



# Church of the Ascension

Sudbury Ontario

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**News and Announcements**

**December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

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## **In the parish this week:**

**TONIGHT!! 7pm** - Gifts of Story and Songs - tickets available at the door for \$10 each.

**Monday 15th December:** 10am Altar Guild cleaning of brass and church decorating for Christmas.

**Tuesday 16th December:** Packing stockings for Barrydowne College Students at 10am

**Tuesday 16th December:** 4:30pm Bishop's webinar on the Book of Genesis

**Wednesday 17th December:** Holy Eucharist 9:30am followed by packing cookies for the Seniors Cookie Drop.

**Thursday 18th December:** Choir at 7pm

Friday 19th December: Delivery of Christmas hampers.

**Saturday 20th December:** 3pm: Dress Rehearsal for Christmas pageant.

**Sunday 21st December:** Eucharist at 9am and 11am

Potluck Supper at 4:30pm followed by Christmas pageant at 6pm

This morning during the 11am service we will be installing several new servers and crucifers to their new ministry, and two Eucharistic Assistants to the ministry of home communion. Please keep Jayna Martin, Joshua Campbell, Kath Greenidge, Cathy Jewell and Bruce Heuft in your prayers as they serve God in this way.

The celebrant at the 11am Eucharist this morning is Canon Bain Peever, recently retired rector of St. Francis Mindemoya and St. Paul's Manitowaning. Welcome Bain and Lynda.

## **Christmas flowers**

If you wish to place flowers in the church on Christmas Eve as a thank offering or memorial offering, please call Anne Trimmer at 705.566.8127 or email Rev. Anne at [cagermond@bell.net](mailto:cagermond@bell.net)

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### **Outreach thanks**

Thank you for your generosity in giving to so many worthwhile causes this Christmas season. Through your donations of items for the stockings, hampers and cookie drop, we have been able to brighten Christmas day for students, seniors and families in need.

Thank you also for your donation of bread and fixings for the Elgin Street Mission.

### **Setting the Church for Christmas Eve services**

Harley Moulton would like to hear from anyone who can help him prepare the church for Christmas Eve services. The plan is to arrange the chairs on Tuesday 23rd December at 10am. Harley can be reached at 705.524.1182

There will be two services on Christmas Eve at 7pm and 9:30pm

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## 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 sign-up sheet for the potluck on the inside of the office door.

Next rehearsal is Saturday the 20th December from 3-4:30pm. It's never too late to be in the pageant.

### Have you ....

you bought your ticket for tonight's Gift of Story and Song? 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.

### A Longest Night Service

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

### 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.

## Thought for the Week

*"We can never afford to forget that we teach our children to call God, "Father", and the only conception of fatherhood that they can have is the conception which we give them. Human fatherhood should be molded and modeled on the pattern of the fatherhood of God."*

- William Barclay

## 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.

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.

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



## Some Dog Quotes:

"If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise" --Unknown

"If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket, then give Fido only two of them."

"Did you ever walk into a room and forget why you walked in? I think that's how dogs spend their lives." --Sue Murphy

"Ever consider what they must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul--chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth!" --Anne Tyler

"I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult." --Rita Rudner

"Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea." --Robert A. Heinlein

"If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man." --Mark Twain

"I've seen a look in dogs' eyes, a quickly vanishing look of amazed contempt, and I am convinced that basically dogs think humans are nuts." --John Steinbeck

## Sunday Lectionary for December—January

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### 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  
89:1-4, 19-26

### 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..

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## 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](http://www.churchoftheascensionsudbury.ca)

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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: \_\_\_\_\_