

Church of the Ascension

Sudbury Ontario

News and Announcements

June 21st, 2015

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, walking together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our

We will be ringing the gong 22 times after the Eucharistic Prayer on June 7th, 14th and 21st June and on Wednesday mornings on June 10th, 17th and 24th in remembrance of missing or murdered aboriginal women.

The clergy and people of the Church of the Ascension welcome members of St. James Church.

Welcome to St. James members

Following the closing of St. James Church we are delighted to welcome members of St. James to the Ascension. We hope that you will soon feel very much at home in our midst. Please do take a moment to fill out the visitors card located at the back of the church, so we may know how we can help you. If you find yourself sitting next to someone you don't know, please take a moment to introduce yourself.

EK Coffee House

Friday 26th June at 7pm - Don't miss this evening of great music and fellowship. A freewill offering will be taken for Nepal. Thank you to EK for all the work they have put into rehearsing for this evening.

Thank you from Barrydowne Graduating Class

On Thursday evening several members of the Ascension attended Barrydowne College's graduation ceremony. 75 students

received their high school diplomas. We presented several scholarships and bursaries to the students - some of them from the ACW and others from donations to the Rev. Anne Germond fund. Thank you for supporting these students through the year with your donations of food, lunches, pizza, clothing. When you support an ACW project, you are helping these students as all of the funds raised in ACW go to one of their many outreach projects.

The Ascension was presented with a beautiful gift of a woodcut, "Weather the Storm" at graduation to say thank you to us all.

Summer service times and Worship news

Beginning on Sunday July 5th there will be one service on a Sunday at 10am. Mid week services during the summer will be on Wednesday evenings (starting on July 8th) at 7:30pm. There will also be an Evening prayer service on Sunday July

In the Parish This Week

Tuesday 23rd June 6:30pm - 8:30pm - Join us for an evening of learning about Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Guest speaker, Prof. Brock Pitawanakwat will lead the evening's discussion. All welcome.

Wednesday 24th June: 9:30am Holy Eucharist

9:30am Barrydowne College lunch items to be at the church.

7pm: "Reimagining Children and Youth in Church" a webinar presentation by Rev. Pam Rayment. (See detailed announcement in eNews)

Friday 26th June :9am Morning Prayer - led by Brent Leigh.

7pm: EK Coffee House. Come along and listen to our music group and their friends singing great music. Freewill offering for Nepalese Earthquake.

Saturday 27th June: Camp Manitou Open House. For boat times from Whitefish Falls, please consult the Manitou website at Manitoucamp.org.

Sunday 28th June: Bishop Stephen visit to the Ascension. There will be a coffee hour following the 9am service and a cake to celebrate Canon Michael and Muriel Hankinson's 60th Wedding Anniversary.

19th at 8:30pm, and Morning Prayer on July 10th at 9am.

New Eucharistic Assistants

This morning we are delighted to be installing Pippa Howard and Maggie Leigh as Eucharistic Assistants.

Gift from St. James'

Thank you to St. James Parish for the gift of 30 Common Praise Hymnals with music. As these books do not fit into the rack at the back of the chairs, we ask that if you would like to use a hymnal with music that you pick one up on your way into church.

Bishop Stephen Visit

Bishop Stephen and Fawna will be joining us for worship on 28th June. We are delighted to be able to celebrate the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Canon Michael and Muriel Hankinson at the 11am service. Canon Michael and Muriel served in this parish from 1977 to 1987.

Youth Synod

Youth Synod takes place at Camp Manitou

from Sunday June 28th to Wednesday July 1st. We pray for all the young people who will be attending Youth Synod, as well as for those from our parish. Rev. Jeff Hooper and Cora Felbel are leaders in the three day event, and Megan and Maxine Trimmer will also be attending.

Funeral receptions

From time to time the Ascension is asked to host a reception following a funeral service. Usually the women of the ACW prepare and serve at such functions, but we would like to extend the list of people we can call upon, especially during the summer months as so many people are away. If you are willing to let your name be on a call list, we would appreciate it very much. If you are unable to assist when called upon we will find others to serve.

Church Cleaner

Curtis, the man who has been cleaning the church for us has handed in his notice. His last day will be June 30th. We are looking for someone to take Curtis's place - it is approximately 3-4 hours of work a week (usually Fridays or Saturdays in prepara-

tion for Sunday morning), and occasionally during the week if we have a special event. WE pay \$15 an hour. Please pass this along to anyone you know who might be interested in this position. Resumes may be sent to the church or to the church email ascension@vianet.ca

Our Great Grads

Do you have a great grad from High School, University or College to tell us about? Share your good news story with us.

Twin Forks Community Garden

Thank you for taking such good care of

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

your seedlings over the last few weeks. Jane Cox and Nancy Deni planted them all on Monday. The garden needs tending over the summer months. If you are able to assist, please contact Nancy Deni, who is in the process of setting up a schedule for watering at ndeni@eastlink.ca

Church mice?

Did you know we have church mice at the Ascension? These are the people who come to the church when no one else is there and take care of our building in small maintenance jobs. They get things ready for events that are happening, and they photocopy the bulletin and make sure that there are supplies for our needs. They work quietly and behind the scenes and never ask for or expect any reward. But all church mice like 'cheese' or something to snack on when they come to do their work. Rev. Anne has set aside a shelf in the cupboard where the tea is kept and has placed some treats for the mice. If you are a church mouse, please help yourself. If you would like to bring a treat for the

Thought for the Week

"Most of us, God forgive us, are too big for God to use. We are too full of our own schemes and of our own way of doing things. God has to humble us and break us and empty us."

- Alan Redpath

church mice, as your way of thanking them, just put it on the labeled shelf. To all church mice.....'thank you'!

Truth and Reconciliation

An evening to hear about the Truth and Reconciliation Commission: A Step on the Road to Healing and Reconciliation

On Tuesday June 23rd Professor Brock Pitawanakwat of the Indigenous Studies Dept at the University of Sudbury will be at the Ascension to tell us more about the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Canada, as it winds down on June 21st. The evening begins at 6:30pm and will end around 8:30pm.

Coffee for the Elgin Street Mission

Guests to the Elgin Street Mission enjoy a cup of coffee with their friends. The Mission is hoping to get 1000 cans of coffee from Sudburians so they will never have to run short. If you're out buying groceries, please pick up a can of coffee and bring it to the church. We'll make sure it gets to the Mission.

Terry Ames Care Fund

Established to assist families going through cancer treatments, the Terry Ames Care fund has a special fundraiser this summer. Please see the notice for details and give hope and support to families in Greater

Sudbury.

OOTC dinner program

The wardens, clergy and parishioners at the Ascension would like to thank Matt Walchuk and Stephanie Doveton for leading the parish in another year of providing dinners to those in need on Friday evenings during the winter months. We prepared and served four meals this winter and they were enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone for your support of this outreach into our community.

Matt and Stephanie will not be leading us this coming winter, and we are hoping that a new team will step forward to help with this program. We believe that God has called us to this ministry and that it is an important part of who we are as members of the Church of the Ascension.

If you feel called to help provide any form of leadership for this dinner program in the

winter of 2015/2016, please let Rev. Anne know. We will be holding a meeting for anyone interested in joining the leadership team as soon as we have names of new members.

Summer Will Soon be Here

Please keep the week of August 10 - 14 free as we will be celebrating our 15th VBS at the Ascension. This year the theme is "Everest" and we invite all children ages 3-12 to join us for a week of awesome bible stories and adventures, learning, growing in faith, games, crafts, and songs and snacks. Pre registration will take place on Sunday May 31st at the Sunday school BBQ and games day, and at the June Messy Church on June 3rd from 4:30pm - 6:30pm. We want to order the tshirts for VBS so hope you'll pre register your children and grandchildren so we know what sizes to buy. The cost of the tshirts are \$6 each.

National Aboriginal Sunday

Today, National Aboriginal Day, marks the end of 22Days, a time of prayer and remembrance in the national church for the pain caused by the Residential schools. We have also been invited to consider how we may work on our relationships with First Nations people and strive for reconciliation and healing. The intercessions today have been prepared with this day in mind. Let us pray for peace, unity, wholeness and reconciliation.

In front of the altar on Sunday you will see a garden of paper hearts that has been planted in amongst the flowers. These paper hearts were made by the children in the parish as their message of love and peace for those whose lives were forever changed by the Residential schools and who still carry the hurt today.

You will receive a heart along with your bulletin this week, and you are invited to place it around the floor of the altar before you go home, or when you return to church for the TRC evening on the 23rd June. If you wish, you may write your own message of peace, or hope on the heart.

The Anglican Church of Canada's Apology for the Residential Schools.

My Brothers and Sisters:

Together here with you I have listened as you have told your stories of the residential schools.

I have heard the voices that have spoken of pain and hurt experienced in the schools, and of the scars which endure to this day. I have felt shame and humiliation as I have heard of suffering inflicted by my people, and as I think of the part our church played in that suffering.

I am deeply conscious of the sacredness of the stories that you have told and I hold in the highest honour those who have told them.

I have heard with admiration the stories of people and communities who have worked at healing, and I am aware of how much healing is needed.

I also know that I am in need of healing, and my own people are in need of healing, and our church is in need of healing. Without that healing, we will continue the same attitudes that have done such damage in the past.

I also know that healing takes a long time, both for people and for communities.

I also know that it is God who heals, and that God can begin to heal when we open ourselves, our wounds, our failures and our shame to God. I want to take one step along that path here and now.

I accept and I confess before God and you, our failures in the residential schools. We failed you. We failed ourselves. We failed God.

I am sorry, more than I can say, that we were part of a system which took you and your children from home and family.

I am sorry, more than I can say, that we tried to remake you in our image, taking from you your language and the signs of your identity.

I am sorry, more than I can say, that in our schools so many were abused physically, sexually, culturally and emotionally.

On behalf of the Anglican Church of Canada, I present our apology.

I do this at the desire of those in the Church like the National Executive Council, who know some of your stories and have asked me to apologize.

I do this in the name of many who do not know these stories.

And I do this even though there are those in the church who cannot accept the fact that these things were done in our name.

As soon as I am home, I shall tell all the bishops what I have said, and ask them to cooperate with me and with the National Executive Council in helping this healing at the local level. Some bishops have already begun this work.

I know how often you have heard words which have been empty because they have not been accompanied by actions. I pledge to you my best efforts, and the efforts of our church at the national level, to walk with you along the path of God's healing.

This is Friday, the day of Jesus' suffering and death. It is the anniversary of the first atomic bomb at Hiroshima, one of the most terrible injuries ever inflicted by one people on another.

But even atomic bombs and Good Friday are not the last word. God raised Jesus from the dead as a sign that life and wholeness are the everlasting and unquenchable purpose of God.

Thank you for listening to me.

+ Michael

Archbishop and Primate

Response to the Primate at the National Native Convocation, delivered by Vi Smith on behalf of the elders and participants Minaki, Ont., Saturday, August 7, 1993

On behalf of this gathering, we acknowledge and accept the apology that the Primate has offered on behalf of the Anglican Church of Canada.

It was offered from his heart with sincerity, sensitivity, compassion and humility. We receive it in the same manner. We offer praise and thanks to our Creator for his courage.

We know it wasn't easy. Let us keep him in our hearts and prayers, that God will continue to give him the strength and courage to continue with his tasks.)



Have you registered your child/grandchild/neighbour's child/ friend for VBS yet? It's an awesome week of fun, fellowship and learning. Dates are August 10th - 14th at the Ascension. Ages 3 and up are welcome. Three year olds must be accompanied by an adult. There is no charge except for the tshirt -(\$6 for kids and \$10 for adults). Registration forms are at the back of the church. Here is Bev posing in the Everest Klymer!

Child & Youth Ministry Workshop

Re-imagining children and youth in the church

This workshop, facilitated by the Rev'd Pamela Rayment, Deanery Child & Youth Ministry Facilitator, will encourage and challenge us to contemplate the importance of children and youth in the church and reflect on how we can best nurture their growth as disciples in the faith. We will discuss the realities and needs of growing up in today's world and consider the role of the church in light of what we discover. We will also explore reasons youth may become disconnected from the church and talk about extending the love of Christ in these situations. Finally, we will look at practical ways to engage children and youth in the life of the church, aimed at fostering life-long discipleship.

Who should participate? Sunday school teachers, youth workers, clergy, wardens, parents, grandparents & anyone committed to the wellbeing of children and youth in the church

~ONLINE~

WED. JUNE 24, 2015

7:00 — 9:00pm

via Web Conference Algoma

Register by June 22

webconferencealgoma@ontera.net





Funny Moments

Little Bobby was spending the weekend with his grandmother after a particularly trying week in kindergarten. His grandmother decided to take him to the park on Saturday morning. It had been snowing all night and everything was beautiful. His grandmother remarked..."doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God painted this just for you?" Bobby said, "Yes, God did it and he did it left handed." This confused his grandmother a bit, and she asked him "What makes you say God did this with his left hand?" "Well," said Bobby, "we learned at Sunday School last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand!"

Sunday Lectionary for June—August

28 June 5th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 2 Corinthians
8:7-15
Psalm 130 Mark 5:21-43

5 July 6th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Psalm 30 Mark 6:1-13

12 July 7th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b Ephesians 1:3-14
-19
Psalm 24 Mark 6:14-29

19 July 8th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 7:1-14a Ephesians 2:11-22
Psalm 89:20-37 Mark 6:30-34,
53-56

26 July 9th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:1-15 Ephesians 3:14-21
Psalm 14 John 6:1-21

2 Aug. 10th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a Ephesians 4:1-16
Psalm 51:1-12 John 6:24-35

9 Aug. 11th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Ephesians 4:25-5:2
Psalm 130 John 6:35, 41-51

16 Aug. 12th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Ephesians 5:15-20
Psalm 111 John 6:51-58

23 Aug. 13th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43 Ephesians 6:10-20
Psalm 84 John 6:56-69

30 Aug. 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Song of Solomon 2:8 -13 James 1:17-27
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,
21-23

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

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

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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