

Church of the Ascension

Sudbury Ontario

News and Announcements

February 8th, 2015

In the parish this week:

At 1 pm today: Annual Vestry meeting. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Elections for Synod delegates and board members will take place at this meeting.

Monday 9 th February Friendship quilting and crafting at 10 am

Tuesday 10 th February 9:30 am wardens meeting

6:30 pm Parish Life meeting

7:30 pm Board meeting

There will be no Eucharist or Bible study on Wednesday as Rev. Anne has meetings at Villa Loyola.

Messy Church thanks

Cindy Caines and Jen Ames would like to thank the Messy Church team for the wonderful evening on Wednesday as we explored the theme of loving God and loving others.

Gifts from St. Mark's Garson

We recently received some special gifts from St. Mark's Church in Garson and you will notice that they are hanging in the Ascension. The Christus Rex cross, hanging at the back of the church, was given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Stephen Moorhouse, dear brother of Sue Bate. The wooden Lord's Prayer was made by Joe Lee's father and is now hanging at the back of the church, and two beautiful wall hangings will soon be hung in the chapel. They were given to the glory of God in memory of loved ones by Vince and Sandra Paquette. These

items will be rededicated at the Ascension in the coming weeks.

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

Congratulations to Rev. Beth Hewson

The Rev. Beth Hewson who did her ministry field placement at the Ascension in the winter of 2013 has been appointed as part time rector of St. Simon's Church in Temagami. Rev. Beth is also working as a part time chaplain at the hospital in North

Bay. We congratulate Beth on this appointment and assure her of our prayerful support.

Happy 80th Birthday Hazel Edwards

This week, Hazel Edwards celebrated her 80th birthday and we wish her every blessing of health and happiness in the coming years. Hazel was a tireless worker at the Ascension for many years and has served in many leadership positions.

Pancake supper

The Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday 17 th February. The signup sheets for helpers are in the entrance of the church. The supper begins at 5 pm and pancakes will be served until 6:30 pm. Bring family and friends. Freewill offering.

The Coldest Night of the Year Walk

The Coldest Night of the Year is a winter walk-a-thon fundraiser that partners with great charities serving the hungry, homeless and hurting across Canada. This year it takes place on February 21st and parishioner Paul Murdock will be walking for the Samaritan Centre in Sudbury, because he really believe in the work they're doing in our city. The Centre houses the Blue Door Cafe, Elgin Street Mission, and the Corner Clinic. If you would like to sponsor Paul in this walk, please speak to him at church and he will direct

you to his fundraising page link on the coldest night website. <https://secure.e2rm.com/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=2696772&langPref=en-CA>

Fundraising Night in Africa for Zawadi La Tumaini

On Saturday February 21st, there will be a fundraising dinner for Zawadi La Tumaini, an orphanage for children in Kenya. Jacqueline Villeneuve, a Sudbury woman started this orphanage some years ago, and this fundraiser will support their ongoing work.

It takes place at Cambrian College student centre on 21st February at 5:30pm with cocktails and dinner to follow at 6:30pm. The tickets are \$100 a person (\$800 for a table). Tickets can be purchased by calling 705.923.1182 or 705.521.1440.

Exploring a Lenten Desert

Looking for another way to live Lent? "Exploring a Lenten Desert" is a six-session course that introduces participants to the desert as an image of spiritual dryness and refreshment and to the tradition of contemplative prayer that emerged from the practices of a fascinating group of 4th century men and women who fled the cities to seek closer relationship with God in the Egyptian desert. We will explore their pithy and paradoxical wisdom as we learn about (and practice) a variety of forms of contemplative prayer, including using psalms as prayer, awareness reflection, Ignatian imaginative prayer, centring prayer, lectio divina, and shared silence. If you've never heard of these, it's ok—that's part of the exploration! We will meet on Mondays through Lent, starting on February 23, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Church of the Epiphany (85 Larch St.). For more information and to register, please contact Patti Brace (pbrace@fibreop.ca, 705-673-1216)

Parish Statistics

Did you know that in 2014 there were 129 families (388 people) and 62 individuals who called the Ascension their spiritual home? In 2013 we had 111 (319 people) families and 62 individuals in our parish family. Compare this to 2009 when 93 families (272 people) and 52 individuals called themselves Ascensionites. How we have grown!

Thought for the Week

"One of the biggest problems in the Church today is that we are so full of everything the world has to offer, we have nothing to offer a starving world."

- Jentezen Franklin

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.

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.

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..



My face in the mirror
Isn't wrinkled or drawn.
My house isn't dirty.
The cobwebs are gone.
My garden looks lovely,
And so does my lawn.
I think I might never
Put my glasses back on.

Sunday Lectionary for February-April

15 February Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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

22 February First Sunday in Lent

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

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

8 March Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

15 March Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

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

29 March Liturgy of the Palms

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

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)

4 April Holy Saturday

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

5 April Resurrection of the Lord

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

12 April Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

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: _____