



Church of the Ascension

Sudbury Ontario

News and Announcements

December 21st, 2014

In the parish this week:

This afternoon! 4:30pm Parish potluck supper. All welcome - bring your favourite dish to share.

6pm: The Christmas pageant.

Tuesday 23rd December 10am: Setting the chairs for Christmas Eve services.

Wednesday 24th December: Celebrating the Nativity of The Lord - Holy Eucharist at 7pm and 9:30pm.

Sunday 28th December: 9am and 11am Holy Eucharist.

The office will be closed until 2nd January. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call Rev. Anne at 705.671.6223.

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

Merry Christmas!

Rev. Anne, Fr. Bob and Rev Rhonda; the wardens, and members of the board wish you and those you love a very Happy Christmas and New Year. Thank you for the way in which you support the Ascension. May you know and experience God's abiding presence in your lives over the holidays and throughout the New Year. God Bless!

Christmas Eve services

We look forward to welcoming you and your loved ones to our Christmas Eve services of worship. There are two services this year - at 7pm and 9:30pm. Childcare will be available at the 7pm service. If you will be out of town this Christmas, please attend a local church as Christians around the world once again announce that the Messiah is born..

The money in the Christmas offering envelopes will go to our Outreach programs in 2015. Thank you for your generosity in past years.

Thank you!

Evening of Stories and Song

This year's evening of Christmas stories and songs raised just over \$1000 for Barrydowne College and the Elgin

Street Mission. The proceeds will be divided between these two very worthwhile causes.

Thank You!

Rev. Anne would like to thank the many people who came out this week to package and deliver Christmas stockings, the Christmas cookie packages, and the Christmas hampers. Everyone who received a gift from our church felt the warmth and love of God through it. Thank you also for your beautiful baking as well as the gift items for the stockings and hampers.

Recycling of bottles and cans

Kath Greenidge would be interested in hearing from anyone who is able to take the empty wine bottles and beer cans to the LCBO for recycling. Kath has been doing this simple job for a while and would like to pass it on to someone else.

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

Thought for the Week

"Supposing there was no intelligence behind the universe, no creative mind. In that case, nobody designed my brain for the purpose of thinking. It is merely that when the atoms inside my skull happen, for physical or chemical reasons, to arrange themselves in a certain way, this gives me, as a by-product, the sensation I call thought. But, if so, how can I trust my own thinking to be true? It's like upsetting a milk jug and hoping that the way it splashes itself will give you a map of London. But if I can't trust my own thinking, of course I can't trust the arguments leading to Atheism, and therefore have no reason to be an Atheist, or anything else. Unless I believe in God, I cannot believe in thought: so I can never use thought to disbelieve in God." -

C.S. Lewis

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

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.

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

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

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.



A little silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a neat jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started."

Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?"

The little silver-haired lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Her neighbor decides to go over and help with the puzzle.

She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table.

He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says, "First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

He takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then," he said with a deep sigh

Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."

Sunday Lectionary for December—January

28 December. 1st Sunday after Christmas Day		1 February Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	
Joshua 3:7-17	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37	Matthew 18:15-20	Psalm 111	Mark 1:21-28
4 January 2nd Sunday after Christmas Day		8 February Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	
Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12	Ephesians 1:3-14	Isaiah 40:21-31	1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Psalm 147:12-20 or Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21	John 1:(1-9), 10-18	Psalm 147:1-11, 20c	Mark 1:29-39
11 January Baptism of the Lord		15 February Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	
Genesis 1:1-5	Acts 19:1-7	2 Kings 5:1-14	1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Psalm 29	Mark 1:4-11	Psalm 30	Mark 1:40-45
18 January Second Sunday after Epiphany		22 February First Sunday in Lent	
1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	Genesis 9:8-17	1 Peter 3:18-22
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	John 1:43-51	Psalm 25:1-10	Mark 1:9-15
25 January Third Sunday after Epiphany		1 March Second Sunday in Lent	
Jonah 3:1-5, 10	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Romans 4:13-25
Psalm 62:5-12	Mark 1:14-20	Psalm 22:23-31	Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9
		8 March Third Sunday in Lent	
		Exodus 20:1-17	1 Corinthians 1:18-25
		Psalm 19	John 2:13-22

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

NOW TO *GOD* WHO IS ABLE TO STRENGTHEN YOU
ACCORDING TO THE PROCLAMATION OF *JESUS*
CHRIST, THE MYSTERY THAT WAS KEPT SECRET
FOR LONG AGES BUT IS NOW DISCLOSED,
TO THE ONLY WISE *GOD,*
BE THE GLORY FOR EVER! AMEN.

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ROMANS 16:25-27

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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: _____