

Church of the Ascension

Sudbury, Ontario

‘With thee is the wellof life: and in
thy light shallwe see light.’

(Psalm 36.9, Coverdale)

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In our prayers ...

As we celebrate Christmas with our family and loved ones we give thanks for our families and the many ways in which they bless our lives.

We give thanks for our parish family and for the support and friendship we receive from each other.

We remember in our prayers at this time:-

Those who are seeking healing for body, mind and spirit, especially Brian, Joyce Laking, Christina, Joanne, Quinton Doveton, BerylCole, Mike Dolan, Nancy Turner, Abraham (Bob) Peters, Chris Cresswell, Diane, Irene Ginson Fiss, Kay Winfield-Currie, Cam Locke, Floyd Laking, Sherry, Anne Vitone, Norma Mayo, Myrna Sheppard, Linda, Olga, Alan Findlay.

Those who are homeless and cold, particularly the thousands of refugees who are staying in camps around the world; that they may find a home for their families.

Those who are hungry, lonely, or who have no one to love them; that they will be filled, cared for, and be surrounded by compassion this Christmas-time.

Those who mourn the passing of loved ones; that they may be comforted. We pray especially for the Bate/Moorhouse family, the Haslam family and the McLeod family as they grieve the death of loved ones.

Those who live in countries disrupted by war or unrest; that they may find peace.

Christmas

8:00 pm Holy Eucharist

I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

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All hymns from the Blue Book

The Gathering of the Community

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Proclamation Of The Word

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<i>Worship the LORD in holy splendor.</i>	
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<i>The grace of God has appeared .</i>	
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Christmas Eve at the Church of the Ascension

Welcome to the Church of the Ascension and our Christmas Eve celebration. Whether you are visiting from out of town or a regular at the Ascension we pray that you will experience the joy of this holy season as you worship with us. May Christ's love surround you, enfold you and fill your heart with all the blessings of this precious time.

The Ven. Anne Germond (Rector); the Rev. Dr. Bob Derrenbacher; The Rev. Rhonda Hirst; the Rev. Jeff Hooper; the wardens and members of the Board wish you and your loved ones a Happy and Blessed Christmas and New Year.

All Baptised Christians are welcome to receive the Eucharist, If you need a gluten free host, please make the sidespeople aware of it so that they can accommodate your request.

The Christmas Offering envelope may be used for your Christmas thank offering. This gift is used for our Outreach ministries in 2016.

Thank you to the sidespeople and greeters, the readers and other lay leaders who are participating in tonight's liturgy. Special thanks to those who prepared the altar for worship and set up extra chairs.

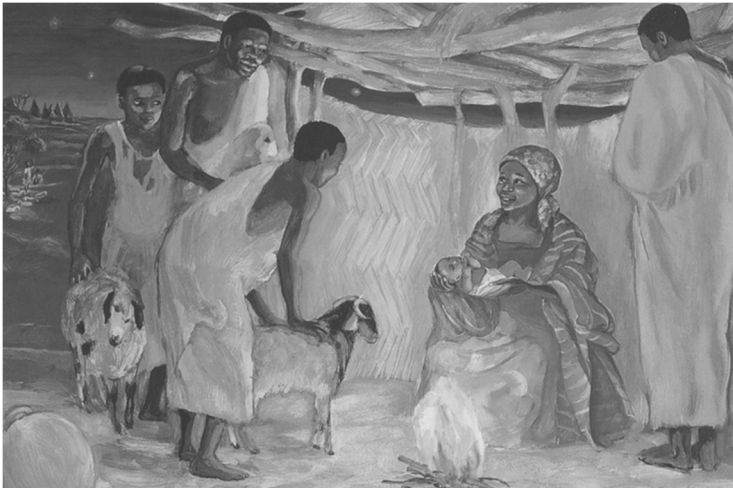
There will be two services on December 27th; at 9am and 11am.

The office will be closed from 28th December – 2nd January. If you have a pastoral emergency please contact Rev. Anne at 705.671.6223.

A Christmas Blessing

- May you give and receive love generously. May this love echo in your heart like the joy of church bells on Christmas day.
- May each person who comes into your life be greeted as another Christ. May the honour given to the Babe of Bethlehem be that which you extend to every guest who enters your presence.
- May the bonds of love for one another be strengthened as you gather with family and friends around the table of festivity and nourishment..
- May the coming year be one of good health for you. May you have energy and vitality. May you care well for your body, mind and soul.
- May you keep your eye on the Star within you and trust this Luminescent Presence to guide and direct you each day.
- May you go often to the Bethlehem of your heart and visit the One who offers you peace. May you bring this peace into our world.

- Joyce Rupp



**Prayers around the manger
to be said with your families at home.**

Leader: This Christmas, as we remember the birth of Jesus in a stable, and the angels who brought messages of good news. We are reminded that hope comes in unexpected ways and in unfamiliar places and that Christ is the Prince of Peace. We pray for messengers of hope in our own time and those who work for the peace of the world.

Wherever the world is in darkness, Lord,

All: **Let there be light**

Leader: This Christmas, as we remember the homeless Holy Family, and that they had to flee to Egypt, we are reminded of the millions of families around the world who have no shelter, or who have been forced to leave their homelands, or who are facing eviction. We pray for homeless people, for refugees and asylum seekers. wherever they are in the world.

Wherever the world is in darkness, Lord.

All: **Let there be light.**

Leader: This Christmas as we remember the shepherds, we pray for people who work through the night while others sleep or for those who find the night difficult. We pray for those working in hospitals, and those who are keeping us safe. We pray for those who are keeping watch with loved ones who are sick or dying, and we pray for the lonely, the bereaved and the anxious.

Wherever the world is in darkness, Lord,

All: **Let there be light.**

Leader: This Christmas, as we remember those who went to the stable, we are reminded that we too need to make a journey. We pray for ourselves that as you have come to us, that we may also come to know and know you more and more as we serve other people.

Wherever the world is in darkness, Lord.

All: **Let there be light.**

(Source: Shine on Star of Bethlehem, and Anne G)

Christmas Flowers for 2015

The flowers are given to the glory of God and

In loving memory of Keith Munro – from his wife Jean and family.

In loving memory of David Brian Nauss and Barry John Nauss from parents Earl and Vanna Nauss.

In loving memory of our son Robbie, our parents, sisters and brother, from Dan and Nancy Turner, Lisa and Cheryl.

In loving memory of Ross Morton from his loving wife Marjorie and family.

In memory of loved ones not with us at Christmas from Vince and Sandra Paquette.

In loving memory of John Stack; from wife Rhea and family.

In loving memory of George Trimmer; from his wife Anne and family.

In loving memory of Julie Binder Nelson; from husband Beaumont.

In loving memory of William and Dagmar Chipchase; from Floyd and Joyce Laking.

In loving memory of Harold Derbyshire, and parents Charles and Dorothy Germond; by Colin, Anne, Caitlin and Richard.

In loving memory of Anne Winfield; from daughter Cheryl Zeglen.

In loving memory of Ron, Christina and Doug Wilson; from Betty Bonas and family.

In memory of loved ones from Chris Cawte and Molly Roberts.

The flowers are given in thanksgiving to the Ven. Anne Germond for her love, care, generosity and faithfulness to

the Ascension with love from her parishioners.

The flowers on December 27th are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Joan Cox; from daughter Jane and family.

The flowers on December 27th are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of my father

Hubert Lewis' 92nd birthday; by Molly Roberts and family.
Happy Birthday dad!



A Note of Thanks from the Germonds

“Thank you for all the special cards, messages, gift cards, donations to the Rev. Anne Germond Fund, sweet and savory treats, and baking this Christmas. We have been thoroughly spoiled and feel surrounded by your love and caring. May you be blessed, as you bless us. Colin, Anne, Caitlin and Richard.”