



Church of the Ascension

Sudbury Ontario

News and Announcements

August 17th & 24th, 2014

In the parish this week

The Eucharist is celebrated on Sunday mornings at 10am and on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am. If you are away on the weekends and can join us on Wednesdays, you will find us in the chapel.

**During July and August
there will be ONE Eucharist at 10am.**

Can't make church on Sundays during the summer?

Come and join us for a Eucharist service on Wednesday mornings in our beautiful chapel. There is no sermon - just a short reflection. It's always followed by coffee, tea and tasty treats.

Congratulations to Fr. Bob!

Most of us know Fr. Bob as the Honourary Associate at the Ascension, but he also holds the position of President and Provost of Thorneloe University at Laurentian.

Fr. Bob has been elected as the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion (CUAC). CUAC is a worldwide association of over 120 institutions of higher education committed to promoting cross cultural contacts and educational programs. This will involve some extra travel and commitments for Fr. Bob this year and we assure him of our continued prayers as he takes on this new role.

VBS Thanks!

This week the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary was transformed into a home for "Weird Animals: Where Jesus Love is One of a Kind." The children, youth and adults who attended all had a marvelous time singing the catchy tunes, learning about the world's weird and wonderful animals and hearing stories of Jesus love for them – NO MATTER WHAT! Even if you're different – Jesus loves you! Even when you are left out – Jesus loves you! Even when you do wrong – Jesus loves you! This was the message the children received all week, and

one which they took away with them at the end of the week. This year VBS was a Deanery event and we had volunteers from the Ascension, St. James, St. John the Divine, the Epiphany and Christ Church. To all of our volunteer helpers who worked so ably with the children or in the kitchen providing the much needed daily snack, we extend a hearty thank you!

Storage Room thanks!

It's done! This week we received the necessary permissions to move back into our storage area and we are just delighted with the results. Thank you to everyone for your assistance during this

Wednesday morning Eucharist

During the summer months there is a Wednesday morning Eucharist at 9:30am followed by a time of fellowship. The Eucharist takes place in the chapel and you would be most welcome if you joined us for worship.

project. In the end it was a mammoth task as each new phase unfolded, but it worked out beautifully and looks stunning. Yes, even a simple storage area can be 'stunning'! Special thanks to Bob and Ann

Corrigan, Wayne Bonas, Andy Foy, Harley Moulton, Ralph Mounter, Philip Balson, Rob Caines, David Caines, Del Gates, Gary Bate, Richard Germond, Brian Hawkins, Doug Frozel, Rick Chmilar, Rich Pancel and the many others volunteers who worked tirelessly on this project and to others like Ken Winfield, Dave and Noella Fowler and Don McLeod who kept the inside and yard looking neat and tidy during the construction process.

Photo Directory Update

Most of you should have received the photographs you ordered from IPC by now or received a phone call to collect yours from the office. Rev. Anne has sent in all the additional material needed to complete the directory and we are hoping to see a draft

The Ascension is striving to be a nut free and scent free parish; due to the many nut and scent allergies.

in September. We will keep you posted on details!

BBQ and Games on August 24th

Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbours to our 60th Anniversary celebration BBQ on Sunday 24th August at 11:30am, right after church. M and M Meatshops are doing the cooking and we're handling the games and fun.

See you there!

ACW Meeting in September

The ACW invite all women to join them on September 4th at 1:30pm for the first meeting of the fall season. They will be learning to make covers for coat hangers. For more information, please call Betty McLeod at 705.566.6487.

Food Donations

The food cupboard is bare! Over the years our church has been a great supporter of the Elgin Street Mission as well as Barrydowne College's foodbank. We are running very low on food items and hope that you will help us top up our supplies

Thought for the Fortnight

"A big problem we face today is that the internet has enabled an explosion of information, but it is utterly incapable of providing the wisdom to know what to do with that information. We have become a world of well-informed fools."

Michael Newnham
(slightly edited)

before the new school year begins. We are in need of peanut butter, jams and jellies, sidekicks, vegetable soup, juice boxes, cookies, cereals, lunch bars, baby food, personal hygiene products, cleaning products, soaps, and shampoos. Please place your donations in the container at the front door and we will ensure it is taken to the school. From time to time Rev. Anne receives a request for gift cards for the grocery store. If you wish to make a donation of a gift card from Your Independent, Food Basics or Metro it will be gratefully received.

NEW!!! STAND UP! Fall 2014

The Sudbury and District Health Unit will once again be leading a ten week program for seniors called, STAND UP. It will run on Monday and Thursday mornings at 9:30am. This will begin on September 16th, 2014 and 16 people are needed in the class. If you did not take the classes last year, think about it for this fall. Registration details will be available soon.

Your offering

Thank you for your ongoing financial commitment to the Ascension. Your faithfulness and generosity is a reflection of your love of God and of God's church. We love and serve a God whose generosity is evident all around us. Our weekly offering is our way of returning thanks to God and is used in many ways at the Ascension. Your offering is for the most part our only source of income, and so we thank you for being part of our mission. There are many ways to give - through the weekly envelopes, through monthly post dated cheques, and through the Electronic Offering Program. To find out more

about any of these ways of making your offering, please speak to Rev. Anne.

Save these dates!

Summer BBQ with our neighbours following the 10am service on August 24th.

Coffee House with EK (Erma, Ralph, Doug, Michael) on Friday September 19th at 7pm

Sunday School birthday bash on Saturday 27th September 1pm-3pm

Back to Church Sunday September 28th at 9am and 11am

Dinner Dance on October 25th at the Howard Johnson Hotel. Cocktails at 5:30pm followed by buffet dinner at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$45 a person and will be on sale in August.

60th Anniversary Celebration Service

60th Anniversary Celebration Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday October 26th at 10am. Celebrant and Preacher will be Bishop Stephen Andrews.

Fall Book Study

You are invited to participate in an evening book study as we celebrate our life together as a community of faith at the Church of the Ascension.

“LIFE TOGETHER” by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

While Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s life was cut tragically short at the age of 39 when he was executed by the Nazis in April 1945, he remains one of the most influential theologians and pastors of the twentieth century. His meditation on Christian community – entitled *Life Together* – remains a relevant description of what it means to be a Christian and how Christians are called by God to live in a community that is shaped by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As part of our preparation for the parish’s 60th anniversary, a group of parishioners will be reading and discussing Bonhoeffer’s *Life Together* in September and October, led by Fr. Bob Derrenbacher. Fr. Bob will be introducing the book to the church at both services during the sermon time on September 14. What will follow will be four Sunday evening study sessions at the Rev. Anne’s home at 7:00 p.m. – September 28, October 5, 19, and 26.

If you are interested, please contact Rev. Anne so she can order a copy of the book for you. Space is limited.

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Reflection from the Primates World Relief and Development Fund

Week of August 17 (Pentecost 10)

Reading: Genesis 45:1-15 Then Joseph said to his brothers “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’”

PWRDF Partner Story: Responding to the Horn of Africa Drought by Simon Chambers, PWRDF Communications Coordinator. This article first appeared on the PWRDF website on July 31, 2011.

Editor's Note: In the summer of 2011, millions of people in eastern Africa were affected by a major drought that led to famine in some regions. PWRDF was part of the global response to the drought that year.

Thousands of people fleeing Somalia for desperately overcrowded refugee camp in Dadaab, Kenya. Live-stock dead. No water, the soil turned to dust. 10.7 million people affected. The numbers are staggering, and the images are horrifying. This is the reality for so many people living in the Horn of Africa as the drought in the region continues, and the UN declares a famine in Somalia.

3.7 million people are affected by the famine in southern Somalia alone – fully half the population of that nation. “We are already underway in our efforts to distribute 262 tonnes of flour and 52 tonnes of cooking oil to the hardest-hit areas of Gedo province in Somalia. This first delivery will assist over 30,000 people in four villages for around a month,” said Gaim Kebreab, representing the ACT Alliance in Somalia and Kenya.

PWRDF is working in Kenya through the Anglican Church of Kenya and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Food is being purchased from local farmers and distributed to those in need, including refugees at the Dadaab refugee camp, which now houses more than four times the 90,000 people it was built to house. Purchasing food locally is an important part of responding to disasters, as it puts money into the local economy, and saves the time and expense of shipping food around the world.

Finally, PWRDF is responding in Ethiopia through ACT, the global, ecumenical... of which PWRDF is a member. ACT is helping over 68,000 people in Ethiopia by providing food, health care, drought preparation training for farmers, and “food for work” projects which will help to plant trees, prevent soil erosion, and construct roads in the region.

For the full story please go to: <http://pwrdf.org/2011/initial-response-in-horn-of-africa-1320683258/>

For Reflection:

Jacob's family were some of the first refugees fleeing hunger we know about. People continue to this day to leave their ancestral homes and lands because of drought and famine. Jacob and his family were lucky that Joseph was in Egypt and had power there to invite them to come, and to welcome them to the land. How do you think that we as Anglicans and as Canadians can have a positive impact on the lives of refugees fleeing hunger in the world today?

Closing Prayer

Prayer for Refugees

Lord, no one is a stranger to you
and no one is ever far from your loving care.
In your kindness watch over refugees and exiles,
those separated from their loved ones,
young people who are lost,
and those who have left or run away from home.
Bring them back safely to the place where they long to be
and help us always to show your kindness
to strangers and those in need.

Doggy License

During a county-wide drive to round up all unlicensed dogs, a patrolman signaled a car to pull over to the curb.

When the driver asked why he had been stopped, the officer pointed to the big dog sitting on the seat beside him and asked, "Does your dog have a license?"

"No," the man said, "He doesn't need one."

"Yes he does," answered the officer.

"But," said the driver, "I always do all the driving."

A Serious Question

At Hebrew School, the Rabbi finished the day's lesson. It was now time for the usual question period.

"Rabbi?" asked little Melvin "there's something I need to know."

"What's that my child?" asked the Rabbi.

"Well, according to the Scriptures, the Children of Israel crossed the Red Sea, right?"

"Right."

"And the Children of Israel beat up the Philistines, right?"

"Uh ... right."

"And the Children of Israel built the Temple, right?"

"Again you are correct."

"And the Children of Israel fought the Egyptians, and the Children of Israel fought the Romans, and the Children of Israel were always doing something important, right?"

"All that is correct," agreed the Rabbi. "So what's your question?" "What I need to know is this," demanded Melvin. "What were all the grown-ups doing?"

Sunday Lectionary for August - September

31 August 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15

Romans 12:9-21

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26,

Matthew 16:21-28

7 Sept. 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 12:1-14

Romans 13:8-14

Psalm 149

Matthew 18:15-20

14 September 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 14:19-31

Romans 14:1-12

Psalm 114

Matthew 18:21-35

21 September 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-15

Philippians 1:21-30

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Matthew 20:1-16

28 September 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 17:1-7

Philippians 2:1-13

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

Matthew 21:23-32

5 October 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Philippians 3:4b-14

Psalm 19

Matthew 21:33-46

Services of Worship at the Ascension

Sunday morning: Holy Eucharist at 9am and 11am. Sunday school takes place at the 11am service and there is also a nursery for babies and toddlers.

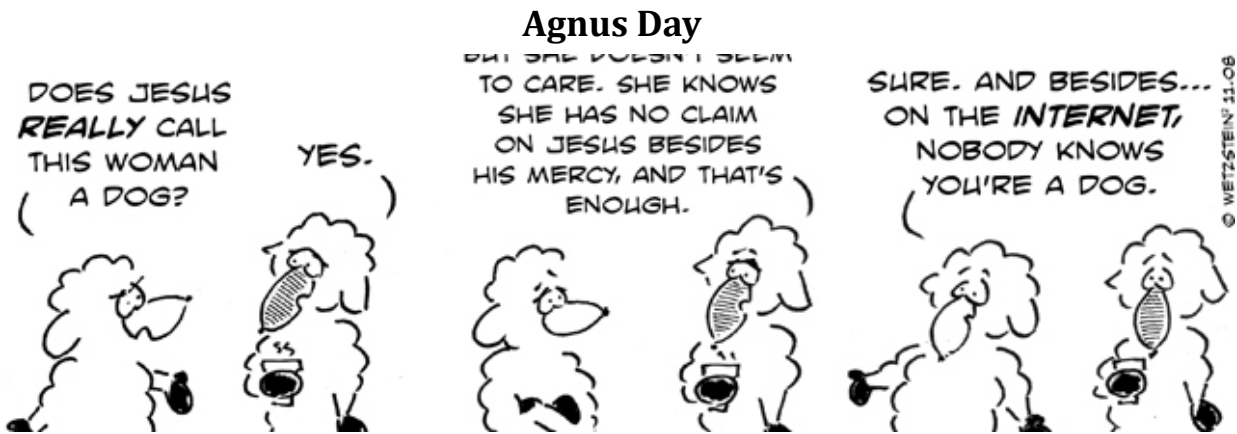
Wednesday morning: Holy Eucharist at 9:30am followed by Bible Study. All welcome!

We have a team of parishioners who are licensed by the Bishop to bring the Reserved Sacrament to individuals or couples who are unable to make it to church on Sunday mornings.

Please call the church office at 705-566-2790 and we will be happy to make arrangements..

Membership at the Ascension

We love it when people say that they are a member of our church, and we want to keep track of our parishioners so that we can send you mailouts, newsletters, and keep you posted on parish events. If you are a new member and wish to be on our parish list, please fill out the form at the bottom of this newsletter and return it to the office, or put it in the offering plate today. If your address, phone number or email address has changed, please fill out the form. Your email address is also important as we have an enews group. We do not give out parishioners emails to any other group.



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Your privacy

Every week the church bulletin and news and announcements is posted on the Church of the Ascension's website. Sometimes these items include names of individuals within the parish. If you prefer not to have your name on the website, or photos of yourself posted, please let Rev. Anne know so that she ensures your privacy.

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