



Church of the Ascension

Sudbury Ontario

News and Announcements

November 23rd, 2014

In the parish this week:

Monday 24th November 9:30am: Stand Up!

Tuesday 25th November: Because of the ACW Tea this week there will be no quilting today.

Wednesday 26th November: 9:30am Holy Eucharist and Bible Study.

6pm: Snowflake Tea setup many hands make light work!

Thursday 27th November: 6:30 8:30pm ACW Snowflake Tea.

Saturday 29th November 2pm: Beth Hewson ordination at Christ Church North Bay.

60th Annual Snowflake Tea

The ACW is holding its 60th Annual Snowflake Tea this Thursday evening (27th November) from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Tickets are on sale after church today or at the door. There will be a bake table, crafts table and a Silent Auction. The women are still looking for items for the auction. Do you have a new gift that you can offer? Or what about a talent or a skill a home cooked meal; knitting or quilting lessons? Speak to Betty McLeod today! The women will all be getting together for their annual Christmas dinner on Thursday 11th December at Red Lobster at 6pm. They hope that ALL women will join them for this festive meal.

THANK YOU!

The students at Barrydowne College would like to thank everyone for the amazing lunch we prepared for them on Wednesday. Maureen McNamara, the school principal says that it was 'spectacular in every way' and would like to express her thanks to those who brought food items.

Thank you also for the Christmas shoeboxes filled with gift items for children in the developing world. They will be heading to the Toronto depot of Samaritan's Purse.

What's happening at the Ascension during the Advent and Christmas season?

Please take home the one page insert in this week's

bulletin that highlights the services of worship, outreach and fellowship opportunities this Advent.

Diocesan Webinars

Do you have a high speed computer with, internet and a sound system? Do you love to learn? In December, Bishop Stephen is offering four 'live' webinars (internet based learning) on the first Chapters of the Book of Genesis. These will take place on Tuesday afternoons (4:30pm -5:30pm) on December 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd). For more information or about the course, please go to the Diocesan website dioceseofalgoma.com on the news page. You can register by going to webconferencealgoma@ontera.net and emailing them your request. This must be done by November 25th.

Bishop Stephen says that "*The discussion will not assume prior biblical knowledge among the participants, apart from having read the text before the sessions.*"

This is a great way to experience online learning. You can do it from anywhere, and if you are unable to make a particular date can get it later from the site.

Messy Church

We are excited that Messy Church will be coming back to the Ascension on the first Wednesday of every month at 4:30pm. You might have some questions about it. The first one will be on Wednesday December 3rd, 2014.

Q. What is Messy Church?

A. Messy Church is a Christ centred church for people of all ages to enjoy together. It involves fellowship, music, arts and crafts, welcome, celebration, worship, and a shared meal. It does not presuppose any familiarity with 'churchiness' or bible knowledge.

Q. Can I bring a friend?

Yes, everyone is welcome to bring many friends. Messy Church is for parishioners and also for your extended family, neighbours and friends.

Thought for the Week

Jesus Christ always speaks from the source of things; consequently those who deal only with the surface find him an offense."
- Oswald Chambers

Q. Is it only for families?

A. No, everyone is welcome

Q. Does it cost anything?

A. No, although there will be an offering plate if you choose to make a donation.

Q. I'm interested in helping out. Who do I speak to?

A. Cindy Caines, Jen Ames and Kath Greenidge can help!

Christmas mailout

We are presently updating our mailing list in preparation for the upcoming mailout on December 7th. If you have moved this year, or your telephone number has changed, please send Rev. Anne your new address and information.

Beth Hewson Ordination

Beth Hewson is being ordained (God willing) to the holy order of Deacon on Saturday November 29th at 2pm. This will take place at Christ Church, North Bay. Anyone wishing to go should sign their name on the sheet in Rev. Anne's office so we can ensure there are sufficient drivers.

Christmas Outreach

As we approach the Advent season, we will be involved in a number of outreach endeavours.

The week before Christmas we will be providing Christmas hampers to a number of families in need. These hampers will include a full Christmas dinner as well as non perishable food items. You are invited to contribute to these hampers by bringing your

food items to church on Sunday November 30th, December 7th or December 14th. If you wish to give a donation of money towards a turkey or fresh vegetables, please give the money to Anne Trimmer.

We will be reaching out to the seniors in our congregation this Christmas season in the annual 'Cookie Drop'. A small basket of cookies and fruit is given to some of our seniors who are unable to do their own baking. If you are doing holiday baking please remember our seniors and bring your cookies to church for the freezer. Please do not bake with NUTS.

Out of the Cold Dinners

Once again the Ascension has a team for the Out of the Cold dinners that take place at the Church of the Epiphany. Our dinners are on Friday December 5th; Friday January 23rd; Friday March 6th and Friday April 17th. If you are able to assist on the Friday morning with the food preparation or setup, or in the evening with serving, please speak to Matt Walchuk or Stephanie Doveton.

Save These Dates!

ADVENT Messy Church is happening at the Ascension on Wednesday 3rd December at 4:30pm. A

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

light supper will be served and there will be a short worship service and an Advent craft. This is a great way to spend an evening with family and friends and a great way to introduce friends who are not church goers to worship and fellowship.

The ACW are inviting all women to their Christmas dinner on Thursday 4th December. Time and place to be decided.

Photo Directory

The 2014 Photo directory will soon be ready. The final proof has been sent to IPC photos for printing. We ordered 10 extra copies for purchase. If you did not have your photo taken, but would like to buy a directory, they are \$13 each. If you had your photo taken there is no cost for the directory.

Sidespeople, greeters roster

A new roster has been placed on the board outside the washrooms. If you are interested in being a sidesperson, or greeting, please see Rev. Anne.

Sunday coffee hours

At the Ascension we usually have a coffee hour once a month. The dates change from month to month but after the 9 am service it is usually held on the third Sunday of the month, while following the 11 am service the first or second Sunday. We are in need of people to help provide the snacks for the coffee hours at both services, and also to assist with the clean up and set up. If you are able to help with the 9 am coffee hour please speak to Noella Fowler, or call her at 705.673.8322. If you can help with the 11 am coffee hour, please give Anne Trimmer a call at 705.566.8127.

The Church of the Ascension will be serving dinners on the following Fridays: December 5th, Janu-

ary 23rd, March 6th and April 17th. Please mark these dates in your calendars.

Anglican Church of Canada: Gifts of Mission

The 2014/ 2015 Gifts of Mission book was sent out with the most recent Algoma Anglican. If you are starting to think about Christmas gifts for family and friends who 'have everything' why not consider buying them a gift that reflects the mission of the Anglican Church around the world. For \$35 you can provide shelter and healing for victims of domestic violence in the Solomon Island. \$55 will show that you care about homelessness in Canada and your gift of \$35 will show your support of clergy in Northern communities in Canada.

If you did not receive a copy of the Algoma Anglican you can take a copy from the bookcase in the corridor near the Fellowship Hall.

"What does today's Gospel mean for our lives?"

What I can do and am called to do is to remember what Jesus said: "When you did it for the least of these, my family, you did it to me." Not, please notice, just the certifiably hungry and truly deserving. The only criterion he set was, "least of these," which means those who are weak and vulnerable, the little ones, particularly the small ones, the children. So what you and I can do and are called to do is not to ignore and overlook, but to look into a human face and to see there the face of Jesus Christ, because that is what he said."

(John Buchanan)

Wise Sayings

- There is always death and taxes; however death doesn't get worse every year.
- People will accept your ideas much more readily if you tell them that Benjamin Franklin said it first.
- Anything free is worth what you pay for it.
- If it ain't broke, fix it till it is.
- In just two days, tomorrow will be yesterday.
- Life is an endless struggle full of frustrations and challenges, but eventually you find a hair stylist you like.
- You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- One of life's mysteries is how a two pound box of candy can make a woman gain five pounds.
- The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.
- Brain cells come and brain cells go, but fat cells live forever.
- Age doesn't always bring wisdom, sometimes age comes alone.
- Life not only begins at forty, it begins to show.
- You don't stop laughing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop laughing.
- Talk is cheap because supply exceeds demand.

Outreach opportunities for the month of November.

There are tremendous needs in our community and beyond. Please help with one or more of the following good causes, as you are able:

1. On November 19th the Ascension will be providing a healthy lunch for the students at Barrydowne College. This is part of the ecumenical communities commitment to doing this once a month for the school year. Our date is Wednesday 19 th November and we hope that you will consider being part of this outreach. We need the items that you are donating for the lunch at the church by 9 am so they can be taken to the school for lunchtime. In order to help you to choose and remember what you have selected Jane Cox has prepared a number of 'tags' with lunchtime suggestions on them. You will find these on a table at the back of the church. Thank you for caring about healthy lunches for students trying to get their high school diplomas.
2. For 15 years Ascension parishioners have been packing shoeboxes at Christmas time for Operation Christmas Child. It's a simple idea that has grown over the years. You take a shoebox from the entrance of the church and a flyer that explains how to pack it for a child ranging in age from birth to 14. You decide the age range. Then you find small gift items to pack into the box and return it to the church today so that your Christmas gift to a child in a developing world gets there by Christmas. Don't forget to include \$5 for postage.
3. There is a fundraising concert for the Elgin Street Mission on Friday 21 st November at 7 pm at Glad Tidings Church. The Mission has been a vital part of our community for 25 years and receives no funding from the government. It is up to us to helps this less fortunate than ourselves. Tickets are \$10 each.
4. Today there is a fundraising concert "Opera for a Cause" at St. Andrews Place. This fundraiser will support the Infant Food Bank and the Sudbury Soup Kitchen. There are two concerts one at 2 pm and one at 7 pm and tickets are \$20 each. See Rev. Anne for tickets.

Sunday Lectionary for November—December

30 November 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

28 December. 1st Sunday after Christmas Day

Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 18:15-20

7 December 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

4 January 2nd Sunday after Christmas Day

Jeremiah 31:7-14
or
Sirach 24:1-12

Ephesians 1:3-14

14 December. 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126 or
Luke 1:46b-55

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Psalm 147:12-20
or
Wisdom of Solomon
10:15-21

John 1:(1-9), 10-18

21 December 4th Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm
89:1-4, 19-26

Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

11 January Baptism of the Lord

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

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!

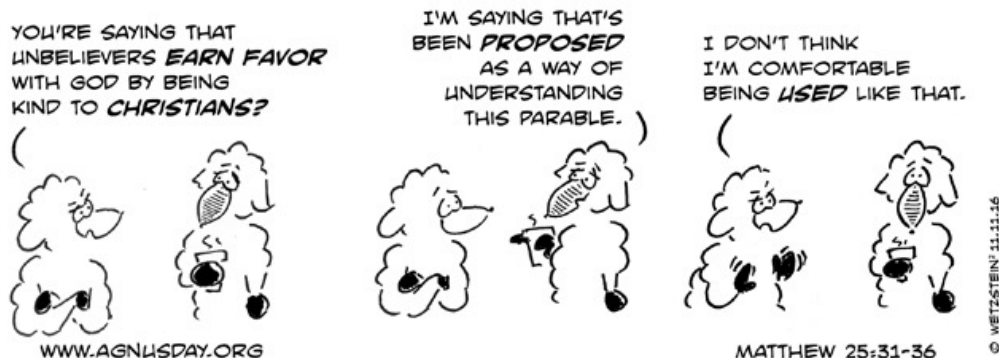
We have a team of parishioners who are licensed by the Bishop to bring the Reserved Sacrament to individuals or couples who are unable to make it to church on Sunday mornings.

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.

Agnus Day



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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.

The church website address is www.churchoftheascensionsudbury.ca

Family Name: _____

New

Person 1 _____

Person 2 _____

Change of Address

Address Family As _____

(John & Mary Smith, Mr. & Mrs J. Smith, The Smiths)

Address _____

City _____

Postal Code _____

Phone _____ - _____ - _____ (Please include all 10 digits)

Email address: _____