



*a Faith Community in the  
Anglican Church of Canada*

March 18, 2022

228 Pearl Street  
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 1E4

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**We Are Open at 50% capacity with  
all COVID-19 precautions in place!**

**Here's the service lineup through Easter!**

**March 27 Eucharist 10:00 am**

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Gail Clifton  
Lay Reader: Rose Jardine

**April 3 Eucharist 10:00 am**

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Nancy Ringham  
Lay Reader: Rose Jardine

**April 10 Palm Sunday Eucharist 10:00 am**

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Gordon Holroyd  
Lay Reader: Brenda O'Neill  
Live Music: Richard Pepper

*Palms will be blessed on the altar and  
you can pick them up at the back of the  
church as you leave*

**April 14 Maundy Thursday Eucharist 7:00 pm**

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Nancy Ringham  
Lay Reader: Rose Jardine

**April 15 Good Friday – No Eucharist + do Stations of the Cross 11:00 am**

Presider: Rev Gail Clifton  
Lay Reader: Jim Sutton

**April 17 Easter - Eucharist 10:00 am**

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Nancy Ringham  
Lay Reader: Kim Bienvenue or Rose Jardine  
Music: Nancy Wallace will play the organ  
Cantors: Sheila Chisholm & David Marler

**April 24 Morning Prayer 10:00 am**

Preacher: Frances  
Presider: Rose Jardine

**April 30 Eucharist 10:00 am**

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Gail Clifton  
Lay Reader: Kim Bienvenue

***If you have any hymn suggestions, please email or call in to the office!***

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### ***Lenten Offering***

COVID-19 has interrupted so many worthwhile missions and like the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, this is where your donations will go.

- GT Food Cupboard
- Camp Gitchigomee
- Mission to Seafarers

If you would like to make a donation, simply add it to your offering and indicate the amount that should be allocated to the Lenten Offering.

### ***Archbishop Anne's suggestion for Gathering Table – Last Call for Comments***

In Archbishop Anne's letter to the Concurrence Team and the Wardens about the posting of the incumbent's position at Gathering Table, she suggested that ***some broad conversations within the congregation would be helpful to ensure that parishioners are content with how things are going in this interim time, in terms of Sunday worship, pastoral care and administration.***

However, with current COVID restrictions, such a conversation would be difficult via Zoom and so we are asking you to respond in writing to the suggested topic for the conversation. Your response can be sent to the office by email, sent by mail, dropped off at the office or put in the "treasure chest" at the back of the church.

### ***Pray during Vacancy of a Minister***

Heavenly Father,

During this vacancy, guard and grow our Parish as we serve you together in this period without an incumbent.

Lord Jesus, we know that you have plans for us and that these plans are always good. We ask now that you will help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others, and welcome newcomers and visitors.

Holy Spirit, please guide those who are seeking the right person for us, and those who are seeking the right place for their ministry, that together we may discover your way for the future of Gathering Table and see your kingdom grow.

Amen.

### ***Diocesan Executive Committee Meeting Summary from March 9-10, 2022***

*Archbishop's Report:*

- The Archbishop invited all Anglicans in the Diocese of Algoma to mark March 13<sup>th</sup> as a day of prayer and remembrance on the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Covid as a pandemic by the WHO; there are resources on the website for our use.
- We are asked to focus March 20<sup>th</sup> as an intentional day of prayer, fasting and almsgiving for the people of Ukraine. If possible, in the afternoon of March 20<sup>th</sup> she urged parishes to

arrange a prayer walk. Archdeacon Jay Koyle will be sending out resources for this event.

- Archbishop Anne stressed her commitment to ongoing Safe Church practices and requested that all our screening in faith procedures be up to date. Church activities are often high-risk in nature.

*Covid Protocols Update:*

- Archdeacon Jay Koyle reported no changes at this time to our Covid protocols. We will wait and see what happens with the relaxing of protocols at the Provincial level before making any changes. In the north the number of hospital admissions due to Covid is rising. The situation will be monitored carefully and all decisions will be made in consultation with Rev. Michael Garner, who has been advising us throughout the pandemic. We are all hopeful that some changes will come in the near future.

*Property Matters:*

- The house at 213 Cameron St., Thunder Bay, will be listed. This house is the former rectory of St. Luke's parish (now part of Gathering Table parish, Thunder Bay). The parish is searching for a new Incumbent and one issue is that this property is not close to where the congregation now meets.
- The house at 228 Pearl Street, Thunder Bay, will be demolished once estimates and other preparation work is completed. This property is also part of Gathering Table parish but is no longer fit for residential use due to many problems with the building over the years.

*Children & Youth Ministry:*

- Youth Synod will not take place in 2022 due to COVID uncertainties. The Diocesan Youth Ministry Committee is taking time in 2022 to revision and perhaps restructure the way youth ministry happens at the Diocesan level. An Annual Youth Synod is still in the plans to happen at Camp Manitou, but additional, regional gatherings will also be offered. Prayers are asked for this committee as they undertake this important work.
- The Anglican Foundation "Say Yes to Kids" initiative is ramping up again and Algoma is a sponsoring Diocese. It is hoped that each Deanery can form a team to support this fundraising program.



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

PWRDF is supporting Ukrainians forced to flee their homes due to the Russian invasion. The initial grant of \$20,000 issued to an ACT Alliance appeal has been increased to \$50,000. The grants will fund the work of ACT member Hungarian Interchurch Aid

(HIA).

As the war began on February 24, tens of thousands of Ukrainians fled for safety elsewhere in Ukraine or to neighbouring countries. HIA has been working in Ukraine for more than 25 years in humanitarian and development projects. It had already shipped 28 tons of food to support those fleeing to Hungary, and their staff have been working with refugees at the Ukraine/Hungary border.

Yelena was one of hundreds of Ukrainians in line at a border crossing into Hungary, waiting with her three children while her husband is on the frontlines. She told ACT, “We heard that the Polish border is completely jammed, so we decided to cross the mountains and try to make it into Hungary. My sister is still on the way, I have no idea where she or my nieces are.”

On February 27, HIA set up a 24-hour refugee support point on the Hungarian side of the border at Beregsurány, where the line of refugees trying to cross into Hungary is kilometres long, says an ACT communiqué.

The support point was set up in a heated pavilion almost 4 km away in Asztély, Ukraine, near the border crossing. More tents and mobile toilets will be added in the coming days. HIA is providing hot tea, sandwiches, refreshments, blankets and basic hygiene items for Ukrainians, including many elderly and children who are waiting long hours to cross the border into Hungary.

“In addition to the tangible help at the support point, HIA also helps those arriving with information in Hungarian and Ukrainian, including how those in need can get temporary accommodation in Hungary,” says ACT. There is also support from local volunteers, such as a nearby Serbian bakery who is providing fresh bread, made with flour donated from Hungary.

“We’ve been standing here at this border checkpoint for more than five hours,” says Yelena. “It is cold and my children are freezing. It is amazing to see that people are here to help, and even just talking to you gives us hope for a better future.”

### How you can help

To make a donation to this response, go to [pwrdf.org/give-today](http://pwrdf.org/give-today) and click on **Response in Ukraine**. You may also donate by phone at 416-822-9083 or leave a voicemail toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 and we will return your call, or mail your cheque to PWRDF, 80 Hayden, 3rd floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2. Please mark **Ukraine** in the memo field.



### ***Our Daily Bread and Offering Envelopes***

are now available at the back of the church.

Or ask about Electronic Offering Program.

### ***Reminder about Visitations:***

Pastoral care visits will continue to be restricted to emergency situations – please call the office if such a situation arises.

### **Gathering Table Prayer Chain**

During this time of social isolation and uncertainty, it is more important than ever to pray for one another. If you would like to be a part of the Gathering Table prayer chain or you have any needs or concerns that you would like placed on the prayer chain please contact Sheila Chisholm at [chisholmsheilak@gmail.com](mailto:chisholmsheilak@gmail.com) or text /phone 306-240-0771.

### **Vestry Update**

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| <b>Service Time:</b>  | Sunday at 10:00 am   |
| <b>Food Bank Open:</b>  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays starting at 11:30 am   |
| <b>Pastor:</b>  | vacant   |
| <b>Honorary Assistant</b>   | The Rev. Gail M. Clifton, M.Div.   |
| Phone:  | 807-768-9865   |
| Email:  | <a href="mailto:gailx2@shaw.ca">gailx2@shaw.ca</a>   |
| <b>Wardens</b>  |  |
| Rector's Warden:  | David Reid   |
| Deputy Rector's Warden:   | Vacant   |
| People's Warden:  | Jim Sutton   |
| Deputy People's Warden:   | Sheila Chisholm  |
| <b>Staff</b>  |  |
| Office:   | Roberta Wolfe  |
| Sexton:   | Richard Pepper   |
| Treasurer:  | Sharon Corston   |
| <b>Music Ministry</b>   |  |
| Co – Music Directors:   | Donna Hamill (Pianist) and Vacant (Organist)   |
| <b>Lay Readers:</b><br>(automatically qualify<br>as Eucharistic Assistants) | Kim Bienvenue<br>Rose Jardine<br>Brenda O'Neill<br>Richard Pepper<br>Frances Sutton  |
| <b>Eucharistic Assistants:</b>  | Alex Kostecki<br>Sylvia Kostecki<br>Audrey Love<br>David Reid<br>Erminie Reid<br>Linda Rintamaki<br>Dale Sparkes   |
| <b>Parish Advisory Council:</b>   | Ted Hamill (last year of a 2 year term)<br>Mary Ripley (last year of a 2 year term)<br>Brenda O'Neill (2 year term)<br>Colleen Speer (2 year term)<br>Grace Dawson, Youth member (appointed)<br>Pastor |

**Synod Representatives:**

Wardens  
Vacant, Property Team Leader (appointed)  
Sharon Corston, Treasurer (appointed by Wardens)  
Sharon Corston  
Dale Sparkes  
Gail Pell (Alternate)



Caring for seafarers  
around the world

To the Parish of Gathering Table.

Thank you for your generous support  
of the Mission to Seafarers Christmas Gift  
Bags.

328 bags were prepared and 257 gift  
bags were delivered to ships that  
could be visited

On behalf of the Christmas Gift Bag Committee

Susan Zivack Pike  
Chair