

# *Church of the Ascension*

*Sudbury Ontario*

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**News and Announcements**

**December 6, 2015**

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## **Coming Up In the Parish**

**TONIGHT!! 7pm** - Gifts of Story and Song. There are still tickets available for tonight's show and they will be available at the door.

**Tuesday 8th December:** 9am Wardens meeting.

7pm: Board Potluck supper and meeting to follow.

**Wednesday 9th December:** 9:30am - Holy Eucharist and Bible Study.

10am: Items for Barrydowne College lunch to be at the church.

6:30pm - Christmas Carolling for a Cause. See notice below for details.

**Friday 11th December:** 9am : Morning Prayer in the Ascension Chapel - all welcome.

Out of the Cold dinner at the Church of the Epiphany.

**Sunday 13th December** - Service of Lessons and Carols at 9am and 11am, followed

**Wednesday December 9th: Christmas Caroling for a Cause.** Gather at 6:30pm at the home of Paul and Sabrina - 1528 Dearbourne Drive for an evening of Christmas Carols. All food collected will be given to Barrydowne College.



## **Sunday School Pageant Rehearsal Times**

**Sunday, December 6** - 9:30 AM: Morning Pageant at Epiphany, luncheon and special guest to follow

**Saturday, December 12** - 2:30 to 4:30 PM Dress Rehearsal at Ascension

**Sunday, December 13** - 4:00 PM: Potluck followed by 6:00 PM Pageant at Ascension

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**Thank you for your donations of  
bread and fixings for the Elgin  
Street Mission.**

### **Gifts of Story and Song**

Tonight at 7pm

There are still tickets available for this evening's time of stories and songs. Please see Kath Greenidge. We are delighted to be welcoming new storytellers and musicians to our 'cast' this evening including

Kristina Rivard Gobbo, Barrydowne College Principal; Clare Andrews - Norton and Luke Norton. This is always a wonderful evening of fellowship and entering the Christmas spirit - we hope you'll join us. Refreshments to follow the performance.

### **Child Ministry**

Messy Advent - Cindy Caines and the Messy Church team would like to thank everyone for supporting their Messy Advent Event on Wednesday evening. The

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next Messy Church will be on Wednesday January 6th at 4:30pm. Messy Epiphany! Wednesday December 9th: Christmas Caroling for a Cause. Gather at 6:30pm at the home of Paul and Sabrina - 1528 Dearbourne Drive for an evening of Christmas Carols. All food collected will be given to Barrydowne College.

### **Rectory renovations needed**

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

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The tenant at the rectory has moved out and the wardens and Property committee have assessed the work and upgrades that need to be undertaken in order for it to be rented by a new tenant. There is a substantial amount of work and we will need to apply for a loan from a Diocesan Building Fund to get the work completed. There will be a Special Vestry meeting on Wednesday January 6th, following Messy Church, at 7pm so that we can decide as a congregation about doing the necessary work. If you are interested in seeing the rectory it is located at 1162 Rinfret Street in New Sudbury. There will be people on hand following the 9am and the 11am service on Sunday 6th December to give you a brief tour.

Thank you to the wardens and property committee for your attention to the rectory.

### **Barrydowne College Thanks**

This week we packaged 25 wonderfully stuffed gift bags for the students at Barrydowne College. Thank you for providing so generously for the students. The stockings were filled with personal items as well as a gift card, and a memory stick. Socks,

### **Thought for the Week**

*“Twenty years ago, the question: ‘Does television shape our culture or merely reflect it?’ held considerable interest for many scholars and social critics. The questions have largely disappeared as television has gradually become our culture.”*

*- Patrick Michele*

mitts and hats were also sent over to the school. This week we will be providing a healthy lunch for the students. Please bring your items to the church by 10am on the 9th December.

### **Advent Service of Lessons and Carols**

With a Deanery wide choir of 27 people, one of the most anticipated events of the Anglican church year, the Advent service of Lessons and Carols will be presented at the Church of the Epiphany Wednesday December 16 at 7:00 pm and on Sunday December 20th at 10:30 a.m. by a choir composed of singers of the Sudbury-Manitoulin area. This Advent service had its inception in a service first prepared for Christmas eve in Truro, England in 1880, which has become part of Christmas celebrations around the world. The BBC annually broadcasts the service from King’s College, Cambridge, a tradition begun in 1928. In 1934 a service of lessons and selected carols, from medieval to contemporary, was adapted to celebrate the Advent season of hope, and has become a much-loved tradition marking the preparation for Christmas.

The Church of the Epiphany is fully accessible. Freewill offering.

### **Christmas Outreach**

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## at the Ascension

Our hearts and minds will soon be set towards Christmas and the season of giving. Every year the Ascension supports several worthwhile causes and we invite you to participate in one or all of them.

1. Barrydowne College Christmas Stockings have been delivered.
2. For over thirty years we have been providing Christmas hampers for families in need at Christmas. These are families within our congregation, or people who contact the church at Christmas time. We provide a full Christmas dinner for these families as well as sufficient food for two weeks after Christmas. You can help in many ways here - by bringing non perishable food items, grocery store gift cards, or money for the turkeys and fixings. Please speak to Anne Trimmer to let her

know where you can assist. We hope you will bring these items on the last week of November and the first two weeks of December so that we can prepare the hampers for the week of December 18th. If you know of a family who might need a Christmas hamper, please speak to Rev. Anne. This is all held in the strictest of confidence.

3. Seniors Cookie drop - Every Sunday we pray for those who are unable to join us for worship. Many of our seniors and shut ins no longer bake for themselves. Every year we provide a basket of homemade baking and sweet treats to our seniors - in years past we have packaged up 25 -30 baskets. As you are preparing your Christmas baking, please remember our seniors. Don't forget that we are trying to be a nut free church so refrain from baking with nuts.





## 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 parishioner's 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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