

Church of the Ascension

Sudbury Ontario

News and Announcements

January 10, 2016

In the parish this week...

TONIGHT at 8pm: BCP Evening Prayer with Brent Leigh

Monday 11th January: 2pm: ARK Refugee Steering Committee meets

Tuesday 12th January: 9:00am Wardens meeting.

6:30pm: Parish Life meeting

7pm: Finance meeting

7:30pm: Board meeting - this is the last meeting of the present board.

Wednesday 13th January: 9:30am Holy Eucharist and Bible Study.

Thursday 14th January: NE Ministerial Group meets.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Vestry meeting takes place on Sunday 24th January following the 11am service. All are welcome to attend and may vote if you are 16 years of age; are baptized; are regular attendees at divine worship and have contributed to the expenses of the church in the year preceding. At this meeting reports from 2015 will be presented, as well as the budget for 2016. Elections for various positions will take place. All reports should be emailed to Rev. Anne by January 8th, 2016.

Nominations for the Board of 2016

This week the Nominating Committee (Gary Bate, Jen Ames, Erma Howe and Cathy Jewell) met to go over the slate of Board members for the coming year. They have been calling people this week to see if they are interested in being part of the board for the coming year. They would also like parishioners to know that if they would like to let their name stand, that

they should let this be known. The following positions are open at this time and there will be elections at the upcoming vestry meeting on January 24th - People's Warden, Deputy warden. We are also looking for someone to take the role of Vestry Clerk -(minute taker for all meetings). Ralph has done this job for 30 years and feels it is time for someone else to take it on. Gladys Abigail has been the Envelope Secretary for 30 years and is giving up this job. A HUGE thank you to Ralph and Gladys....what dedication and service to the parish.

BCP Evening Prayer

Tonight at 8pm led by Brent Leigh. This is a beautiful way to end the week, so if you enjoy a quiet BCP service come and join this group for Evening Prayer.

Becoming the Story We Tell

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when we become what we believe we are." Therefore, as follow up on the fall's successful "Lift Up Your Hearts" initiative, he encouraged us to go "deeper into our discipleship" by using a resource called "Becoming the Story We Tell."

"Becoming the Story We Tell" is a resource developed for the Anglican Church of Canada, at the Primate's request, for use in Lent and Easter. It draws on the lectionary, the baptismal covenant, and our authorized liturgical rites, and it can be easily adapted to your congregation needs. Gatherings are being held throughout the

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

Diocese in January for a one-day deep-dive into this material.

The gathering for the Deanery of Sudbury/Manitoulin will be held on January 19th from 10am to 4pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this day long event. Please let Rev. Anne know if you plan on attending.

Bishop's Motto for 2016

'But when the kindness and generosity of God our Saviour dawned upon the world, then, not for any good deeds of our own, but because he was merciful, he saved us through the water of rebirth and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit, which he lavished upon us through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, justified by his grace, we might in hope become heirs to eternal life.' (Titus 3.4-7, REB)

Rectory Renovations

The rectory renovations are complete! Sincere thanks to Wayne Bonas and Andy Foy, to Ralph Mounter and to the many volunteers who worked tirelessly over the Christmas holidays to renovate and restore the rectory. It is ready to be rented out

Thought for the Week

"It is not enough to own a Bible; we must read it. It is not enough to read it; we must let it speak to us. It is not enough to let it speak to us; we must believe. It is not enough to believe; we must live it."

- William A. Ward

and we will keep you posted as to when this happens. A crew will be going in to give the rectory a final clean on Monday 11th January.

Nursery Renovations

Have you been to the Upper Room lately? Go check out our newly renovated nursery, lovingly decorated and painted by members of the child ministry team. Cindy Caines wants everyone to know that the nursery was renovated with funds from their Bake sale last year.....thanks for supporting it.

OOTC Dinner

The next Out of the Cold Dinner is at the Church of the Epiphany on January 22nd, 2016. Please keep this date in mind as you plan your monthly activities.

At the January OOTC we always give out new socks, gloves, scarves, mitts and toques to our guests. If you are out and about and can pick up a pair, you will be adding to warmth on a cold night. Thank you for your generosity.

Getting to know our neighbours

As we continue to build relationships with our Indigenous neighbours, please join us for our next gathering on January 27 at 6:30.

Ghislaine Goudreau, a health promoter with the Sudbury Health Unit, will talk to us about traditional roles of Indigenous

women, healing and the power of the drum.

Ghislaine is a health promoter with the Sudbury and District Health Unit and has developed programs that focus on improving the health of Aboriginal women, such as a cross cultural anti-violence program. She developed the Anishnaabe-Kwe (Aboriginal Women) Water Journey program. Despite challenges Ghislaine completed her Master's of Science degree from the University of Alberta with her thesis, "Exploring the connection between Aboriginal women's hand drumming and health promotion (Mino Bimaadiziwin). Her research process served to empower the participants and they explored the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, cultural and social supports integral to Aboriginal women's hand drumming. She is definitely an inspiration and a role model for other young First Nations Women.

Bishop Damphousse Reception

An event of ecumenical interest is the January 20, 2016 Sudbury reception of the Most Rev. Marcel Damphousse, the newly appointed Roman Catholic Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie. He replaces Bishop Jean-Louis Plouffe who retires after almost 29 years of ministry.

Bishop Damphousse will be welcomed as the Catholic Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie to the Sudbury Community on Wednesday

20th January. There will be a service at St. Anne Des Pins church at 7pm. All welcome!

Refugee Fund Growing

The Steering Committee for ARK reports that donations are coming in for the Refugee Fund that has been set up in the church's name. Many of you have already made donations and those that were received before December 31st will receive tax receipts for the 2015 year. You are reminded that all cheques must be made payable to "The Church of the Ascension Refugee Fund" so that they are distinguished from other donations.

We are still waiting for the profiles of refugee families from Immigration Canada.

Your 2016 Offering

If you usually give your offering by monthly cheques, this is a gentle reminder that they are now due in the office. If you wish to receive weekly envelopes for your donations, please speak to Gladys Abigail.

There are a number of people who now make their offering through the electronic program set up through the Diocese of Algoma. If you wish to make your donation this way, please speak to Rev. Anne and she will give you the necessary forms.

Thank you for your generosity in 2015. We had a number of new donors and every gift is appreciated. It is what makes ministry possible at the Ascension and God loves cheerful givers.

The Baptism of Jesus

The people were convinced that John was God's chosen one, the one they had been waiting for. John was a pretty impressive messenger, but his message was that there was someone coming who was far greater than he.

Jesus came more meekly, asking for John's baptism. Afterwards he prayed fervently, just like another believer in the crowd. Then the heavens opened, and the Spirit poured down on him and the celestial voice spoke about WHO THIS REALLY WAS! We are often tempted to define the favoured ones by their titles, job descriptions, and impressive witness. But often the favoured ones come quietly into our midst, poured out in prayer, and we do not even see them.

This week look for the ones who imitate Jesus.

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.

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“Becoming the Story We Tell.”

This gathering will provide a one-day, deep-dive introduction to using this material effectively in your church.

Through presentations, worship, trying out the resources, and conversation, you will get a taste of the BST process, learning from and with one another. You will leave with the scope and detail of a transformative 14-week Lent-Triduum-Easter experience of liturgy and small group gatherings.

Clergy, Lay Readers, musicians, and any other leaders in liturgy or Christian education are welcome to join us on **Tuesday, January 19th at the Church of the Ascension, 10:00am – 4:00pm**

Please call the Ascension by January 15th to RSVP