

Church of the Ascension

Sudbury Ontario

News and Announcements

March 29th, 2015

In the parish this week:

After church today - There will be a meeting of those who count the offering in the board room.

Monday 30 th March: Clergy Quiet Day for Holy Week.

Tuesday 31st March: Stand Up! At 9:30 am.

Wednesday 1st April: Holy Eucharist at 9:30 am
Messy Church: *Easter* from 4:30 pm - 6:30pm.

Holy Thursday at 7 pm: Foot Washing, Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar, and all night vigil in the church.
Please sign up for one hour and keep watch with Christ.

Good Friday service takes place at the Ascension at 11 am.

Holy Saturday, 4 th April: 8 pm Easter Vigil Service at the Ascension.

Easter Sunday : Eucharist at 9 am and 11 am.

Easter Flowers

If you wish to place flowers in the church on Easter Sunday as a thank offering or a memorial, please call Anne Trimmer at 705.566.8127 or email Rev. Anne at cagermond@bell.net

Easter Newsletter

Please take a copy of the Easter letter that is in the bulletin, home with you this morning. These letters were sent out on email this week and will not be mailed. There is also an Easter Offering Envelope for your thank offering.

Palm/Passion Sunday

Thank you to those who are participating in the Reading of the Passion of Christ from Mark's Gospel this morning. Special thanks to those who came out to help make palm crosses on Thursday afternoon. This was a deanery event and we enjoyed fellowship with other congregations.

Easter Vigil Service

You are invited to attend the Easter Vigil service on Saturday 4th April at 8pm. This is the first time we are hosting this service and it will be beautiful. Norm Blanchard has been working hard to prepare the deanery choir (20+ in it) and it will truly be a service of celebration.

Winter is over

Thank you to our winter snow shovelers, Rick Chmilar and Brent Leigh who have made sure that the walkways were clean and sanded all winter long. Thank you to Harley Moulton, Ralph Mounter, Del Gates, Wayne Bonas and Rob Caines who keep our building well maintained.

Children's ministry news

The children's ministry team has some special events to share with everyone.

There will be a kids movie night on Friday, April 10 th at 6 pm. Popcorn will be served.

There will be a Yard Sale on Saturday 25 th April from 8 am to 3 pm. If you have items to drop off, please do so on Friday between 11 am and 8 pm.

There will be a Spring Bake Sale after church on May 3 Rd. If you can bring baked goods to sell, please speak to Cindy Caines. NO NUTS please.

The children's ministry team have some exciting plans for music with the children coming up....watch this space for details.

Planned trip to Zawadi La Tumaini

Suzanne Harvey and her daughter Daniella Harvey are travelling to Kenya to the Zawadi La Tumaini orphan-

age for two weeks in the middle of April. If anyone would like to send a gift of money to the orphanage please give your donation to the Rev. Anne Germond fund and mark it "Kenyan Orphanage".

Attention Synod delegates and alternates

You are invited to meet other delegates from Sudbury who will also be attending this year's Synod in Sault Ste. Marie from May 6th-9th. Rev. Anne is hosting a "Meet and Greet" at her home on Wednesday April 22nd from 7pm -9pm. Refreshments will be served - bring your questions and enthusiasm.

Diocesan Strategic Plan

Synod 2015 will mark the official end of the Diocesan Strategic Plan "Shaped by a Living Hope." There remains much work to be done in each of the seven objectives of the plan and we remain committed to growing healthy congregations.

Rev. Anne's study leave

Diocesan clergy are given two weeks study leave each year. Rev. Anne will be attending a one week Leadership Course in Rome from September 6th - 13th for one week of her study leave. Highlights of the course include learning about leaders from the past - Augustine, St. Paul, and St. Francis, as well as leaders of today - the Archbishop of Canterbury will give a talk; there will be a general audience with Pope Francis, and a day trip to Assisi.

Meeting of Sidespeople

There will be an information and update meeting for all sidespeople today, right after the 11am service. If you are interested in becoming a sidesperson please attend this meeting.

Your weekly offering

Thank you for your weekly offering which makes ministry at the Ascension possible. The monthly offering is one of the only sources of income we have at the Ascension and we rely on your generosity. We know that many of you are living on fixed incomes and give sacrificially in order to make your weekly commitment. It helps us greatly in our budgeting to receive your offering regularly. There are now 31 individuals or families signed up for the Electronic Offering Program. This automatically withdraws funds from your bank account on the 15th day of the month. If

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

Thought for the Week

"I had a very good music teacher, Mary Kellner, who not only introduced me to some of the great composers, but she was able to capture my imagination and make me excited about what I was supposed to be learning. When I was in fourth grade, I got asked to play the communion meditation at church. I practiced and she worked with me, which was cool because she was a Quaker, and they don't even have communion. Anyway, I went back Tuesday to my lesson after I had played Sunday, and she said 'How did you do?' and I told her, 'Everybody said they loved it, everyone said I did great.' And she said, 'Well, then you failed.' I was crushed, but she put her hand on my shoulder and said, 'Richard, when you play in church, you are to direct people's attention to God, not to your playing.'"

- Rich Mullins, musician best known for "Awesome God"

your financial situation changes these withdrawals can be stopped immediately. If you would like to know more about EOP please speak to Rev. Anne or one of the wardens.

Sudbury Churches Choir

There will be a combined church choir singing at the Easter Vigil Service at the Ascension on April 4th (Easter Saturday). The service begins at 8pm. Norm Blanchard, the interim music director at the Epiphany, will be directing the choir this year. Norm would like to invite anyone interested in joining the choir, for the Easter Vigil service ONLY, to two rehearsals at the Ascension - on Thursday 26th March at 6:30pm until 9pm, and on Saturday April 4th from 1:30pm to 4pm. Norm says that there will be a range of music and that if you love to sing you are welcome.

Stand Up!

Registrations are now being taken for the next Stand Up Exercise program. It will begin in early April and run for 12 weeks. This is a very popular program that fills up quickly. It is held in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and is run by volunteers from the Sudbury and District Health Unit. If you wish to sign up for it (no charge) please contact the Older Adult Centre.

Technology in Worship Workshop

Manitou Conference are holding a Technology in Worship Workshop on Saturday 28th March at St. Stephen's on the Hill. Anyone interested in participating should speak to Rev. Anne.

Let's Walk the Talk

On Wednesday 1st April, there will be a Prayer Walk through our downtown core led by Outreach workers, the Blue Coats and the Red Coats (they often come into our OOTC dinners)

Gathering will take place at Christ the King Church, 21 Ste. Anne Road at 5pm for a Chili supper. The group will then be stopping to offer prayers in the downtown neighbourhood that reach out to people who call the street 'Home'. The group will be stopping to offer prayers as they move through the downtown core and will end at the Church of the Epiphany for a Tenebrae service.

Lay Leaders Day course

Fr. Bob is leading a one day workshop at St. Brice's in North Bay on the New Testament. It will be on Saturday 25th April. All lay readers and other lay leaders are encouraged to register for this course which should be very interesting and engaging. This is a wonderful opportunity for learning.

Lenten services

Please join us for worship on Wednesday morning during Lent at 9:30am. Following each service we will be having a study written especially for Lent by the Rt. Rev. Terry Dance of the Diocese of Huron called, "To the cross and beyond."

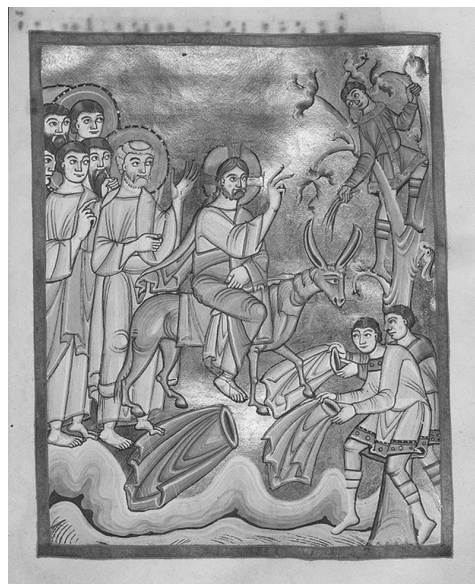
Holy Week Services

Please mark these important dates in your calendars.

Holy Thursday: April 2nd 7pm Celebration of the Eucharist, Foot washing, Stripping of the Altar.

Good Friday: 11am This year's Good Friday service will be a traditional service from our Book of Alternative Services and will be at the Ascension.

Holy Saturday: April 4th: Easter Vigil Service at the Ascension at 8pm. There will be a choir consisting of parishioners from Sudbury parishes. Please note the rehearsal times.





What a country!

To pass the time while our plane was being de-iced, the flight attendants played a trivia game with the passengers. They asked us to guess the total number of years the three of them had worked for the airlines.

After an attendant collected our estimates, we heard the announcement: "The correct answer is 26 years. For the two people who came closest with 28 years, we have prizes. And for the passenger in seat 12F who guessed 85 years, would you please meet us at the exit door once we are airborne?"

During our travels as a training team, my husband and I stayed overnight with a single lady in her mobile home. Before retiring, my husband thought he should check the hot water provisions since all three of us needed to attend an early meeting the next morning.

He asked our hostess if there would be enough hot water for more than one shower in the morning. "I really don't know," she admitted. "I've never taken two in a row!"

Sunday Lectionary for April—June

4 April Holy Saturday

Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24

1 Peter 4:1-8

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 25:6-9

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

12 April Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 1:1-2:2

Psalm 133

John 20:19-31

19 April Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19

1 John 3:1-7

Psalm 4

Luke 24:36b-48

26 April Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12

1 John 3:16-24

Psalm 23

John 10:11-18

3 May Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40

1 John 4:7-21

Psalm 22:25-31

John 15:1-8

10 May Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48

1 John 5:1-6

Psalm 98

John 15:9-17

17 May Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

1 John 5:9-13

Psalm 1

John 17:6-19

24 May Day of Pentecost

*Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

31 May First Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 6:1-8

Romans 12:9-16b

Psalm 113

Luke 1:39-57

7 June Second Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 3:8-15

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Psalm 130

Mark 3:20-35

14 June Third Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 17:22-24

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

Mark 4:26-34

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

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