Ash Wed services – 11 AM and live stream the 7 PM; hybrid Bible Study around the Book of Exodus via ZOOM

Church of the Epiphany Sudbury: new live stream system in place (10:30 AM service); during Lent –reaching out to downtown businesses – how can we... help with a prayer service following in the church building; outreach committee meets once a week and hands out 200 sandwiches using food from Out of the Cold (which did not run this year) Thursday mornings; Ash Wed services

St. George's Espanola: Ash Wed service and in retirement home; one on one visits with shut ins; Wed prayer services – using a Lenten video series from SSJE on the Gospel of John – Bev will send a link for those interested; ALPHA Series Via ZOOM; probably do a sunrise service
Diocesan/Deanery opportunities during Lent and Easter:

Ven. Glen Miller: Archbishop book study wed evenings 7 PM beginning Mar 9 for 5 sessions based on a book by Archbishop Desmond Tutu – “In God’s Hands: A Lenten study”; Archbishop Fred Hiltz is also doing something advertised on the Diocese of Moosenee Diocesan web page.

- d. Camp Manitou
 Look for news in the next couple of months as the Board of Directors is planning to reopen the camp for over night camping. Pray for that Board as it works diligently to create protocols to handle Covid information and vaccination/mask protocols.
- e. Lenten Resources
 - i. Russian Invasion of the Ukraine
A Call to Prayer – Lent 2022 via Diocese of Algoma News
 Create a clean heart for me, God; put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me! Link to article at:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Call-to-Prayer-Lent-2022.pdf>
 - ii. Lenten Quiet Afternoon hosted by Thunder Bay/North Shore Deanery
 Registration required for Lenten Quiet Afternoon with Bishop Riscylla Shaw. Link to information and registration at:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2022/02/28/lenten-quiet-afternoon-hosted-by-thunder-bay-north-shore-deanery/>
 - iii. Virtual Preaching Monks for Lent and Holy Week
 via Society of St. John the Divine
 Link to video sermons for the Sundays in Lent and Holy Week at:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10MPu68WfF1PZUMzqjgin_emmeT7GaiLk?_hsmi=58628849&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8rurKFyRjo5pSb3kH6fzVAJ15ZmBUlgRd7uTLtAJE-POTK8kji0alhSeINN0OeJjHx7JAGjLnEbnhFNZFex-Msi7mFw
- f. Requests for prayer
 - i. A Call to Prayer – Lent 2022 See above!
 - ii. Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycles
 See attached document

- iii. Tribute to Bishop Tom Corston
"Tom was simply 'modest, humble and constant in his labours'" –
p 47 The Book of Common Prayer. Link to tribute at:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Bishop-Tom-Corston-Insert.pdf>

g. Reflections

- i. From Society of St. John the Evangelist
 - (1) Icon

For the Christian, Jesus himself is the icon par excellence, for He is the image of the invisible God. When we gaze into the mystery of the person of Jesus, we see through and beyond him into the heart of the living God. When we gaze at Jesus, we come to know what God is truly like.

–Br. James Koester

Invite a Friend

Do you have friends or members of your congregation who might appreciate receiving daily monastic wisdom to nourish their spirit this Lent? We hope you'll let them know about "Brother, Give Us a Word." Invite them to subscribe at SSJE.org/word

- (2) Ask

You may be heading into Lent with the feeling of not having had an epiphany – that is, you're not sure how God is working in your life. If this is the case, then don't panic. Take your questions to God in prayer. Ask Jesus to shed some light in your life, to transfigure it, and then be patient.

–Br. Jim Woodrum

- (3) Wilderness

Go into the wilderness, however scary. God will be there, supporting and guiding us. When we struggle, God wants us to win. God wants to bless us. God wants us to proclaim those joyful and triumphant words, 'I have seen God face to face, and I live.'

–Br. Geoffrey Tristram

A provocation for your day:

Where in your life are you struggling, afraid, alone? What would it mean for you to go into that wilderness, trusting that God waits there for you?

(4) Ego

Perhaps a helpful intention this Lent: surrender enough ego to see the world a little more the way God sees it. Instead of quickly summarizing another person, take a moment to drop your judgments and hold them in God's Love. Drop the stories and focus on the real human beings in front of you. Let's look a little deeper and see who others are in Christ.

–Br. Nicholas Bartoli

A prayer for your day:

God help me to see others as you see them. Destroy the idols I create, so that I can really see the people I encounter today, as they are.

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 Communion
Website: <https://anglicancommunion.org/>
8. Anglican Journal
Website: www.anglicanjournal.com

We send the Deanery Digest Fridays or Saturdays, usually before 10 PM.

Improvements: If you have any concerns or suggestions regarding our editorial policies, please feel free to send them to me.

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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