

Sudbury Manitoulin Deanery Digest

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Christmas 2018/2019

[Editor: may your Christmas celebrations be filled with joy and peace that can only be found in Jesus, our Lord, God's son. May He fill your new year with many blessings and may you know that you are God's child.]

Revelation

"The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory." The prologue of John's gospel positively resists sense and logic and points us directly to the domain of our senses, our intuition, and our desire: to look, to touch, to believe. The bond of warmth and genuine love with God will make itself known by making itself felt: in physical sensations that enfold us or catch us unawares. It will erupt in emotions that we cannot hide or control. It will whisper across the surface of awareness in intuitions that live in the gut as much as in the mind.

-Br. Keith Nelson
Society of St. John the Evangelist
<https://www.ssje.org/>

[News and Events:](#)

1. Current and Future Events to Mark on Your Calendars:
 - a. Church of the Ascension
Website: <http://www.churchoftheascensionsudbury.com>
Rector: Rev. Aiden Armstrong
Honorary Associates: Rev. Jeff Hooper, Rev. Dr. Robert Derrenbacker and Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews
Worship Services 9 AM and 11AM.

ALPHA
Spring of 2019.

MESSY CHURCH
4:30pm First Wednesday of the Month (starting in Oct.)

- b. Church of the Epiphany
Website: <http://www.epiphanysudbury.org>
Interim Priest-in-Charge: Rt. Rev. Tom Corston who also provides Bishop services to the Diocese of Moosenee
Curate: Rev. Sarah Armstrong
Honorary Associate: Rev. Rhonda Hirst, Lead Chaplain for the Health Sciences North Spiritual and Religious Care Department.
Worship Services: 8:30 AM spoken BCP service and 10:30 AM choral Eucharist.
Christmas Services (See attached poster):
Dec 30 Festival of Lessons and Carols

Quilter's Group
Our Quilters group meets Thursday mornings at 9:30 and is always willing to welcome new members who quilt or sew or knit etc. Or who may want to learn.
We also offer space for a number of different community groups, including AA, a ladies exercise group, karate, Girl Guides and Raging Fire. The Epiphany is being used almost every day and evening.

Out of the Cold Dinners
Fridays 6-7 PM beginning November 23 and continues throughout the winter until mid April. Bishop Tom and Reverend Sarah continue to work in cooperation with St. Andrews United which also hosts these dinners.

Gigantic Book Sale
Mark your calendars for January 25-27, 2019. See attached poster.

- c. Parish of Copper Cliff and Lively
Website: www.thelivelyanglican.ca
Rector: Archdeacon Glen Miller
Honorary Deacon Associate: Rev. Dr. Pattie Brace
Worship Services 9 AM at Christ Church and 11 AM at St. John's
Christmas Services:
Dec 30 9 AM (Christ Church Morning Prayer)
 11 AM St. John's Morning Prayer

Parish Small Group Ministry (taking a break until 2019)
 Knitting/Crochet: Tuesday 10 AM at St. John's
 Bible Studies: Wed 10 AM at St. John's
 Men's Wed 7 PM Christ Church member's home
 Ladies Friday 11:30 AM at St. John's

Nursing/Retirement Homes (Communion Services)
 Pioneer Manor (Sudbury), Extendicare York (Sudbury), St. Joseph's
 Villa (Sudbury), St. Gabriel's Villas (Chelmsford), Meadowbrook
 Village (Lively), Walford on the Park (Copper Cliff)

Other Community Ministries
 Out of the Cold dinners
 Good Food box
 Messy Church
 Mom's and Tots
 Breakfast for kids at a Lively School
 Walden Winter Carnival

- d. Parish of Elliot Lake/Massey
 Rector: Rev. Henk Willems and Rev. Beth Topps
Worship Services
 St. Peters Anglican Elliot Lake—9.30 am
 Faith Lutheran Elliot Lake—11.00 am—1st and 3rd Sunday
 Zion Lutheran Massey 2nd Sunday of the month at 1pm
 Gowan Gillmore Sagamok 2.00 pm at Harvey Owl house
 every 4th Sunday

Coldest Night of the Year
 St. Peter's is hosting this event in February 2019. They continue to
 help out in the Elliot Lake Food Bank, particularly during Lent

- e. St. Alban, Capreol
 Website: <https://www.facebook.com/alban.church>
 Interim Priest-in-Charge: Archdeacon Glen Miller
 Assisting Priest: Rev. Jeff Hooper (part-time)
Service Worships Sunday Worship and Sunday School at 11 AM
- f. All Saints Anglican, Coniston
 Website: <https://allsaintsangcon.weebly.com>
 Rector: Rev. Canon Jenny Rollins
Worship Services: Sundays 10 AM
 Bible and Prayer Wednesdays 7-9 PM

Community Ministries

Run the Coniston Food Bank which serves Coniston and surrounding areas Thursdays 1–3 PM

Sudbury Jail: lay helpers with Jenny Rollins who also runs a Kairos program once a year for men and women with help from other Deanery people

We provide Christmas Assistance to some 40 families each year consisting of large food hamper and Christmas gifts

g. The Anglican Churches of Manitoulin Island

Website:

[http://dioceseofalgoma.com/UploadedFiles/file/Job%20Postings/Manitoulin%20Island%20Profile%20Dec%202015%20\(reduced\).pdf](http://dioceseofalgoma.com/UploadedFiles/file/Job%20Postings/Manitoulin%20Island%20Profile%20Dec%202015%20(reduced).pdf)

Priest-in-Charge: Rev. Doug Prebble

i. All Saints, Gore Bay

Worship Service: Sunday at 11 AM.

1st and 3rd Sundays are Morning Prayer Service @ 11:00 AM

2nd and 4th Sundays is Holy Eucharist Service @ 11:00 AM.

Events throughout the year

ACW Meetings: 1st Monday of the month with July and August off.

Dec. Christmas Potluck with other groups invited.

Funeral Luncheons when asked

Cafe (Hot and cold drinks plus varieties of deserts) once a month at the Farmers Market from May to October.

Outreach Projects funded during the year

Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoe Boxes

Manitoulin Secondary School Breakfast Club and Living Well Locker

C.C. McLean Elementary School Breakfast Club

Sleeping Children Around the World

Camp Manitou

Strawberry Point Summer Youth Camp

Mary Sherwood's Orphanage in Madagascar

Amanda Flanagan's Project in Africa

Manitoulin Family Resources in Mindemoya

Teen Challenge

Samaritan Centre in Sudbury

Food Bank

Sponsor Child

Threshold Ministries

ii. Holy Trinity, Little Current

Worship Services: Sunday at 9 AM; Mid-week Service

- iii. St. John the Evangelist, Kagawong
Worship Services: Sunday at 9 AM

Community Ministries:

Welcome Baskets for newcomers

Participate in Christmas Shoe Boxes and Winter hats and mitts for children

Christmas Baskets for those in need

Manitoulin Food Bank at Christmas

Christmas in Kagawong Saturday Nov 17: crafts and bake sale in the church's hall and cider, Christmas Cake, carols in the church's Nave

- iv. St. Paul's, Manitowaning
Worship Services: Monday's at 5:30 PM

- v. St. Francis of Assisi, Mindemoya
Worship Services: Sunday School and Sunday Service at 11 AM

- h. St. Georges, Espanola
Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Georges-Espanola-1657007827882930/>
Lay Pastor: Beverly van der Jagt
Worship Services: Sunday 10:30 AM

Community Ministries

Messy Church

Stewardship Committee: planning a special worship service and to make visits to congregation members

- i. St. Thomas' French River
Website: <https://www.frenchriver.ca/p/places-of-worship>
Lay Pastor: Beverly van der Jagt
Worship Services: every third Sunday 7 PM

2. Deanery Council News:
Website: <http://www.deanerysudbury-manitoulin.org>

Seniors Ministry in this Deanery

It is to be noted that worship ministry Morning Prayer and Communion and Chaplaincy services to Seniors are provided regularly by our Clergy, Chaplains and Lay people in nursing homes and hospitals. Clergy provide communion and Lay people often bring Reserved Sacrament

Communion to seniors as well as the clergy. Much need and appreciated by Seniors all the time but especially at this time of year. See also the article below from the Anglican Church of Canada.

3. Diocese of Algoma
Website: <http://www.dioceseofalgoma.com>

Diocesan ACW Annual Meeting – Advance Notice. May 29–31 in Sault Ste. Marie. See attached poster.

PLEASE NOTE

The Diocese of Algoma Synod Office will close for Christmas at noon on Friday, December 21st, 2018 and re-open in the New Year on Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Archbishop announces upcoming ordination

Posted: December 17, 2018

Archbishop Anne is pleased to announce that, God-willing, on the Feast of Timothy and Titus – January 26th 2019, Ms. Lana Grawbarger will be ordained to the sacred order of vocational deacons in Christ's church.

Lana serves as the lay incumbent for St. John's Anglican Church in Garden River where Chief Shingwauk envisioned a teaching lodge and where he is buried. Community leaders and elders recognize Lana's leadership in the community beyond St. John's and rejoice with her and her family. The ordination service will take place in the Garden River Community Centre with our National Indigenous Bishop, Mark MacDonald, preaching. All are welcome to attend this celebration as we welcome a new deacon in our midst. The liturgical colour is red. The exact time of the service will be posted in early January once further plans are discussed.

Your prayers are requested for Lana and the Garden River Community as we prepare for this celebration.

Almighty God by the preaching of your apostle Paul you called your servants Timothy and Titus and made them trusted partners in the work of spreading and establishing your gospel. Strengthen us in this present time to stand fast in all our adversities and to live in true godliness, that with confidence and gladness we may look for the glorious appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen (Collect for Timothy and Titus)

4. News from the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario

Message from Archbishop Anne to the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario
Archbishop Anne sends a message to us all. See the attached document.

5. Anglican Church of Canada: News from General Synod

“We carry the Christ into the world of our time.”



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(Canon Dr. Richard LeSueur)

In looking over a vast array of images for a Christmas Greeting this year, I was particularly drawn to this one – a donkey tethered to a pile of rocks on some hillside in the Land of the Holy One. The photo was taken by Canon Richard LeSueur, a Canadian priest who is renowned as a lecturer at St. George’s College in Jerusalem and as a guide for hundreds and hundreds of people on pilgrimage to the Land of Jesus’ Birth, Death and Resurrection.

That lone donkey brings to mind the words of the prophet Zechariah concerning the coming of the Messiah,
“Rejoice greatly, o daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, o daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
Triumphant and victorious is he,
Humble and riding on a donkey,
On a colt, the foal of a donkey.” (9:9)

Reflecting on that text, I find myself recalling the census decreed by the Emperor Augustus and overseen by Quirinius the Governor (Luke 2:1–2). Among the hundreds of people on the move are Mary and Joseph. (Luke 2:4–5) The very sight of them on route to be registered moves me to remember the lovely medieval French carol, “The Friendly Beasts” sung with such delight by children and adults alike. One by one, each of the animals speaks of what they offer to the Child.

“I said the donkey, all shaggy and brown,
I carried his Mother up hill and down,
I carried her safely to Bethlehem town,
I said the donkey all shaggy and brown.”

I see Mary nursing her Child contented in manger to lie. I see Joseph guarding them with a quiet protective love. Once again, I am enveloped by the holiness of this night, the song of the angels, and the coming of the shepherds “to see this thing that has come to pass”. (Luke 2:15) Deeply immersed in Luke’s lovely narrative of The Nativity of Jesus I yearn to linger here, singing with countless others, “O come, let us adore him”.

From the corner of my eye, I am aware of the donkey tethered not far from the manger. Then I find myself being drawn into Mathew’s narrative of The Nativity. Once again, I am enthralled by the coming of the magi, their homage of the Christ Child and their sacred gifts of mystic meaning. I remember that “warned in a dream not to return to Herod they left for their own country by another road.” (Matthew 2:12) I remember Herod’s fury and his slaughter of innocent children and the terrible wailing because they were no more.” (Matthew 2: 16–18)

I remember too, how Joseph had been warned in a dream to take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt and to remain there until the angel of the Lord would tell them it was safe to return. (Matthew 2:13) We know the image well, – Joseph leading the donkey upon whose back Mary sits holding her child close to her heart. It is the subject of some of the world’s most renowned art. By the time they return from Egypt and settle in Nazareth, I imagine the child himself might now be helping Joseph to lead the donkey.

Some thirty–three years later, Jesus will send two of his disciples into a village called Bethphage at the Mount of Olives to untie a donkey and a colt with her and bring them to him. (Matthew 21:2) If anyone were to question them or their motives, they were to simply say “The Lord has need of them.” (Matthew 21:3) We know the scene well, – Jesus entering the Holy City riding on a donkey. The words Zechariah spoke centuries before are fulfilled. “Your king comes to you, triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey” (Zechariah 9:9) This trek would take Jesus to the offering of himself upon the

Cross for the sins of the whole world. As often as I look at a donkey, and see in its hair the cross that spans its shoulders and the length of its spine I am deeply moved.

What a photo, what images it calls to mind!

And what a text too!

“We carry the Christ into the world of our time.”

It invites me to recall how Mary carried Jesus into the world of her time, how Joseph and Simeon and Anna did too; and Mary Magdalene and John and Peter and Paul and all the apostles. It invites me to recall the witness of the martyrs, unwavering in their carrying of the name and gospel of Christ. It moves me to remember men and women of every time in history who have carried Christ on their lips and in their manner of living, in their worship and in their every good work revealing the glories of his righteousness and the wonders of his love.

Not unlike other times in history ours is fraught with political turmoil that is unsettling, oppression that forces many people to flee in the hope of refuge in other lands, economic disparity that leaves many in extreme poverty. Our world is wounded by so much violence and so many wars. It is marred by crimes against humanity and atrocities against the earth itself. It is a world in need of so much healing and reconciliation. It yearns for that justice which flows from the very heart of God, announced in the teaching of the prophets and in the gospel of his dear Son.

Into this world we are called to carry the Christ and his promised reign of grace and peace among all peoples. May this call give us pause to think about the work of the Church in the name of Him whose Nativity we celebrate.

In LeSueur’s photo, there is one more detail that grabs my attention. It is the brilliance of the sun. Clearly it is rising and by mid-day, nothing shall be hidden from its light nor its heat. Every cavern of the earth feels it. The back of the donkey feels it. The faces of all the peoples of the earth feel it. It is a powerful sign of the reign of Him of whom we sing,

“Hail, the heaven born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings
Risen with healing in his wings.”
(Hymn 138, Common Praise)

With prayers for a Holy Christmas and Blessings for the New Year,
Fred J. Hiltz
Archbishop and Primate

We send the Deanery Digest weekly on Fridays, 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 Wednesday 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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