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St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie, is celebrating a 150 years of spiritual service to the people of the city and the diocese.

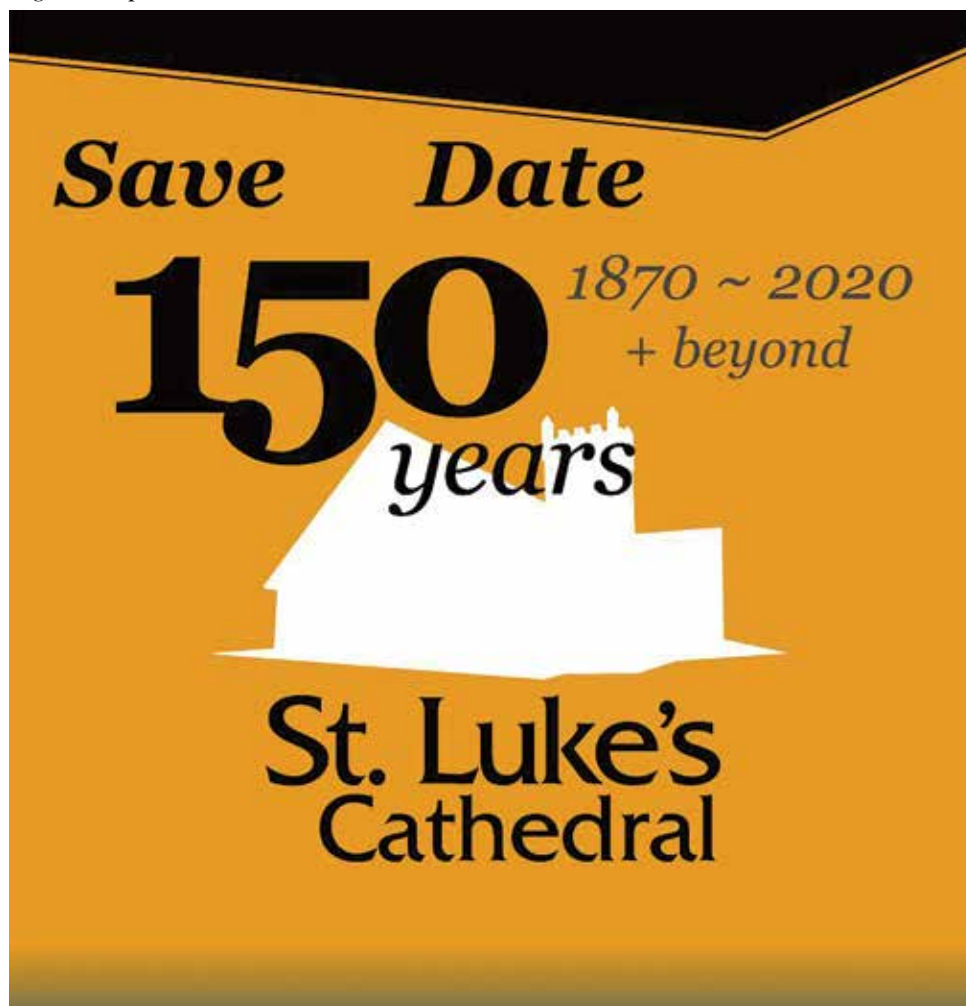
## 150 Years of Prayer & Service

Article by D. Robert MacDougal, People's Warden, St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie, ON.

**ON THEIR FEAST OF ST. LUKE**, October 18, 1870, St. Luke's Parish Church was consecrated by the Right Reverend A.N. Bethune, second Bishop of Toronto. On St. Luke's Day, June 29, 1882, the Reverend Edward Sullivan was consecrated in Montreal as the second Bishop of Algoma. On Tuesday, June 9, 1896, Bishop Sullivan laid the consecrated cornerstone of the Pro-Cathedral. On St. Luke's Day, October 18, 1896, Bishop Sullivan consecrated the new Pro-Cathedral, what is now St. Luke's Cathedral.

On Sunday, October 18, 2020, St. Luke's Cathedral will celebrate its 150th anniversary as a parish at its original location, 160 Brock Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. The day will begin as we gather for morning worship. Preparations have begun for a 150th 'Gala Event' at Grand Gardens North banquet hall on that evening. A logo designed specifically to recognize the 150th anniversary is included herein for all to see.

Our 150th year in ministry began with an invitation to all parishioners from Dean Jim McShane to join the Good Book Club. This

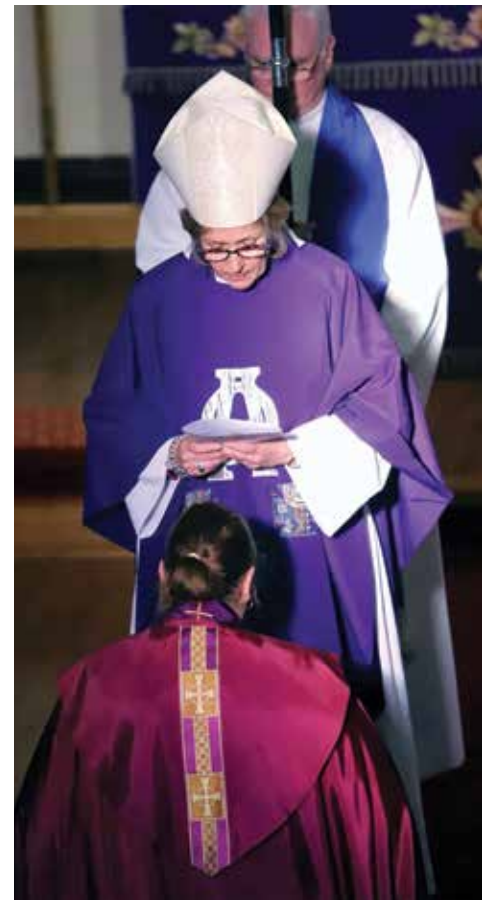


allows us to say thank you to the good stewards of St. Luke's Cathedral by profiling them each month in 'Our Parish Profile' segment during this, our year of

celebration.

Our anniversary year will be celebrated by a number of events. Some have already occurred while others are still to come. One of

See "St. Luke's Celebrates" on page 10.



The Venerable Kelly Baetz was installed at All Saints Anglican Church, Huntsville by Archbishop Anne Germond.

## New Leadership at All Saints

Article by Don McCormick

**IN A CEREMONY IN HUNTSVILLE'S ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH** on Sunday, March 8, 2020, The Most Reverend Anne Germond of the Diocese of Algoma officiated at the installation and collation of the Venerable Kelly Baetz. The ceremony struck a fine balance between being stately and dignified while at the same time being intimate and personal.

The 'Installation' is the official recognition of the Venerable Kelly Baetz as the parish priest of All Saints Parish in Huntsville and the 'collation' refers to her induction as the Archdeacon of the Muskoka Deanery. The Archdeacon is the key figure in the administration of the deanery representing the parishes to the bishop and the bishop to the parishes.

The ceremony started with a procession from Sutherland Hall into the church. There was a large turnout of deanery clergy and lay readers, resplendent in their purple liturgical colours. Their numbers were bolstered by three clergy and one lay pastor from outside the deanery.

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*The 'Kitchen Crew', Pamela Brown, Cheryl Linklater Halverson, and Victoria Chu play a vital role in St. Luke's continuing celebration and success.*

the past events was a well-attended Sunday brunch hosted by the ACW at the Grand Gardens North banquet hall on February 9, 2020. The Fifth Line Sugar Shack welcomed family and friends of St. Luke's at the annual Winterfest outing. A delicious lunch of homemade soups, hot dogs, and desserts was served. Indoor activities included crafts and games. The day proved to be a beautiful sunny day which allowed for snowshoeing by some and children played outdoors in the huge piles of snow. A bake sale and a progressive auction were also held as well. There was something for everyone and a good time was enjoyed by all.

A recent foray into a St. Luke's vault uncovered three historic paintings of the cathedral. Their care was entrusted to parishioners David and Penny Tyrrel who graciously consented to take them through the process of being professionally restored and re-framed. Two will be given a

place of prominence within the cathedral and the other will grace a wall within 'Bishophurst.' The See-House, built in 1876 at its current location, is now designated as an historic site of interest due to its largely unaltered Neo-Georgian architecture. It is currently the home of Archbishop Anne Germond and her husband Colin. Anne was consecrated and installed as the Eleventh Bishop of Algoma on February 17, 2017.

Other anniversary events have been planned leading up to our historic 150th milestone date but out of necessity they will only proceed in accordance with restrictions in effect at that time as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The parish family of St. Luke's Cathedral has recognized that we have an aging structure that measures must be taken to preserve our place of worship today and on into the future. To that end, the wardens, the clergy, and the Advisory Board members, as well



*Pat Tossell takes tickets and provides smiles at St. Luke's celebrations.*

as members of the congregation, have endeavoured to practice good stewardship by taking whatever actions are necessary to enhance our place of worship. By way of example, two years ago, a new pipe organ, designed and built by Rudolf von Beckerath of Hamburg, Germany, was installed to replace the well-used electronic organ which has served the cathedral for a period of fifty plus years. All four walls of our iconic bell tower were given a face lift and a new tower roof was installed, thus ensuring us many more years of use. A new electronic 'digital reader board sign' was erected at the west Δ to the cathedral, which brings dignity and grace to our grounds as well as allowing us to post cathedral messages on a frequent basis.

In summary, we at St. Luke's Cathedral give thanks to God for all that has happened, is happening, and will happen in our spiritual journey through life. As our motto states: Our Spirits Rejoice.



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*"All Saints Re-energized" continued from page 9.*



*The Venerable Kelly Baetz posed with Archbishop Anne and family & friends following her installation at All Saints Anglican Church, Huntsville.*

The Eucharist service was conducted by Archbishop Germond. There were three additions to the traditional liturgy, one following the Gathering of the Community for the installation during which the Archbishop voiced her official

appointment of Kelly Baetz as the incumbent of All Saints. The second addition was for the Covenant in Ministry which occurred following the well received sermon by Canon Dr. Judy Paulsen of Wycliffe College, Toronto. The third addition,

following communion, was for the Collation of the Archdeacon.

In the Covenant in Ministry part of the ceremony, the wardens certify that the installation has followed all the appropriate forms and the Bishop charges Kelly to commit to the parish and the parishioners commit to Kelly. It is somewhat reminiscent of wedding vows.

This was followed by a 'vesting' ceremony. Vesting is the giving of liturgical garments and articles of Christian faith such as a Bible, water and oil (of baptism) and bread and wine (of the Eucharist). Children of the parish were involved in the vesting and it lent an air of rebirth, newness and hope to this new beginning. In a very solemn and symbolic moment in the service, Kelly kneels before the Bishop and

receives the Deed of Collation.

The service was concluded with a rousing singing of "The Church's One Foundation". Throughout the service, the church choir was in particular fine fettle for the occasion adding the kind of spiritual inspiration that Anglican Church music lends to any service.

The congregation then retired to Sutherland Hall where an exceptional array of refreshments were served by the All Saints ACW.

The ceremony had significant symbolic importance in that it marked the end of one period of leadership in the ongoing history of All Saints and the beginning of a new period of leadership. It lent a sense of newness, of freshness, of a re-energizing and a re-commitment in the life of All Saints.





Archbishop Anne Germond greeted and comforted a young parishioner from the North.

# Stay Home and Stay Safe

Article by Archbishop Anne Germond, Bishop of Algoma.

“ALTHOUGH I HAVE MUCH to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink; instead I hope to come to you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete.” [2 John 12]

The words being penned on this Easter Monday will not be read until June, but my deepest hope and prayer are that by then the immense suffering we are seeing in our world as it groans in agony over COVID-19 will be decreasing. One can hardly bear to watch the news anymore as the daily death toll increases and as much needed medical supplies decrease. In the space of a month, after the WHO declared COVID-19 to be a worldwide pandemic, our highly organized and routine lives were turned inside out and upside down.

Who would have ever imagined that in Canada we would have to line up outside a grocery store to buy essential supplies, that family gatherings would be held via Zoom, and that birthday wishes would be extended to loved ones from the safety of a vehicle or through the window of a nursing home. And who would have thought that on Easter Sunday morning we would be watching liturgies of the Word delivered via YouTube or livestreamed from our living rooms.

Following the government guidelines in early March which put limitations of gatherings larger than 250 people, then 50, then 5, all religious groups closed their doors of their

churches, synagogues, and mosques where the faithful had gathered for worship for centuries. As the Metropolitan who issued the letter recommending that worship be suspended on March 15th, I waited with baited breath for the backlash I was certain would come from all quarters. As one important event after another was cancelled or postponed, I imagined the waves of criticism flooding in. Nothing of the sort happened. In the same way that congregations respected the earlier guidelines regarding other restrictions around Holy Communion and the exchange of the peace, people respected every directive and quickly adapted to life outside our church buildings. No one minded at all because we had in our hearts and minds the well-being of the cities and communities in which we reside. It was important for us to stay home and stay safe to prevent the spread of this deadly virus. We continue to pray for all those whose lives have been forever changed by it.

It only took a day of wondering how we would manage without communal worship, the regular receiving of Holy Communion, and seeing each other in person for our usual meetings and gatherings. What we knew was that we could not manage without God or one another and, through forced separation, something new and beautiful came the privacy of our homes. Life in the church moved on as we adapted to this strange new world.

Even as we discovered new ways of worshipping we also re-acquainted

ourselves with the use of the telephone and paper and ink to reach out to one another. One cleric said she had an aversion to the telephone and usually had her wardens make phone calls on her behalf. COVID-19 changed all that - she has spent hours on the phone getting to know her parishioners and finding it isn't such a terrifying medium after all! And our people responded with words of appreciation that they had been remembered at a time when they were do afraid.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all of you for the amazing ways you are 'being the church' beyond the four walls of our churches. You are creative, resilient, faith-filled people fulfilling your calling to be the body of Christ in the world.

By the time that you read these words, Trinity Sunday (June 7th) might have just passed. The appointed gospel for that day is from Matthew and is an account of the Great Commission that Jesus gave his disciples prior to his Ascension into heaven. *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* (Matthew 28: 19-20)

Writer and preacher Tom Long says, *“Telling this little band of confused and disoriented disciples that they would herd all the people of the earth towards Mount Zion in the name of Jesus would be like standing in front of most congregations today and telling them to go cure cancer, clean up the environment, evangelize unbelievers and while you are at it, establish world peace.”* (Feasting on the Word, Year A, vol 3)

The fact that the job at hand was so impossible means that the disciples have no other choice but to place themselves utterly at the mercy of God. This is what so many of us have found during the time of COVID-19. We can do nothing in our own strength but in God's strength some formerly incredible things are possible, indeed are actually happening. In the end all 'authority' is not ours personally or even the church's but comes from God in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Even if we are back in our buildings by June, I encourage you to keep leaving the safety of your church buildings and go into all the world to bless the world in the name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

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*Archbishop Anne Germond, Bishop of Algoma.*



*The Lady Chapel at Bishophurst*

# Lady Chapel & COVID-19

*Article by Archbishop Anne Germond, Bishop of Algoma.*

**T**HE BEAUTIFUL CHAPEL in Bishophurst has served the church well over the last few months and I never imagined that it would function in the way that it has. The chapel is located on the ground floor of the west side of the house which was built in 1876 Algoma. Since then, eleven bishops have made their home in this lovely old stone house and the chapel has morphed from being the original kitchen in the home to serving as the Synod Office and then housing the diocesan archives before they were moved to Algoma University.

It was during Bishop Stephen Andrew's tenure as Bishop of Algoma that the idea of converting the archives into a chapel for prayer and small group worship was birthed. A small fund was set up for future renovations and ideas were formed about furnishings and how the space would be designed and used. We are grateful for all donations that have been received for renovations to the chapel. When Bishop Andrews accepted the position of Principal of Wycliffe College in June, 2016 and moved to Toronto, the plans were put on hold.

But things began to move forward in 2017 when, with the help of Ken Hernden and Krista McCracken from Algoma University,

many of the remaining archival items were relocated to Algoma University and some were taken to the Synod Office for display there. After that, the process of converting that ordinary space into a sacred place for us to gather began in earnest.

The blue patterned wallpaper was painted over and we were delighted to receive the gift of an altar, font, paschal candle, and lectern from St. George's in Falkenburg, along with several pictures. A smaller baptismal font, which stands on a table, was received from St. Paul's, Grassmere, as well as, a beautiful medieval picture. Early this year, the ancient, stained, and very smelly carpet was removed and replaced with a laminate floor.

It was decided to name the chapel after the benefactor of Bishophurst, Baroness Angela Burdett Coutts (1814-1902). Her gift of money enabled the diocese to begin building Bishophurst and there are no memorials in her memory anywhere in the diocese.

During the first two years of its inception, several services of Evening Prayer were held in the Lady Chapel, particularly during Holy Week each year. It was beautiful to offer liturgies conducive to small groups of people and healing

services. Holden Evening Prayer and Holden Prayers around the Cross were well received and well attended.

When it was announced that COVID-19 had reached pandemic proportions and that worship in church buildings was suspended for a period of time, new possibilities opened up for the little chapel in Bishophurst. Regular services of Evening Prayer were livestreamed every evening from March 19th to Easter Evening with people tuning in from around the country, Online attendance soared - with between 36 - 211 people joining in on various occasions. There is a hunger for the church to be together for prayer, worship, and to feast on the Word in this time of forced separation. It was beautiful to see how quickly that online community formed with many people tuning in for each day's worship.

Different forms of Evening Prayer were used from Prayer Books around the world - New Zealand, South Africa, and Australia. Reflections were offered on Rembrandt's painting, "*The Return of the Prodigal Son*", as told through the 15th Chapter of Luke's gospel. On a couple of occasions, we engaged in a form of online 'Gospel Based Discipleship' which

places the 'gospel at the centre of the sacred circle.' The gospel is read three different times from different interpretations and following each reading there is a question for pondering and reflection. This method of engagement with the gospel is being encouraged by the National Indigenous Archbishop, Mark MacDonald, for all Anglicans.

During Holy Week, prayers and reflections on the Stations of the Cross were offered using beautiful woodcut art by Margaret Adams Parker and on Holy Thursday the story of foot-washing as told by Alan Paton in his book, "*Ah, But Your Land Is Beautiful*" was read. Two vigils were held on Good Friday and on Easter Saturday a glorious home liturgy of the Vigil was offered with the Exultet sung by Peter Colbert of St. Matthew's Cathedral in Timmins, and the Assisting Bishop of Moosonee's Easter sermon being offered as we feasted on the Word.

Who knew that the Lady Chapel would be used in this way to nourish the spiritually hungry in a time of pandemic? It is indeed a sacred and blessed place and when we are able to gather once more for worship, I look forward to welcoming you to it in person.



# Action & Example: leadership is not a position or title

Article by Mitch Case, President of the Métis Nation of Ontario, Youth Council and PCMNO Youth Representative, Buffalo Clan

**I**N A POST TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION (TRC) WORLD, reconciliation is often understood to mean dealing with Canada's Residential School Legacy, through: healing programs, education, public awareness campaigns, and the like. All of this important but this is just the beginning.

When asked to speak on these issued publicly, or in classes with my students, I often point out that the Residential School System was not established to take away our language and culture. It was established to take away our power our ability to make decisions for ourselves and our communities and was an effort to separate from our lands and resources that Canada had set its sights on. This was accomplished by stripping us of our language and culture, creating generations of Indigenous peoples who had no sense of their own identity and who had an inability to advocate for themselves. This loss of power and undermining of the ability to be self-determining, self-realizing, self-advocating, self-governing ... is the real wound that needs to be healed.

Senator Murray Sinclair, former Chair of the TRC, often reminds us that while Indigenous children were in Residential School, Canadians were learning either explicitly or implicitly that Indigenous people were inferior, and their input not needed or valued in Canadian society. Healing these wounds is not an easy task; it is a big hill to climb.

When asked for examples of those who are leading in the reconciliation movement in real, meaningful, and tangible ways, I often refer to the Anglican Diocese of Algoma. There are many reconciliation related initiatives that the Diocese of Algoma has supported throughout the years but there are two with which I am very familiar: the Shingwauk Education Trust and the Sault Ste. Marie Métis Heritage Centre.

The Shingwauk Education Trust was established in 1994 in a partnership among the Diocese of Algoma, the Children of Shingwauk Alumni Association (former Residential School stu-



*Memorial Hall, the future Métis Heritage Centre*



*The library space at the Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gaming*

dents), Batchewana and Garden River First Nations who had students at the former Shingwauk Residential School. The Trust holds the land and former assets of the school. The Diocese of Algoma has been an integral part of establishing Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gaming (university) and the Trust is presently building a new 15 million dollar research, library, and archives centre that will house the library and archives of the Assembly of First Nations and archives from a number of other Indigenous organizations.

The reason d'être for Shingwauk

Kinoomaage Gaming is to provide 'Culture Based Education', a method of learning and teaching pioneered by Dr. Edward Benton-Benai. In the 1970s at the 'Red School House,' the first Indigenous controlled school in North America reflected in the methodology used at Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gaming today. Culture based education centres Anishinaabe ways of seeing, knowing, doing, and relating, while simultaneously creating space for healing in the educational process. Dr. Benton-Benai joined Shingwauk in 2008 and led the development

of new academic programs until his retirement in 2016. Shingwauk is home to two, one-of-a-kind programs not offered anywhere else in Canada, Anishinaabemowin BA3 (Ojibwe language) and Anishinaabe Studies BA3.

St. John's Parish in the old core of Sault Ste. Marie was closed about three years ago. The parish had been established in 1904 on land formerly owned by the Hudson's Bay Company. This land was traditionally the original Métis burial ground in Sault Ste. Marie. This was located just upstream on Fort Creek from the old Hudson's Bay Company fur trade fort at the foot of the Lake Superior rapids.

The congregation consolidated with that of another Sault Ste. Marie parish, St. Matthew's to form the new Emmaus Parish. This land, along with the rectory, parish hall, and church building at St. John's was transferred to the Métis Nation of Ontario and its local Historic Sault Ste. Marie Métis Council in an act of 'tangible reconciliation.' St. John's had a long association with many local Métis Anglican families.

The land and buildings will become a spiritual, cultural, and administrative centre for the local Métis Council. Since the transfer, Diocese of Algoma representatives have lent their names, their time, and their support to the Métis Council. They have applied for funds and begun the process of renovating and reinvigorating the former St. John's to enable it to become the future Métis Heritage Centre.

The lasting legacy of Residential Schools was the inequity and power imbalance that was institutionalized in Canadian society. As Indigenous peoples seek healing and liberation, allies can play an important role by leveraging their influence and their power, while helping to create and holding space for Indigenous peoples to lead. It is integral that allies understand when Indigenous peoples need them to step up and knowing when to step back, when to speak up, and when to encourage Indigenous voices. Leadership is not a position or title; it is action and example; and leadership is in action and on display here in the Diocese of Algoma.







**PARTNERS IN EDITING:** Current editor, George Cribbs, and his friend, former editor, the Reverend Peter Simmons, enjoyed a time of fellowship during an Anglican Editors' Association's conference held in the Diocese of Algoma.



**The Reverend Peter Simmons' fifteen year service as editor was appreciated by Archbishop Anne Germond.**

# A Word ... or Two...

Article by Archbishop Anne Germond, Bishop of Algoma.

*"Piglet noticed that even though he had a very small heart, it could hold a rather large amount of gratitude." A.A. Milne*

**THE TIME OF WAITING** is over! Did I hear a cheer when you opened your copy of the *Anglican Journal* and found the *Algoma Anglican* and the Moosonee Northland newspapers inside? The theme of this edition of the *Algoma Anglican* is 'Partnerships' and the first partnership I want to give thanks for is the friendship between the dioceses of Algoma and Moosonee. Bishop Tom Corston is the interim incumbent

of the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury and served as the former Assistant Bishop of Moosonee. I serve as Moosonee's Diocesan Bishop and George Cribbs serves as the editor of our newspaper. Thank you George for taking on this additional ministry and to Sharon Corston (Thunder Bay North Shore Deanery) for agreeing to be the assisting editor. You will be receiving copies of both papers for the rest of 2020 so you can learn more about

the Diocese of Moosonee and about their mission and ministry. Folks in Moosonee will be receiving copies of the *Algoma Anglican* so they can get to know us better too.

A very special thanks to The Reverend Peter Simmons who served as the editor for the *Algoma Anglican* for fifteen years and for the faithful way he undertook this ministry. When Bishop Ron Ferris invited Peter to be the new editor, Peter thought that it would be for a short time but communication got into his blood and over the years he grew the paper and ensured that news that happened in one end of the diocese was relayed at the other end. As a

token of thanks, Reverend Peter was presented with a handcrafted wooden box designed by David Solomon of Emmaus Parish in Sault Ste. Marie. Reverend Peter serves as incumbent of St. Stephen's Parish in Muskoka Deanery and lives in Rosseau, Ontario.

In a world of instant communication, Face book, Instagram, Face-time, and Zoom, we should never take for granted other ways of telling our stories and connecting the vast diocese we inhabit. In this season of COVID-19, many congregations are reaching out to each other with regular mailings of newsletters, including services of prayer and sermons. Others are having telephone conversations and say that these are deep and meaningful and very unlike the quick handshake and hello at the end of Sunday services.

There are still numbers of individuals who do not have easy access to the internet and so being able to connect with them through the diocesan newspaper and provide them with news from around the diocese is very important.

There will be two more editions of the paper in 2020 with each one having a particular focus or theme. Articles for the September issue with the theme, "Creative Care" should be emailed to George Cribbs (georgecribbs@yahoo.ca) or Sharon Corston (sicorston@gmail.com) by July 21st. and will be published in September. Articles for the December edition with the theme, "Celebration," should be sent in by October 21st, 2020.

# Muriel Hornby

Article by Erin Hernden.

**FIFTY SOME YEARS AGO,** my family and I moved to Thessalon, Ontario and my life changed forever. I was introduced to weekly worship and scripture through the Book of Common Prayer, Father Norman Hornby, and Mrs. Muriel Hornby. If I have a divine gift, it is a need to worship.

I had experienced this worship briefly the year and because of that timely exposure, I chose the Anglican Church over the Presbyterian/United Church of my Scots-Irish forbears. My first decade had been spent in an isolated community where church services did not occur.

Simply put, *The Book of Common Prayer* had more gadgets in its tool box. Likewise, it gave me a life-long love of words, poetry, indeed cadence - not to mention



**The Reverend Muriel Hornby in procession at St. Luke's Cathedral.**

how words appear on a page. *The Book of Common Prayer* led me through the verdant pasture of Via Media - Holy Communion, Compline, Matins, Evensong, Litany, Catechisms, and Confirmation.

Father Hornby introduced me to

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. Through his gentle teaching, my faith grew exponentially.

The lovely ladies at the Church of the Redeemer supplied me with the prerequisite green beanie and yellow striped green felt tie for the Junior Auxiliary and made me most welcome in spite of my not so crafty self. Suffice to say, I purred at their peril.

It is Mrs. Muriel Hornby who caused me to comprehend Christ's Abundance. The abundance found in the teaching tools of the Girls' Auxiliary. At first, it was overwhelming: the music, the dancing, the choral speaking, the drama, the scripture, and the selling of G. A. Pepperming Patties so we might travel to the Diocesan G.A. Festival and compete for the Archbishop Wright Trophy.

At some point, these three - liturgy, priest, and abundance - gave me the courage to finally turn, face

the world, and no longer be afraid.

She will always be Mrs. Hornby or Reverend Lady to me. I could no more call her Muriel to her face than call my mother by her first name.

She represents the women who channelled buckets of love, talent, and energy into other people's children in the Name of Jesus Christ.

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# For God and Country!

Article by The Reverend Christian Pichette, St. Lujke's Anglican Cathedral.



**T**HERE ARE MANY WAYS to serve God and one's country but how does someone answer a call to serve both? I was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in Sherbrooke, Quebec but after seven years as a parish priest, I felt a need to serve my country and enlisted in the navy instead. However, I could not escape God's call and so I applied for a two-year placement and, in 2018, I was received into the Anglican Communion. I now act as an Assistant Curate under Dean James McShane at St. Luke's Cathedral in Sault Ste. Marie. At the end of my placement this summer, I will go back to the Canadian Forces as an Anglican Chaplain-in-training thereby combining my love of God and country.

I am now well grounded in the Anglican tradition through: religious services, pastoral activities, synod meetings, warden meetings, and many other valuable learning experiences. One of the things that impressed me the most was how Anglican ministers engage with the Word of God as a powerful and prophetic instrument. I remember preaching on Palm



*The Reverend Christian Pichette serving God at St. Luke's Cathedral.*

Sunday myself about the people who praised Jesus in Jerusalem were also the same ones who abandoned him to the cross. All of us, at some point in our lives, have abandoned Jesus but He never abandons us. I found parishioners thinking about and discussing the sermon with me long after the liturgy was over. This was a defining message and preaching moment for me.

I also conducted a Bible study on St. Luke. I learned a great deal through exchanges with the people in the Bible study; they showed a strong bond and a deep intimacy with Luke's Gospel. I



*The Reverend Christian Pichette serving God in the Royal Canadian Navy.*

was also quite impressed with the civility and maturity shown at the Algoma Synod. Delegates discussed the sensitive topic of same-sex marriage in a very open-minded way while listening to each other with respect and compassion.

A military chaplain, on the other hand, primarily provides spiritual and pastoral care to a Military Unit ashore or on deployment anywhere in the world under the motto, "Called to Serve." He or she has direct access to the Commanding Officer and can make recommendations for the well-being of the troops

including officers and 'members of the rank.' A chaplain may also be called on to deal with homesick young seamen who want to terminate their summer internships. Families may ask a chaplain to organize the funeral of a serving member or a chaplain may provide spiritual support in the midst of a court martial. In other cases, people come to the Chaplain's Office as a last resort. As a last line of defense, chaplains have unique resources and a vast network of connections to make things happen. I look forward to beginning my chaplaincy even though it will be different from my time at the cathedral.

I learned so many things from the military chaplains I met through the Canadian Armed Forces: flexibility, open-mindedness, humility, empathy, dedication, self-control, composure, and spiritual depth. All of which will make me a better chaplain!

Wherever I am in the midst of my chaplain ministry, I will always be grateful to the people of St. Luke's Cathedral and remember that I represent the Diocese of Algoma. May God help me to be the best minister and chaplain He expects me to be. AMEN.

## Algoma & PWRDF

Article by Cathy Pirrie, Algoma Diocesan Representative for PWRDF



**PWRDF**  
The Primate's World Relief  
and Development Fund

**A**NGLICANS OF ALGOMA have long partnered with the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund as part of living out our Christian faith to help people in need. Most parishes have a parish representative for PWRDF and everyone has someone in the parish who receives periodic news about the good work being done at home and abroad.

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund is itself built on partnerships. PWRDF contributes to organizations who work at a local level with people in need. In this way, it is possible for us to support so many projects in many countries assuring each is sensitive to the needs and cultural practices of each



area. We offer relief help after disasters, support health care, safe water, nutrition instruction using locally

available foods, shelter, protection for vulnerable families, sustainable agricultural methods in support of food

security to name but a few.

In partnership with our parishes and with other dioceses, Algoma Anglicans reach out through PWRDF and its partners to touch the lives of many people. In this time of working to stem the worldwide spread of sickness, it is being demonstrated how close we are in this world to one another. We are all neighbours. We have been instructed by Christ, "Love your neighbour as yourself." (Matthew 22:39)

Most parishes support PWRDF whether through their outreach budget or through fund raising events. As individuals or families, we can include caring for others by donating through our parish offerings or directly by mailing a cheque to PWRDF at 80 Hayden St. Toronto, ON M4Y 3G2. We can also give through [pwrdf.org](http://pwrdf.org).







**DIOCESAN CHURCHES:** This pen and ink sketch of St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario was created by the artist and architect, Nicky Alexander.

## With Gratitude

Article by Archbishop Anne Germond, Bishop of Algoma.

### THE EXECUTIVE ARCHDEACON OF ALGOMA,

the Venerable Harry Huskins, will be retiring from this position in May of this year. Harry is an intensely private person and didn't want there to be any fanfare as he takes his leave of us. It was our intention to honour him at the Special Synod in May and for Deanery Councils to extend good wishes to him as he visited this spring. None of that will happen because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, so I offer these words as a collective expression of our thanks for his ministry over the past few decades as he shared his God given gifts with us in Algoma.

Harry and I have worked closely over the last several years and the words I think of to describe him are the exact same words he used to describe the people of Algoma - "Committed, faithful people of God." A committed and faithful servant of the church - that's Harry Huskins.

The position of Executive Archdeacon was created in the Diocese of Algoma during the latter years of Bishop Leslie Paterson's tenure in the late 1980's. Following a period of expansion in the diocese in the 60's and 70's as new churches in every deanery were being built and new vocations coming into being, there was an increase in the amount of work that needed to be attended to in the Synod office. The bishop



*The Venerable Harry Huskins, the Executive Archdeacon of Algoma, and Provincial Chancellor Jean Bedard at Provincial Synod.*

of the day was unable to manage it all by himself and it was decided to hire someone to render assistance to the bishop. The first Executive Archdeacon in Algoma was the Venerable (now retired bishop) Rod Andrews.

When Rod Andrews left Algoma, Archdeacon Harry Huskins and Archdeacon Susan de Gruchy were appointed by Bishop Ron Ferris (1995-2008) to serve jointly as Algoma's Executive Archdeacons. They moved to Sault Ste. Marie from Sudbury where they had been ministering at Christ Church Lively

and as the joint Territorial Archdeacons for Sudbury/Manitoulin. Prior to that they had ministered at St. Alban the Martyr in Capreol and in Azilda and Onaping Falls. Both of those churches have now been deconsecrated. Harry and Susan, with their backgrounds in law and history also taught at Thornloe University - Susan in the Women's Studies Department and Harry church history in the Department of Theology.

In the single shared position of Executive Archdeacon of Algoma, Susan was responsible for postulants and vocations and planned a number of Early Ministry Conferences which many of today's clergy still remember attending at St. Mark's, Heyden. Harry took on responsibilities for Concurrence and Appointments as well as working on policy matters. In 2005, Susan stepped aside from the shared position of Executive Archdeacon and Harry took on the postulancy and vocations file from her.

This was an important time in the history of Algoma because many of the diocesan canons needed to be changed in order to reflect the growth in the diocese. The Executive Committee was restructured and the available resources (there was money to spend) were put into programs and new ministries within the diocese.

In reflecting on what some of the highlights of his time as Executive Archdeacon have been, Harry spoke about the delight of seeing a whole generation of new clergy coming

into ministry. Many of the senior clergy in the diocese today started making enquiries into their sense of vocation in the early days of his and Susan's term. Harry describes that as planting trees and 'watching a forest grow' before his eyes.

Archdeacon Harry believes that his ministry is not about himself but about what people are able to accomplish together. "Is this about the individual?" he is often quick to ask, "or is this about Jesus? Because that is who we are called to serve."

Harry has a brilliant mind, memory, and ability to write, as well as a great sense of humour. He loves to read and study Canon Law and has spent many a summer in Oxford attending courses and seminars. Harry sees this knowledge as a gift from God and his background in working at the government level is something that has been very helpful in his diocesan work. Some of the Archdeacon Harry's writings include Archbishop Wright's and Archbishop Thornloe's Memoirs. He has also written the history of Algoma in the 19th Century and is considering penning our history in the 20th Century.

While much of Archdeacon Harry's time has been spent in Algoma, the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, the Diocese of Moosonee, and the Anglican Church of Canada have all been the beneficiaries of his expansive knowledge as he has generously shared his gifts in the wider church.

Over the last several years Archdeacon Harry has served as the Bishop's Appointee on the Shingwauk Board and is very excited to be part of the planning for the new university by the same name. This spring the 'Discovery Centre' which will house Shingwauk University and the Chiefs' Library will officially open and Archdeacon Harry has been involved in all the planning for this development. Harry has developed some very close friendships with members of the Indigenous community in the area and is enormously proud of the spirit of goodwill and the healthy respectful relationships that have been fostered between the Diocese of Algoma and with First Nations and the Métis people of the city, province and country. "We are building something really good here," Archdeacon Harry remarked.

Archdeacon Harry has requested that in thanksgiving for his ministry in Algoma that donations be made to the Episcopal Endowment Fund. Growing the small fund we have at present by 2 million dollars will ensure that the office of bishop is paid for in perpetuity. With gratitude for Harry's ministry and service in Algoma.