

The Church of St John the Evangelist

Anglican Church of Canada, Diocese of Algoma

Parish Founded 1872

Present Church Built 1884

“LET TODAY BE
THE DAY YOU
GIVE UP WHO
YOU’VE BEEN
FOR WHO YOU
CAN BECOME.”

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The Rev. Canon George M. Porter D. Phil. Pastor

I do not glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Galatians 6.14

Processional Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise #347

Readings:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:22-30
Romans 4:13-25

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The Holy Gospel:

Mark 8:31-38

Offertory Hymn:

In the Cross of Christ I Glory #537

Communion and Ablutions Hymn:

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery #179 v1-5, 6c

Recessional Hymn:

Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said #431

Receiving Holy Communion: *This is the table of Christ made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, whether you have much faith or little, have tried to follow or are afraid you have failed. Come because it is Christ’s will that those who want to meet him might meet him here. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate this by placing your arms across your chest. We ask that you not dip the bread into the chalice. If you are not comfortable with the common cup, please receive only the bread. Our tradition says that to receive any part of the Eucharist is to receive the full grace of the Sacrament. (Gluten free bread is available on request).*

Our Ministers today

- Host:..... Marilyn Chisholm
- Greeter: David Reid
- Readers:..... David Reid and Jim Bolt
- Prayers of the People: Eleanor Blair
- Server: Bruce Adderley
- Eucharistic Assistants: Dale Sparkes and Brenda Coopman
- Chancel Guild:..... Lois Colpitts and Ermine Reid
- Coffee Hosts: Audrey and Neil Love, Mary Ripley, Grace Dawson
- Food Cupboard: Sharon S, Marion, Noreen, Mark, Marilyn, Grace, Jim, Peter, Al and spare

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We are asked to pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America , The Most Revd Sturdie Downs Primate of IARCA and Bishop of Nicaragua.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer: We are asked to pray for Bishop David Edwards, clergy, and people of the Diocese of Fredericton of the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC); and the dean, council, and congregations of the Grand River and Thames Areas of the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC).

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Our prayers are asked for St. George's, Espanola, Mrs. Beverly Van der Jagt, Lay Incumbent; St. Thomas', French River, Mrs. Beverly Van der Jagt, Pastoral Worker.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Glen and Sally Hamilton, Laurie Hardman, Doreen Herckman, Mary Louise Hill and Irene Humby.

A Discernment Prayer for Our New Church

as we prayerfully work towards discerning our future and the possible merger being explored.

*We ask your blessing on Bishop Anne and our pastors. We pray for their spiritual and physical strength as they carry out their ministries. Grant that the people of the St. Luke's and St. John's congregations may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth. You see the concerns we have in the face of the unknown as our parishes discern our future. We ask you to fill us with openness and joyful expectation and to guide and bless us, as we seek to move forward together in hope, so that we can continue walking and working in your mission and in fellowship.
Amen.*

Calendar for the Week

February 27 Advent Study starting at 2:00 pm
March 1 Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm
March 2 Craft Group at 10:00 am

Scripture Readings for the Second Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17
1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Psalm 19
John 2:13-22

Attendance:
EOP: \$1,022.62

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Givings: \$560.00

Total: \$ 1,582.62

Parish News

Anglican Journal, Algoma Anglican and St. John's Lamplighter - there are copies of the most recent editions of these publications at the back of the church. If you have not received copies and would like one, please take one.

On behalf of all of us who enjoy the weekly "**Coffee/Tea Time**" I would like to say a ***Sincere Thank You to those who make this possible***- the buyers, the servers, and those who set up and clean up the hall. This event presents an enjoyable opportunity for congregational social interaction, thus keeping us in touch with each other.
Marilyn Chisholm.

There are booklets at the back of the church provided from **the Diocese of Algoma** entitled ***Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John***. It is a six-week offering of prayer and reflection from the Society of Saint John the Evangelist and the Center for the Ministry of Teaching at Virginia Theological Seminary. There are a limited number of copies available but it is available online at:
<http://meetingjesusinjohn.org/2017/10/04/journal-preview/>.

EOP Donors: Any changes that need to be made to your givings and/or donations, please complete the form which is available at the back of the church and forward it to the church office, give to a warden, or place on the offering plate.

The **Easter Flowers** will go on the altar as usual. Please contact Audrey Love at 344-4955 if you wish to donate. Thank you , Audrey Love, for the Chancel Guild.

The **Spring Edition of the Lamplighter** will be out on March 4th. **Due Date Change** for your **input** to the office or email the church or Sharon by **February 25th**.

Mission to Seafarer's Meat Order forms – please note that the prices on the form were last years. A 2018 order form will be out soon.

Parking Passes are available for parishioners at a cost of \$10.00 for the year.

St John's Internet Mission is looking for volunteers to help with running the equipment. If interested please see Jim Green or Sharon Corston. Our services are now on the St John's website and can be viewed there.

Sunday Sermons can be heard on the St Luke's website <http://www.stlukes-thunderbay.ca/home.html>. The whole service can be watched on our website <http://www.stjohnsthunderbay.ca/>. Note: Please note that you may be visible on the online stream.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Feb 25 **Chili Supper** fundraiser for CLAY. St Mark's Church starting at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$12/person – see poster for more details.

Mar 2 **Camp Gitchigomee Two-Bit Auction** @West Thunder Community Centre. Tickets are \$2.00/each – see Sharon Corston or David Reid for tickets.

Mar 2-3 "Walk by Faith" is hosted at Fort William Baptist Church on the topic of facing opposition to your faith, and is targeting young adults, but with all ages invited. There are sessions Friday evening and Saturday morning and evening, with no cost, but all with snacks. :) For more information, see www.fortwilliambaptistchurch.com/walk-by-faith.

Mar 7 **Mission to Seafarers Board of Directors meeting** 10:00 am;
Eucharist and Lunch 12:10 pm

Mar 16 **Lenten Silent Retreat**, 5:00-8:00 pm at St Mary's Anglican Church, Nipigon. Cost is \$10.00. See poster for registration details.

Mar 17 **Lenten Silent Retreat**, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at St Michael and All Angels Church. Cost is \$40.00. See poster for registration details.

Mar 17 **Ukrainian Easter Egg decorating workshop** being offered by Carol Kostyniuk in Langworthy Hall from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Sign Up sheet is on the bulletin board at the back of the church. Limit of 10 spaces.

Mar 18 **Oras Chamber Choir Concert 3**, St Paul's United Church at 8:00 pm. See Erik Johannes Riekkö for tickets.

Mar 20 **Camp Gitchigomee Annual General Meeting** at St Luke's at 7:00 pm.

Mar 30 **Community Choir Easter Concert**, Trinity United Church starting at 4:00 pm. Freewill offering.

Mar 31 Mission to Seafarers opening of shipping season

Algoma News & Updates

Ecumenical Lenten Devotions

Posted: February 6, 2018

Lent Devotions offered by heads of the Anglican Church of Canada, Episcopal Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada are available from the Anglican Church of Canada website link below.

[ECUMENICAL LENTEN DEVOTIONS: SET FREE BY TRUTH](#)

Bishop Anne's AD CLERUM

Revised link provided for the eldercare survey for Provincial Council

<https://www.province-ontario.anglican.ca/elder-care>

Recently, **The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)** and Foodgrains Bank celebrated 10 years of working together to reduce hunger worldwide. 2018 is the 35th anniversary of the Foodgrains Bank. It works together with 14 other Canadian church agencies, representing 30 denominations, to help those who do not have enough to eat. **During this anniversary year you are invited to join in celebrating this partnership of Canadian churches through the Foodgrains Bank by making a special donation to the Working Together appeal.** Your gift will enable PWRDF, working with other Canadian churches, to provide emergency food for those caught in famine, or facing other urgent food needs around the world. **Your donation will be matched by the Government of Canada 4:1!**

Donations to PWRDF can be made on the website, by special church envelope, EOP (electronic offering program), or by phone 1-866-308-7973. You can also use mail and please make cheques payable to **PWRDF, Working Together**. The address is:

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, The Anglican Church of Canada

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Linda Rintamaki (rep)



The Diocese of Algoma
Anglican (Episcopal) Church of Canada



Bishop encourages Lenten study A message from Bishop Anne Germond...

Posted: February 5, 2018

This Lent the diocese is invited to participate in a six week journey into a deeper intimacy with Jesus, by praying with the words from the Evangelist John. Our guides for this pilgrimage will be the Brothers of the Society of St. John the Evangelist - fondly known in Algoma as The Cowley Fathers. On January 15th, the church honours the memory of Richard Meux Benson who was the founder of this Anglican religious community. He once told a young priest in the community that he didn't believe that the object of their association was to equip them to be missionaries, "But rather with the desire first of all to be converted ourselves." (For All the Saints pg.408) He saw himself as someone who had, amongst other things, 'a heart of flame towards God.' (FAS pg.54) My hope is that through this Lenten program we will also yearn for a conversion of the heart and a heart of flame towards God.

SSJE have prepared a journal, "Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John", which may be used in Lent either in small groups or individually for participants to record their reflections and prayers. Additional resources will become available online and folks are urged to sign up for the daily videos and group resources at www.meetingjesusinjohn.org Copies of the journal have been given to the Archdeacons for distribution in the deaneries. It is my hope that you will promote this resource in your congregations and encourage parishioners to use it during Lent. We all know that 'one size doesn't fit everyone' when it comes to growing in our faith. Meeting Jesus in John is a very simple way to draw nearer to Jesus. I will be offering opportunities for each deanery to gather with me for quiet time, reflection and prayer using themes from John's Gospel during the Lent or Easter season. The dates for these gatherings have been set – Muskoka (afternoon on February 17th in Gravenhurst); Algoma (morning of February 24th in Bruce Mines); Temiskaming (morning of March 3rd in North Bay); Sudbury/Manitoulin (afternoon of March 24th in Espanola), and **Thunder Bay/North Shore (morning of May 26th in Thunder Bay).**

Bishop Anne Germond's motto for 2018

"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience...Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

(Colossians 2 3:12, 14)

Sunday February 25th, 2018 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Plan as if Christ's return is far away, but live as if He is coming today.

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