



Church of the Ascension

Sudbury Ontario

News and Announcements

December 7th, 2014



In the parish this week:

Please join us after the 11am service today as we celebrate three important birthdays. Del Gates and Norma Mayo are celebrating their 90th birthdays and Fr. Bob his 50th. Happy birthday Del, Norma and Bob!

This evening - 5:45pm Christmas Caroling for a Cause. Meet at the church for a short neighbourhood walk to sing and bring tidings of good news.

Tuesday 9th December: Friendship Quilting at 10am

4:30pm: Bishop Stephen webinar on Genesis 2

Finance meeting at 6:30pm

Board meeting at 7pm followed by a social

Wednesday 10th December: 9:30am Holy Eucharist and Bible Study

Thursday 11th December: ACW dinner at Red Lobster at 6pm. All women are welcome to join the ladies for their Christmas dinner.

Friday 12th December: Clergy Christmas party at Germonds 6pm.

Saturday 13th December: Christmas pageant rehearsal at 2pm-4pm. Afterwards there will be Christmas cookie decorating.

Next Sunday 14th December is Sandwich Sunday for the Mission. It is also the service of Advent Lessons and Carols at 9am and 11am.

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.

Messy Church thanks.

Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy a Messy Advent celebration. Thanks also to those who worked hard to prepare for it with their creative craft, the great skit, the activities, and the delicious meal. It was a wonderful time of learning and fellowship. Next Messy Event is on January 7th at 4:30pm.

Out of the Cold thanks

Our first OOTC was held on Friday evening at the Epiphany. As we serve our neighbours through this meal, we serve Christ, and we are grateful for the opportunity. The students from Barrydowne College

made a wonderful dessert for the guests and we would like to thank the students and their teachers for the enthusiastic way they embraced this idea.

Sunday School Christmas pageant

You will notice that the pageant is on Sunday 21st December in the late afternoon. There will be a pot-blessing (aka potluck) dinner at 4:30pm for everyone and this will be followed by the pageant at 6pm. Cindy Caines says that if anyone would like a drive to the potluck or pageant that you should call her at 705.524.5394. There is a signup sheet for the potluck on the inside of the office door.

First rehearsal is Saturday 13th December from 2-4pm and another on the 20th December from 3-4:30pm. It's never too late to be in the pageant.

Property meeting on Sunday 14th December at 10:15am

Harley Moulton is stepping down from the position of

property manager at the Ascension. Instead of just having one person fill this position we would like the jobs shared amongst many men and women. To this end we will be having a meeting on Sunday 14th December after the 9am service. If you feel called to help with the day to day maintenance of our building, please attend this meeting.

Newsletters

Don't forget to take home your Christmas newsletter today and to bring those of your friends and neighbours.

Have you

you bought your ticket for the Gift of Story and Song evening? They are \$10 each and all proceeds will go to Barrydowne College and the Elgin Street Mission.

Photo directory

Copies of the photo directory are now ready. If you are in it please take one from the back of the church and sign your name on the list. If you would like to purchase one it is \$13.

Outreach update:

White Gifts for the Christmas hampers: Thank you for your gifts of non perishable foods for the Christmas hampers which we will be making this Christmas. If you wish to make a financial contribution to these hampers, towards the fresh veges or turkeys, please give your gift to Anne Trimmer.

Christmas cookie drop—Baking for the holidays? Don't forget that we are making cookie baskets for the seniors in our congregation who don't get out much or have family to bake for them. Bring your cookies to church next Sunday as we will be packing the baskets on Wednesday 17th December after Eucharist.

There are still a few tags hanging on the tree in the foyer for the stockings for Barrydowne College students. Please take one today and return your gift items as soon as possible for the packing of the stockings.

A Longest Night Service

A Longest Night Service is a time when we can,, with others, acknowledge the sadness we have at Christ-

Thought for the Week

"The Bible was not given to increase our knowledge but to change our lives."

- D. L. Moody

mas time. For many who have lost a loved one, this is a moment of pain. For others it is a lonely time of the year. This is not a joyous season for everyone. In this service we will sing songs appropriate to the season. We will reflect on our pain through scripture. We will be invited to share stories about our loved ones. And we will pray for hope and comfort.

Monday December 22nd at 6pm at St. Stephen's on the Hill United Church.

Diocesan Webinars

Do you have a high speed computer with, internet and a sound system? Do you love to learn? In De-

cember, 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 dioceseofalgonia.com on the news page. You can register by going to webconferencealgonia@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 Loughheed Jr., Markus Schwabe, Michael White, Trish Hennessy, and Maureen McNamara. Singers include EK, Philip and Colin, Jeremy and James,

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

with musical accompaniment with Eleanor Connors. Tickets are only \$10 each and will support the Elgin Street Mission and Barrydowne College.

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 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.

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.

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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.



At a wedding ceremony that I was performing, I raised my hand to give the final blessing. The bride misunderstood my gesture and surprised me with a high-five. Not wanting to exclude the groom, I offered him a high-five, too.

I was finally able to get my blessing in, amid the laughter of the guests.

Upon going away to college, my former brother-in-law received a hand mixer from his mother because of his fondness for mashed potatoes. Later that semester, she asked him how the mixer was working for him. "Not very good," Terry said, "the potatoes keep flying all over the kitchen." After a perplexed pause, his mother asked, "Terry, did you cook the potatoes first?"

To which a surprised Terry responded, "You have to cook the potatoes first?"

Signs You've Bought A Bad Car

- ~ Your tinted windows are also known as Hefty Garbage Bags.
- ~ The car reaches its optimum speed when going downhill.
- ~ The hi-tech stereo system often requires a new needle.
- ~ The rear-view mirror says, "Objects in Mirror Are Better Than This Piece of Junk."
- ~ The odometer on the dashboard is not as sophisticated as the everyday abacus.
- ~ Traffic Watch warns other drivers what highway you're taking.
- ~ The sticker on the windshield says, "Batteries Not Included."
- ~ You fill up the tank with Unleaded Coal.
- ~ You can only go to restaurants that offer Valet Pushing.
- ~ When you approach hitchhikers, they put their thumbs down.

Sunday Lectionary for December—January

14 December. 3rd Sunday of Advent

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

21 December 4th Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26	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!

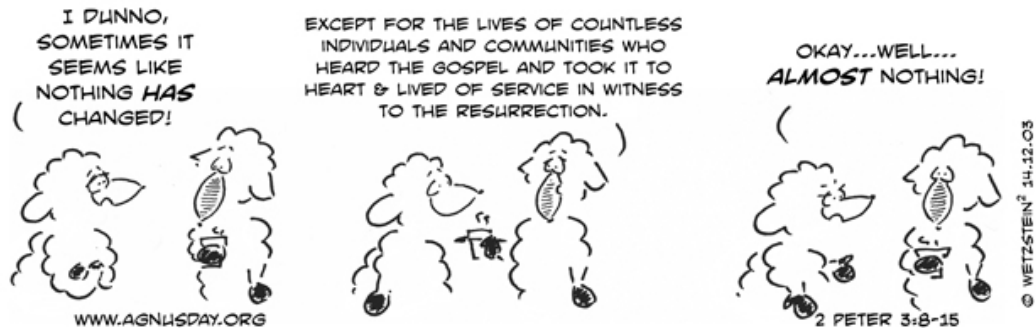
We have a team of parishioners who are licensed by the Bishop to bring the Reserved Sacrament to individuals or couples who are unable to make it to church on Sunday mornings.

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: _____