

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.]

Third Sunday of Easter

1. News and Events

a. **Requests for prayer**

- i. Christians in Belarus do not fear to be messengers of justice and peace via World Council of Churches
In the current Belarusian context, says Orthodox theologian and human rights lawyer Natallia Vasilevich, institutional churches often fail to stand up for human rights while individual Christians at the grassroots are bringing a prophetic voice with seeds of hope.
<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/natallia-vasilevich-christians-in-belarus-do-not-fear-to-be-messengers-of-justice-and-peace>
- ii. Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycles
See attached document
- iii. New Pastoral Chaplain – Thunder Bay-North Shore Deanery
As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Ephesians 4:1
Archbishop Anne Germond is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Victoria Matthews as Pastoral Chaplain for the Deanery of Thunder Bay-North Shore. Bishop Victoria has been the Bishop in Residence in the Parish of St. Michael and All Angels, Thunder Bay, since November 21, 2021 and is concluding that appointment in May. She has felt a calling to continue ministry within the Diocese of Algoma and offered to fill the role of Pastoral Chaplain for the deanery working with those discerning a call to ministry. Her experience as a Bishop will

be very beneficial to enquirers and potential postulants within the Thunder Bay–North Shore area.

Should you wish to connect with her, please be in touch with Archdeacon Jay Koyle in the Synod Office.

We are grateful to Bishop Victoria for her willingness to undertake this role and uphold her in prayer as she commences this ministry within the Diocese.

- iv. Condolences to the Henderson/Wood families
Psalm 34:18. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2022/04/29/condolences-to-the-henderson-wood-families/>
- v. A prayer for victims of sexual abuse
Bishop Geoff Woodcroft (Diocese of Rupert's Land) has written a prayer for victims of sexual abuse.
<https://rupertslandnews.ca/a-prayer-for-victims-of-sexual-abuse/>
- vi. A silencing of doubt
Canon Herbert O'Driscoll (Diocese of New Westminster) writes, "Sometimes when we wonder and wonder at the scriptures of the Resurrection, asking the questions and experiencing the doubts that people have voiced since the extraordinary events of that long ago weekend, I find it helpful to come at it all from another direction."
<https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/blog/a-silencing-of-doubt>
- b. All Saints Coniston Spring Tea May 14 2022
Spring Tea, May 14th, 11 to 2pm All Saints Church, 44 Pine St, Coniston, provided restrictions stay the same. It is a sit-down tea, lunch, door prize, bake table, craft table and auction table. \$7.00 entry, must wear masks except when eating. Handwashing stations provided.
- c. Provincial Council Highlights – Spring 2022
The Council of The Ontario Provincial Synod met on March 21st, 2022 via video conference. Highlights of the meeting are available at the link below. Prov Cncl Highlights Mar 2022:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Prov-Cncl-Highlights-Mar-2022.pdf>
- d. ACW Annual – June 1st

REGISTRATION FORM DUE BY MAY 6TH!!

<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/ministries/anglican-church-women-acw/>

- e. Way to go St. Paul's!!!
We got Matched!! [Anglican Foundation's Say Yes! Campaign]
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2022/04/25/way-to-go-st-pauls/>
- f. Justice
- i. Algoma Social Justice Committee
via Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Green, Church of the Epiphany
Dear Friends and Colleagues in the Sudbury–Manitoulin Deanery,
- I need to bring to your attention two matters that I ask that you please discuss with your parish councils and faithful members.
- (1) Algoma Social Justice Committee – Please help raise your community's awareness of the work and ministry of the Algoma Social Justice Committee. A good place to begin is by sharing the attached SJC Report that was submitted to the Executive Committee earlier this year.. You will see that the overarching theme of the work of the SJC is Addressing Poverty in the North. We need you to begin speaking to your congregations, in your context, about the issues and impact of poverty where you are. As the Regional Dean and member of the SJC, it is both my aim and my hope that we can eventually form a Deanery Team to specifically look at how we address and confront the issue of poverty. To begin, the SJC hopes to meet with members of each Deanery in Algoma via Zoom.. Every member of the SJC is planning to meet with members of their deaneries – from Thunder Bay to Muskoka. We also ask that congregations engage with provincial election candidates about Poverty in the North. A suggested question might be: What are you going to do to alleviate poverty in the north?
- ii. Statement from the Archbishop of Canterbury about his visit to Canada
The Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, has issued a statement about his visit to Canada. Archbishop Welby will arrive in Saskatchewan today [Friday April 29].
<https://www.anglican.ca/news/statement-from-the-archbishop-of-canterbury-about-his-upcoming-visit-to-canada/30039097/>
See also via CBC Saskatoon, "Head of Anglican Church to meet with residential school survivors, elders in Sask. this weekend"...

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatoon/archbishop-of-canterbury-visit-james-smith-cree-nation-1.6433541>

Also: James Smith Cree Nation to host the Archbishop of Canterbury. Article via Global News

<https://globalnews.ca/news/8795897/james-smith-cree-nation-host-archbishop-canterbury/>

- iii. They are not just statistics
On Maundy Thursday, Christ Church Cathedral (Diocese of New Westminster) hosted an Opioid Crisis Service of Lament. The liturgy was organized by members of the cathedral parish, clergy and health care representatives.
<https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/news/they-are-not-just-statistics>
- iv. Ottawa's court delays could keep survivor, 92, from seeing residential school justice, says lawyer via the CBC Indigenous
Unlike many others, the survivor never applied for any compensation for abuse he suffered at the residential institution in Lytton, B.C., under the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement. He also didn't apply for compensation under the provision of the agreement known as Common Experience Payments for the years he attended the institution. "He was held back by shame," said his lawyer.
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/stgeorges-court-ottawa-1.6426530>
- v. Deaf Episcopalian creates ministry uniting Deaf worshipers around the world with hearing congregations in Texas
via Episcopal News Service
What started out as a small online prayer group earlier in the pandemic has grown into an international ministry dedicated to giving Deaf people an accepting place to worship.
<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2022/04/28/deaf-episcopalian-creates-ministry-uniting-deaf-worshipers-around-the-world-with-hearing-congregations-in-texas/>
- vi. Monday, May 2, 3:30pm ET (online): Building an Anti-Racist Church: A Talk with Adele Halliday, hosted by Montreal Dio and The United Theological College
https://www.facebook.com/events/393882195907697/?active_tab=about

g. **Reflections**

- i. New institute at Wycliffe among projects funded by U.S. Lilly grants
via Anglican Journal
A Toronto seminary is hoping its new institute for church research and data analysis will be a “game-changer” for understanding how societal trends affect church decline and growth.
- ii. Ecumenism:
 - (1) New steps in relationship between the United Theological College and Montreal Dio
via Montreal Diocesan Theological College
In an agreement approved by the Boards of Governors this month, Montreal Dio agreed to formally launch a United Church Studies Program that will prepare students for ordered ministry in the United Church of Canada. Montreal Dio also agreed to continue building on the United Theological College’s work by offering and enhancing French-language programs and programs that prepare people for bilingual ministry.
<https://montrealdio.ca/new-steps-in-relationship-between-the-united-theological-college-and-montreal-dio/>
 - (2) Funding provided to protect places of worship
via the North Bay Nugget (Ont.)
The Ontario government is providing 12 places of worship in Nipissing with funds to safeguard and protect places of worship from hate-motivated violence and attacks. The Rev. Peter Armstrong of St. Brice’s (Diocese of Algoma) said the church has “had several recent incidents of break-ins and graffiti, and we hope these incidents will be reduced or eliminated with help from resources through this program.”
<https://www.nugget.ca/news/funding-provided-to-protect-places-of-worship>
 - (3) May 25–26 (online): New Shoots in Ecumenism, hosted Trinity College's Alumni Office.
<https://www.trinity.utoronto.ca/events/ecumenism-conference/>
- iii. From the Society of St. John the Evangelist
 - (1) Redemption
Life has a way of bashing us about. We each bear our scars, even though we prefer to hide them from the gaze of others. But this Easter season, we celebrate with joy that extraordinary power of God which redeems what is broken, mends what is torn, and gives life to that which has died.

This is the good news of Easter: “For the one who raised Jesus from the dead will also raise us.”—Br. Geoffrey Tristram

(2) Wonder

The true wonder, the real cause for astonishment, is that Jesus continues to give us himself. He continues to entrust himself to our distracted, careless, fumbling, human hands, because his love for us is endless and unbreakable.

—Br. Keith Nelson

(3) Miracle

In the face of many odds, you are a survivor; your life has extended into this new day. Past events in your life may have just killed you, but look at you. You’ve come back to life. It’s not just Jesus who is a walking miracle; you also are a walking miracle.

—Br. Curtis Almquist

(4) Abundance

When our minds are distracted by anxiety, we forget God’s eternal presence. We forget, and so we fail to recognize Christ’s Light in a flower, a friend’s face, the play of shadows at dusk, the sound of rustling leaves, or even the subtle sense of our own being. Fortunately, all it takes is an instant of rest for our souls, a complete surrender to God, and a quieting of our minds. Then we remember this place of abundance, here and now, already surrounding us and within us.

—Br. Nicholas Bartoli

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

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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 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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