

# Church of the Ascension

Sudbury Ontario

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**News and Announcements**

**January 18th, 2015**

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## In the parish this week:

Rev. Anne is going to Sault Ste Marie for a meeting this week and will not be in the office until Friday morning.

**This afternoon at 2pm:** "Teeny Tot Tea" for all babies and toddlers and the big people who look after them.

**Monday 19th January:** Crafting and Quilting group meets at 10am. All women interested in making quilts or learning new crafts is invited to attend.

**Tuesday 20th January:** Stand UP! At 9:30am

**Wednesday 21st January:** There will be no Eucharist or Bible Study this week

**Thursday 22nd January:** Choir at 7pm

**Friday 23rd January:** OOTC Dinner and Reports for the Annual meeting due.

**Sunday 25th January 3pm:** Service of Prayer for Christian Unity at the Ascension. We are excited that 16 churches will be joining this celebration. Please join us - everyone is welcome.

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### Annual Meeting

The Annual meeting of the Church of the Ascension will take place on Sunday February 8th at 1pm.

Committee chairs are asked to submit their reports by January 15th to Rev. Anne for publication in the Annual Booklet. The following reports are needed - Wardens, Honourary Assistant and Associate, Building and Property, Outreach, Worship, Children and Youth Ministry, Parish Life, Visioning, Envelope Secretary, ACW, Finance.

2015 is a Synod year and at this meeting delegates for the May Synod will be elected. If you are interested in attending Synod, please ensure that the nominating committee members (Erma, Marlene Moulton, Cathy Dionne) know.

### Correction - OTC Dinner

On 23rd January is being prepared by Chris McTaggart of the Motley Kitchen - a downtown restaurant. Thank you for all the hats, scarves, mitts and socks that you have brought in for the guests at Fri-

day's dinner.

### Friendship Quilting and Crafting

This group, which used to meet on a Tuesday from 10am to 2pm has moved to a Monday to accommodate the STAND UP Exercise Program. If you are interested in joining this group, please speak to Anne Trimmer.

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

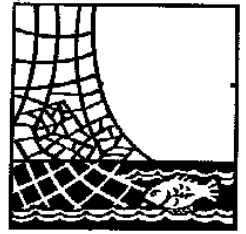
ring for setup, and in the evening for serving, washing dishes and cleanup. If you can help, please speak to Stephanie or Matt.

### Service of Christian Unity

The Service for Christian Unity takes place on Sunday 25th January at 3pm at the Ascension. This year we will be joined by churches from the around the city so it will be a wonderful celebration of our unity in Christ. It is being held in the afternoon so that people don't have to drive at night. Hope to see you there!

## The Call

We live in a distracted society. A thousand voices from the world around us seek our attention and our submission to their bidding. There are idols waiting to be worshipped everywhere we look. Recognizing the call of the Lord through this confusion is not so easy. But those who practise the way of obedience will learn how to distinguish God's voice from any others.



### May family bereavement

We extend our deepest sympathies to Bernice and her family as they mourn the death of Bill. Bill was a founding member of the Ascension and active in the Men's Club, and in organizing Wednesday afternoon card games for seniors. We assure the May family of our prayerful support in the coming weeks and months. Thank you to the many people who came out on Monday evening and Tuesday to help prepare and serve the refreshments after Bill's memorial service.

### Barrydowne Lunch

We had a great time with the staff and students from Barrydowne College on Wednesday at noon. We served tacos and chocolate cake - enjoyed an icebreaker game and shared in the meal with the students. More than 15 Ascensionites were on hand to greet and welcome the students - thank you for your interest in their wellbeing.

### Your Weekly/Monthly Offering

There are still some boxes of envelopes at the back of the church that people have requested for their weekly offering. Please take them as soon as you are able to. If you usually give your offering in monthly cheques, you can bring your postdated cheques to the office as soon as possible. Many families are now using the Electronic Offering Program - if you would like to know more about this, please speak to Rev. Anne or take an application form from the back of the church.

### Bad Girls of the Bible: Bookstudy

Mary Beth Miller has offered to lead a book study for any women in the deanery on the "Bad Girls in the Bible". It would run weekly for ten weeks and go into Lent. If you are interested in signing up for this study, please contact Bev vanderJagt at bev.vanderjagt@bell.net

### Thought for the Week

*"Too many people offer God prayers, with claw marks all over them."*

### Church of the Epiphany Booksale

The Church of the Epiphany is holding a giant book sale at the end of January. They are looking for your second hand books. Please email Barbara and Robin Bolton at bolton@persona.ca and they will advise on drop off date.

### Yard Sale at the Ascension

We will be having a Yard Sale in the spring, but ask you not to bring your items to the church at this time. We do not have sufficient storage room to keep them all until the spring. We will give you drop off dates closer to the time.

### Looking ahead to February

Messy Church (Valentine's Day) happens on the first Wednesday in February. Please mark this date in your calendar and plan to join us for worship, crafts, fellowship and a meal. It all starts at 4:30pm. If you can help in any way please speak to Cindy Caines.

Lent begins on Wednesday 18th February. There will be two services on Ash Wednesday - one in the morning at 9:30am and one in the evening at 7pm with our friends from St. Stephen's on the Hill.

The pancake supper is on the 17th February at 5pm. Everyone is welcome and if you can help prepare or flip pancakes, please speak to Kath Greenidge.



There's the story about the MIT student who spent an entire summer going to Harvard football field every day wearing a black and white striped shirt, walking up and down the field for ten or fifteen minutes throwing birdseed all over the field, blowing a whistle and walking off the field.

At the end of the summer, it came time for the first Harvard home football game.

When the referee walked onto the field and blew his whistle, the game had to be delayed for half an hour to wait for the birds to get off the field.

The guy wrote his thesis on this and graduated.

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A football coach was asked how he picked a team from a bunch of raw recruits.

"I hate to give away my secrets," he replied, "but I'll tell you. I take them out into the woods. Then, at a given signal, I start them running.

Those that run around the trees are chosen as guards. Those that run into the trees are chosen as tackles."

## Sunday Lectionary for January-March

### 25 January Third Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Exodus 20:1-17

Mark 1:14-20 Psalm 19

### 8 March Third Sunday in Lent

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

### 1 February Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

### 15 March Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3,17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

### 8 February Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

### 22 March Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12 or

Psalm 119:9-16

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

### 15 February Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalm 30

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Mark 1:40-45

### 29 March Liturgy of the Palms

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Mark 11:1-11 or John  
12:12-16

### 22 February First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

### 29 March Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-15:47 or  
Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)

### 1 March Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38 or Mark  
9:2-9

## 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!

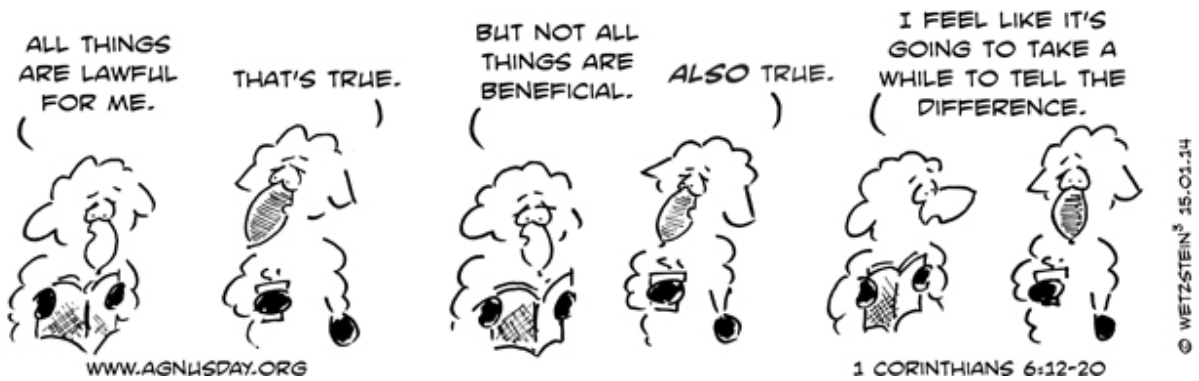
We have a team of parishioners who are licensed by the Bishop to bring the Reserved Sacrament to individuals or couples who are unable to make it to church on Sunday mornings.

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

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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: \_\_\_\_\_