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## Advent and Christmas 2014 at the Church of the Ascension

*“Even so, come Lord Jesus”*

*Please post this on your fridge and keep these events and people in your daily prayers.*

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November:** ACW Snowflake Tea 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Tickets \$5 available after church or at the door.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November:** Beth Hewson ordination to the diaconate at 2pm at Christ Church North Bay. Carpool leaving the Ascension at 11:30am.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November:** Advent 1: White Gift Sunday

*There will be a deanery youth event on November 30th at 5pm at Germonds. Communion, conversation, supper and fellowship. All youth 12 and older are welcome.*

**Monday December 1<sup>st</sup>:** Advent Clergy Quiet Day at the Anishinabe Centre.

**Tuesday December 2<sup>nd</sup> :** 11am Westmount Eucharist

**Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Messy Church for Advent 4:30pm – 6:45pm. Messy Church is an intergenerational Christ centred church for everyone. Fellowship, arts and crafts, a meal and worship.

**Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup> 11am:** Stuffing of Christmas newsletters. Volunteers needed.

**Friday December 5<sup>th</sup>:** OOTC dinner at the Epiphany.

**Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>:** Advent 2 : White Gift Sunday, followed by lunch and celebration of birthdays (Del, Norma and Fr. Bob)

Intergenerational Christmas Carolling at 6pm. Gather at the church.

*(Deconsecration of St. James, Lockerby at 2pm)*

**Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup>:** Board meeting and social

**Thursday December 11<sup>th</sup>:** ACW Social at Red Lobster 6pm

*Friday December 12<sup>th</sup>: Clergy Christmas dinner at Germonds*

**Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>.** Pageant rehearsal from 2pm-4pm, followed by cookie decorating.

**Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>:** Advent 3: White Gift Sunday;

Lessons and Carols Service at 9am and 11am

**Gifts of Stories and Songs** at 7pm. Tickets \$10 and proceeds to Elgin Street Mission and Barrydowne College. Guest readers include Markus Schwabe and Maureen McNamara.

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**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Delivery of Christmas stockings to Barrydowne College.

**Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup>:** Packing and delivery of cookies for Seniors.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** Packing and delivery of Christmas hampers.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December:** Pageant Dress Rehearsal from 3pm – 4:30pm

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December:** Advent 4

**December 21<sup>st</sup>:** In the afternoon there will be a parish potluck supper at 4:30pm followed by the Annual Christmas pageant at 6pm. Bring your favourite Christmas dish to share with friends.

***If you are able to help with setting up the chairs in the church for our Christmas services, please contact Harley Moulton at 705.524.1182***

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Eve services at 7pm and 9:30pm.

***“The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. On them light has shone.” (Isaiah 9.1)***

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December:** Wishing you and your loved ones a Happy and Blessed Christmas and every good wish for 2015.

***The parish office will be closed between Christmas and January 2nd, 2015. In the event of a pastoral emergency please contact Rev. Anne at 705.671.6223.***

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December:** Holy Eucharist at 9am and 11am.

- *Please bring non perishable food items to church for White Gift Sunday on November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>. These items will be used for the Christmas hampers. If you wish to give a financial donation, please do.*
- *Take a gift tag off the Christmas tree and bring a gift for a Christmas stocking for a Barrydowne College student.*
- *Making cookies for Christmas? Please bring nut free cookies for our Senior’s Cookie Drop to the church for freezing.*
- *If you wish to place flowers in the church at Christmas as a memorial or thank offering, please speak to Anne Trimmer or call her at 705.566.8127.*
- *The Christmas offering envelope in the mailout will go towards Outreach in 2015.*
- *We are hoping to arrange a “Longest Night” service for those who are bereaved or who find the Christmas season difficult. TBA*

***“O God, you have caused the holy night to shine with the brightness of the true light. Grant that I, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy Him perfectly in heaven where he lives and reigns now and forever. Amen”***

***(Phyliss Tickle: Prayers for Advent through Epiphany)***

