



Church of the Ascension

Sudbury Ontario

News and Announcements

November 30th, 2014

In the parish this week:

Monday December 1st: Clergy Quiet day at the Anishinabe Centre

Tuesday December 2nd: Westmount Eucharist at 11am. We have a couple of parishioners moving to the Westmount and hope you will come and support them.

Friendship Quilting is at 10am on the 2nd December

Wednesday December 3rd: 9:30am Eucharist and Bible Study

4:30pm - Advent Messy Church - come and enjoy fellowship, crafts, worship and a meal. Families and individuals are all welcome!!

Thursday December 4th at 11am: Stuffing of Christmas letters. Help needed!

Friday December 5th: Out of the Cold Dinner at the Epiphany. If you can help, please contact Stephanie Doveton or Matt Walchuk.

Saturday 6th December: Journey to Bethlehem in Mindemoya

Sunday 7th December: Christmas Carolling. Please gather at the church at 5:45pm.

60th Annual Snowflake Tea

The ACW would like to thank everyone for their tremendous support of their Snowflake Tea this Thursday evening. From the craft table to the Silent Auction we had wonderful gifts and lots of help serving. All of the funds raised go to the ACW's mission and outreach ministries. Don't forget to mark December 11th at 6pm for the Christmas dinner at Red Lobster.

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.

Gifts of Story and Songs on December 14th

Have you bought your tickets yet? This is going to be another wonderful evening of beautiful Christmas stories and music. Our readers are Gerry Lougheed Jr., Markus Schwabe, Michael White, Trish Hennessy, and Maureen McNamara. Singers include EK, Philip and Colin, Jeremy and James, with musical accompaniment with Eleanor Connors. Tickets are only \$10 each and will support the Elgin Street Mission and Barrydowne College.

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.

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.

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.

Thought for the Week

*Even better than giving thanks
is LIVING thanks.*

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 set-up, or in the evening with serving, please speak to Matt Walchuk or Stephanie Doveton.

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

Save These Dates!

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

Advent 1

"At Advent God's people summon the courage and the spiritual strength to remember that the holy breaks into the daily. In tiny ways, we can open our broken hearts to the healing grace of God, who opens the way to peace. May that peace come upon us as a healing balm, as a mighty winter river, gushing through the valley of our fears. This is not a season of passive waiting and watching. It is a season of wailing and weeping, of opening up our lives and our souls with active anticipation and renewed hope." (Patricia De Jong)

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:

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.

Top Reasons to Ask for a Raise

10. You take your paycheck to the bank and the teller bursts out in hysterical laughter.
9. The Red Cross calls and offers you emergency assistance.
8. Your only charge cards are for the Salvation Army, ARC, and DAV thrift stores.
7. You work full time and you still qualify for food stamps.
6. You empty out your piggy bank and then cook the bank and serve it for your Easter ham.
5. All you can think about morning, noon and night is clipping grocery coupons.
4. You file your income taxes and the IRS returns them stamped, "Charity Case -- Return To Sender."
3. You set the world record for mailing \$1.00 rebate requests to Young America, Minnesota.
2. You pay all your bills, put your remaining \$1 bill into your billfold and it goes into shock.
1. You get arrested for taking the coins out of the fountain in the mall.

Sunday Lectionary for November—December

7 December 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11 2 Peter 3:8-15a
 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 Mark 1:1-8

14 December. 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
 Psalm 126 or John 1:6-8, 19-28
 Luke 1:46b-55

21 December 4th Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Romans 16:25-27
 Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm Luke 1:26-38

28 December. 1st Sunday after Christmas Day

Joshua 3:7-17 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 Matthew 18:15-20

4 January 2nd Sunday after Christmas Day

Jeremiah 31:7-14 Ephesians 1:3-14
 or
 Sirach 24:1-12

Psalm 147:12-20 John 1:(1-9), 10-18
 or
 Wisdom of Solomon
 10:15-21

11 January Baptism of the Lord

Genesis 1:1-5 Acts 19:1-7
 Psalm 29 Mark 1:4-11

18 January Second Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 John 1:43-51

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: _____