

Church of the Ascension

Sudbury Ontario

News and Announcements

February 1st, 2015

In the parish this week:

After 11am service today - please join us for a time of fellowship in the hall.

Monday 2nd February: Friendship Quilting and Crafting at 10am.

Tuesday 3rd February: Stand Up! at 9:30am - 11:30am.

11am: Westmount Eucharist (Rev. Anne)

Wednesday 4th February: 9:30am Holy Eucharist and Bible Study

4:30pm: Messy Church - Love theme.

Thursday 5th February: Provincial elections - don't forget to vote! ACW meeting at 1:30pm.

Sunday 8th February: Sandwich Sunday.

The Annual Vestry meeting takes place on Sunday 8th February at 1pm. Please stay for this meeting for all church members. The board for 2015 will be elected as well as Synod delegates. The budget for the coming year will also be presented.

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, Honorary 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.

Vestry Meeting booklet

In preparation for next Sunday's Annual vestry meeting, you are asked to take home a Vestry booklet from the back of the church. There are sufficient books for every family to have one. These books are a wonderful record of life at the Ascension in 2014. Thank you to the members of the board and others for their reports and to Peter Giblin for typing some of them up. Special thanks to Glenn Lloyd for editing and collating the reports into the beautiful book we have today.

Provincial Elections Voting day

The Church of the Ascension is being used for a polling station on Thursday February 5th. Don't forget to vote!

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

Giant Book Sale at the Epiphany - This Weekend

30th January - 1st February (9am - 3pm Sat. and Sun.) the Church of the Epiphany are holding a huge book sale. Proceeds will go to their outreach projects for the coming year.

Messy Church

First Wednesday of the month is Messy Church! This Wednesday at 4:30pm - 6:30pm we will be having Messy Church in the Fellowship Hall. The theme is Valentine's day (Love God - Love Your neighbour). There will be crafts, fellowship, worship, music and a meal. This is for everyone - families and individuals of all ages. Come for some of it, or come for all of it. You are welcome!

Our Stories: A Lenten morning

We are made of the stories we have told and been told. When we repeat an important story in a place and time set aside for it, we learn something new about the story, ourselves, and the values that guide us. On Wednesday, February 25th at the Church of the Ascension, during the time normally devoted to Bible Study, we will share stories of the Spirit together. The event will give us an opportunity to practice listening as well. Using methods of spiritual direction, we will respond to one another in confidence, with open hearts. Shannon Hengen will facilitate the morning.

Please indicate your interest to Rev. Anne by Monday 16th February. In addition to the usual refreshments after the 9:30am Eucharist, as light lunch will be served. All are welcome. No materials are necessary and the event is free.

Service of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday afternoon's service of prayer for Christian unity was a beautiful celebration with five denominations and 19 pastors participating in it. The theme was the Samaritan woman at the well who asked Jesus for a drink of water - a reminder that when we extend the hand of friendship to the 'other' person, great things are possible. Thank you to those who remained after church to set the chairs up for the service, and to those who came afterwards to put everything back in place. Thanks also to those who prepared the refreshments.

Thought for the Week

"...Yes, I see the church as the body of Christ. But, oh! How we have blemished and scarred that body through social neglect and fear of being non-conformists."

- Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Altar Guild

Anne Trimmer, the president of the Altar Guild, would like to invite any women or men who might be interested in being a part of the altar guild to speak to her about this ministry. It involves preparing the altar for worship on Sunday mornings, arranging flowers, and cleaning linens. It is a sacred ministry and requires about two hours of time on a Saturday morning six times a year. Anne Trimmer can be reached at 705.566.8127.

Pancake Supper

The pancake supper will be held on Tuesday 17th February at 5pm. Sign up sheets will soon be available and we are in need of some helpers to make this another special evening.

Lent is fast approaching

The holy season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday - 18th February. There will be two services at the Ascension on Ash Wednesday - one at 9:30am and one in the evening with St. Stephen's on the Hill at 7pm.

Bad Girls of the Bible: Book Study

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

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..



A manager has to take on some sport, at the advice of his doctor so he decides to play tennis.

After a couple of weeks his secretary asks him how he's doing.

"It's going fine", the manager says, "When I'm on the court and I see the ball speeding towards me my brain immediately says: To the corner! Back hand! To the net! Smash! Go back!".

"Really? What happens then?", the girl asks enthusiastic.

"Then my body says: Who? Me? Don't talk nonsense!".

Used to being the center of attention, Robbie was a little more than jealous of his new baby sister. The parents sat him down and said that now that she was getting older, the house was too small and they'd have to move.

"It's no use." Robbie said, "She's crawling good now and she'd probably just follow us."

Sunday Lectionary for February-April

8 February Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c Mark 1:29-39

15 February Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

2 Kings 5:1-14 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Psalm 30 Mark 1:40-45

22 February First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17 1 Peter 3:18-22
Psalm 25:1-10 Mark 1:9-15

1 March Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Romans 4:13-25
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

15 March Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9 Ephesians 2:1-10
Psalm 107:1-3,17-22 John 3:14-21

22 March Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:5-10
Psalm 51:1-12 or John 12:20-33
Psalm 119:9-16

29 March Liturgy of the Palms

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Mark 11:1-11 or John
12:12-16

29 March Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11
Psalm 31:9-16 Mark 14:1-15:47 or
Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)

4 April Holy Saturday

Job 14:1-14 or Lamenta- 1 Peter 4:1-8
tions 3:1-9, 19-24
Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16 Matthew 27:57-66 or
John 19:38-42

5 April Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
25:6-9 or Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 John 20:1-18
or Mark 16:1-8

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: _____