

Church of the Ascension

Sudbury Ontario

News and Announcements**December 20, 2015**

In the parish this week...

Glory to the Newborn King!

Christmas Services on December 24th - 4pm and 8pm

The 4pm service on Christmas Eve will be a 'family friendly' service with children and young people participating in the readings.

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

Monday 21st December: Distribution of Christmas hampers.

Tuesday 22nd December 11am: Funeral service for Don McLeod

Wednesday 23rd December - (to be confirmed) 11am Christmas Service at the Westmount Retirement residence

Thursday 24th December: Christmas Eve Services at 4pm and 8pm

Sunday 27th December: 9am and 11am Holy Eucharist.

Rev. Anne, Fr. Bob, Rev. Rhonda and Rev. Jeff, along with the wardens and board wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Christmas. May 2016 be filled with health, love and peace.

The office will be closed the week of December 28th - January 2nd. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time please contact Rev. Anne at 705.671.6223 or on email at cagermond@bell.net.

Christmas Offering Envelope

In your Christmas newsletter there was a Christmas offering envelope. This is used for Outreach purposes in the parish every year and we thank you for your generosity in caring for those less fortunate than ourselves. At the Annual Vestry meeting the congregation decides where this offering goes.

Christmas Outreach

Your generosity and thoughtfulness is wonderful! Thank you for the way in which

you answered the call and helped so many people this Christmas season. 25 Christmas stockings were sent to Barrydowne College, along with a delicious and healthy lunch; 10 Christmas hampers were packaged up and given to individuals and families in need; and 25 Christmas cookie boxes were delivered to our seniors and shut ins. This is an expensive time of the year but your love has made a difference to another's joy at Christmas. Thank you to those who came to help package the cookies and hampers and spent time visiting

the recipients of our Christmas Cheer.

On Thursday evening the Music Group - EK sang Christmas Carols at the Sudbury Jail with Chaplain Rev. Genny Rollins.

Pageant thanks

Thank you to Cindy Caines and the Sunday school teachers for their leadership in this years pageant - a joint effort with the Church of the Epiphany. Thank you to par-

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

ents and grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins for your commitment to the rehearsals and to attending Sunday evening's performance.

The Children's ministry team want everyone to know that the next Messy Church will be on January 6th - Messy Epiphany!

Special Vestry Meeting

At last Sunday's Special Vestry meeting those in attendance voted in favour of applying to the Archbishop Wright Building Fund for a loan of \$25,000. 00 so that the necessary repairs can be made to the rectory. In the past couple of weeks, Harley and a group of men have been working hard to remove old carpets and prepare the house for the renovations. The renovations are being done by Wayne Bonas and Andy Foy of B and F Custom Renovations. Ralph Mounter will be doing the electrical work for the repairs.

Because the house is vacant the Property Committee members are doing daily inspections of it as required by our insurance company.

Thought for the Week

We don't always need to know where we are going as long as we know whom we are following. God is in control. Even when we wind up in strange places or unusual circumstances, the Father is not caught by surprise.

- Mike Clay

Parish website

We have been working hard to update the parish website. In 2016 we will be training a few people in the parish to learn how to upload onto the website. Thanks to Kerry Dickson for her help in this regard.

The Annual Meeting

The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday January 24th at 1pm. Reports are due in by January 8th so that the booklet can be distributed by January 17th ahead of the meeting.

Parish Assistant

The board has budgeted a small amount of money for the position of Parish Assistant in 2016. It would be two mornings a week for someone interested in helping in the office. We are looking for someone with a business diploma who has previous office experience. We are offering the position to parishioners, but if no suitable candidate is found, we will advertise outside the parish. Only suitable candidates will be called for an interview. The posting closes on December 30th, 2015.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Prayer Breakfast

On January 18th, 2016, the South Central Ministerial Assoc. will host a prayer breakfast in keeping with our Week of Prayer for

ChristianUnity.

This prayer breakfast will begin at 7:00 am at St Patrick's RC church on Walford Road. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Jim Gordon (former mayor and now chair of "Sudbury Project Hope").

One purpose of this breakfast is to remember 2016's focus as seen on the attached poster; the second purpose of this break-

fast is to raise funds for those helping refugees to come and settle in our city.

Cost of this hot/cold breakfast is \$15.00 with proceeds being sent to "Sudbury Project Hope". Since there is seating for only 150 people, we encourage you to reserve your place at this momentous event. You can rsvp by emailing the Registrar at m.k.marcotte333@gmail.com by January 11th.

**NU NEHETH WEDER STRONG:
A WINTER SOLSTICE BENEFIT FOR REFUGEE RELIEF**

4 pm ~ Sunday, December 20th
Paroisse Ste-Anne des Pins
14 rue Beech, Sudbury

Rebecca Danard, clarinets; David Buley, organ & dulcimer; Rachel Gibson, flute; Ian Gibson, marimba; Daniel Bouillon, guitar; Brenda Cavalin & Jan Buley (of Octatonic Decadence), vocals

Pay what you can: cash donations at the door

Join an assembly of Sudbury musicians for Nu Neheth Weder Strong - a candlelight concert celebrating the Winter Solstice. Offered as a benefit for Refugee Relief efforts in the Greater Sudbury Area, this will be an hour of reflective and beautiful music for various ensembles of voice, clarinet, organ, guitar, marimba, flute, and dulcimer. Sunday, December 20, 2015 at 4 pm, at L'Église Ste-Anne des Pins, 14 Beech St. Sudbury. All cash donations gratefully accepted.

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Don McLeod: Rest in Peace

It is with sorrow that I share the news with you of the death last evening of Don McLeod, following a short illness. Don leaves behind his wife and 'sweetie' of 55 years, Betty; his children Jamie (Rosie), Tannys, and Sheridawn (Tim), and grandchildren Liam, Dakota, Erin and Olivia.

Don was a long time member of the Church of the Ascension and over the last 55 years served as Deputy Warden, as Peoples' Warden (twice), and as Rector's Warden early in my tenure. He also sat on the Parish Finance Committee and kept a watchful eye on the 'bottom line'! He was involved in many of the building projects we've undertaken in the last fifteen years and was always quick to lend a hand and offer advice. A lover of nature and the beauty of God's creation, Don was often found on his knees in the church garden preparing the beds for annuals, cutting back the perennials, and doing the weeding. He popped by the church every Thursday morning after volunteering at Science North for a chat and to water the inside plants. We nicknamed him our "Lay Weeder".

In announcing his retirement from the Church Board Don wrote a note to the members which said, "Thanks to the Church of the Ascension for allowing me to serve on the board for 50 years, and for being part of everything 'Ascension'. The board works well because we respect each other's ideas and listen to each other. I'm very proud of everything we've accomplished over the years. We've been through tough times, and good times, and down the road are even better times."

In recent years Don served as the Lay Steward for the Deanery of Sudbury and Manitoulin Island, and in that role was also a member of the Diocesan Executive Committee. He retired from that position in the spring of 2015 but enjoyed visiting congregations and getting to know members of the other parishes across the deanery. After learning of Don's death Bishop Stephen said, "We've lost a good hearted man."

Don's funeral service will take place at the Church of the Ascension on Tuesday 22nd December at 11am. The family will receive visitors at Jackson and Barnard Funeral Home on Monday 21st December from 6-8pm.

A man of faith, Don knew and remembered that, "Neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39) He clung to his faith even as his world was falling apart.

Thank you for closing the circle of Christian love and friendship around Don, Betty and their family over the last few months. They have appreciated all the phone calls, cards, visits, and edible treats that have been dropped off at the house.

For those who wish to send Betty a note, her address is 36 Claudia Crt. Sudbury, P3A-4C2

Please pray that Betty and those who grieve Don will know the consolation of God's love at this time of loss and sorrow. May Don rest in peace and rise again in glory.

Rev. Anne

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!

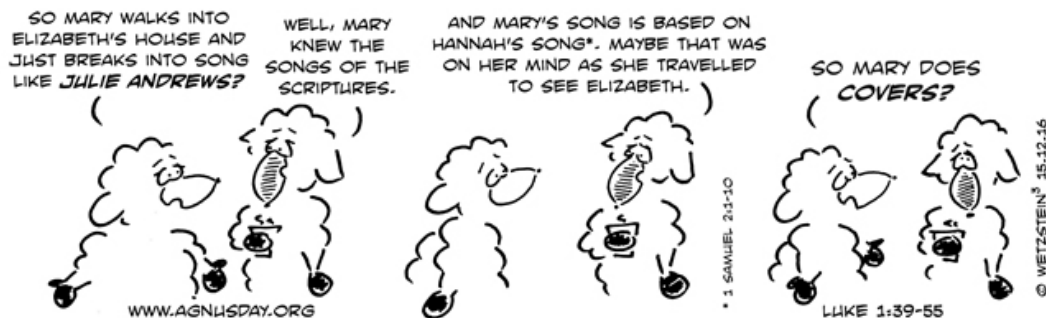
We have a team of parishioners who are licensed by the Bishop to bring the Reserved Sacrament to individuals or couples who are unable to make it to church on Sunday mornings.

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

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Person 1 _____

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Address Family As _____

_____(John & Mary Smith, Mr. & Mrs J. Smith, The Smiths)

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