

Church of the Ascension

Sudbury Ontario

News and Announcements

January 17, 2016

In the parish this week...

After the 11am service today all Messy Church volunteers are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a pizza lunch. Thank you for your help in Messy Church.

Please see the notice in the News and Announcements regarding all the activities for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Monday 18th January - ARK meeting.

Tuesday 19th January - All day workshop - "Becoming the Story we Tell" - preparing for Lent 2016. Led by Jay Koyle. 10am to 4pm. This is a deanery event and all lay leaders are welcome. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Tea and coffee and muffins will be served.

Wednesday 20th January: 9:30am Holy Eucharist

8am: The Barrydowne College students are coming for lunch - preparations will be happening in the morning. If you can help, please speak with Kath, Anne T, or Marie

7pm: Choir practice.

7pm: Welcome to Bishop Marcel Damphousse at St. Anne Des Pins Church

Thursday 21st January: 6:30pm New Sudbury Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Friday 22nd January - OOTC Supper. If you can help in the morning with setup, or in the evening with serving or washing dishes, please speak to Luke Norton or Marie Vitone.

The Annual Meeting

The Annual Vestry Meeting takes place on Sunday 24th January at 1pm. The Vestry booklets which give an excellent record of 'Life at the Ascension' in 2015 are ready to be taken home today. Please take one per family. A sincere thank you to everyone who wrote reports and got them in a timely manner, and to Glenn Lloyd for formatting them. Thanks to Jen Ames for printing the booklets. This year we used our new

photocopier and saved on printing costs.

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

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

parish.

Your weekly offering

Gladys Abigail has the 2015 Tax Receipts ready to be handed out. Thank you for your generosity to the Ascension last year in your weekly/monthly/ occasional offering. We give because God first gave to us. Your offering makes full time ministry possible. If you wish to sign on for, or alter your Electronic Offering through the Diocese, please take a copy of the form at the back of the church. Gladys Abigail has served as the Envelope Secretary for 35 years and is now giving up this role as we are going to electronic receipting. Thank you Gladys for your faithfulness in this regard for so many years.

Parish Assistant

Welcome to Joan Servent, the newly appointed Parish Assistant at the Ascension. Joan graduated from Fleming College in Peterborough with a Diploma in Business Administration and Human Resource Management. Since 2010 she has worked in a

Thought for the Week

"No Christian leader is more effective in his leadership than when he is alone with God, on his knees."

- Alan Redpath

few HR positions as an Administrative Assistant, and as a Peer Mentor. Joan has extensive computer related skills, including the management of data, experience with MS Office, Powerpoint, and Excel. Her HR experience has helped her develop excellent problem solving skills and she has been recognized as a persuasive communicator who has a positive approach to facing challenges. Joan will be starting her employment this week, and hopes to be in the office most Wednesday mornings. She will be working five hours a week. We wish Joan well in this position, and assure her of our prayers and support. Joan is the Parish assistant, which means that she is here to help all of us.

Parish Retreat

You are invited to join in the first Ascension Parish retreat on February 12th from 4pm to 4pm on February 13th at Villa Loyola. This will be an opportunity for us to get to know each other as we eat, and pray and worship and study the Scriptures together. We will be using some of the material from the Diocesan Lenten Program - "Becoming the Story we Tell." Single rooms are \$55 plus HST for anyone who wishes to sleep over. Breakfast is \$8.50 and lunch and dinner \$16. You may attend some or all of it. We do not want anyone to stay away because it is unaffordable.

Please speak to Rev. Anne and we will sponsor you. If you are unable to attend but would like to sponsor someone else to attend, please speak to Rev. Anne. We will close with Eucharist at 3pm on Saturday afternoon.

New leadership for St. George's Espanola Bishop Stephen Andrews is pleased to announce the appointment of Beverly van der Jagt as Lay Incumbent of St George's, Espanola, beginning 15 January 2016. Currently serving part-time as a Pastoral Assistant in the congregations of St John the Divine, Copper Cliff, Christ Church, Lively, and St Thomas, French River, she also holds the position of Child and Youth Ministry Facilitator for the Deanery of Sudbury-Manitoulin. She has a Human Services Counsellor Diploma from Durham College and a Diploma of Theology from Thorneloe University. In the near future she expects to complete the requirements for a Bachelor of Theology from Thorneloe and then begin a Master of Divinity programme through Wycliffe College.

From www.dioceseofalgoma.com/News/

Becoming the Story We Tell

In his column in the December edition of the Algoma Anglican, Bishop Stephen expressed his deep conviction that "our Church will discover untapped resources 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 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)

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 pm.

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.

Happy New Year from Zawadi la Tumaini Children's Home!

February 20th 2016

The 4th Annual A Night In Africa Gala is the largest fundraiser of the year for Zawadi la Tumaini – Gift of Hope Children's Home, and will feature the flavors, rhythms and culture of Africa. By purchasing a ticket for February 20th's dinner you are helping to raise funds to cover operating expenses throughout 2016 as well as ensuring the children of Zawadi la Tumaini continue to have a home, and a family, to call their own.

Your support is a gift of hope. A gift that means a child who has only known fear, abandonment, severe abuse, hunger and

hardship in their young life, can now believe in the possibility of a bright future – one that includes proper nutrition, an education, healthcare and unconditional love. This gala event includes live African entertainment. This year we will be joined by Caramel Latte Dance Crew from Ottawa, ON. To enjoy a sneak peak of their incredible routines you can visit, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eBcs8bRdHvU&list=PLMOIQUckbWWvBI>

GJBiXVh3rv3bL3DQ_kv. In addition to live entertainment A Night In Africa will feature a silent auction with authentic African items, a message from the founder of Zawadi la Tumaini, and a menu inspired by food from across the African continent.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity |January 17-24 | Greater Sudbury

Around the Greater Sudbury region there will be special events held that celebrate the respect Christians show to each other. The participation of your Church community would be so encouraging!

1. Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity |Jan. 18 |Sudbury

To all Christians seeking unity in the Body of Christ:

On January 18th, 2016, 7-8:30am, the Sudbury South Central Ministerial Association will host a prayer breakfast in keeping with our Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

This prayer breakfast service will begin at 7:00 am and conclude at 8:30 am at St. Patrick's RC Church on Walford Road. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Jim Gordon (former Sudbury mayor and now chair of "Sudbury Project Hope / Projet Espoir").

The first purpose of this breakfast is to remember 2016's focus - "Called to Proclaim the mighty acts of God" (1 Peter 2:9); the second purpose is to raise awareness and funds for bringing and settling refugees into Sudbury.

Cost of this hot/cold breakfast is \$15.00 with proceeds being sent to "Sudbury Project Hope / Projet Espoir".

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.kmarcotte333@gmail.com by January 11th. Payment will be received by cash only at the door.

Please honour your commitment if you have registered.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Yours very truly,

Sudbury South Central Ministerial for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

"Called to Proclaim the mighty acts of God" 1 Peter 2:9

**2. Copper Cliff Ministerial Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
|January 20 |Copper Cliff**

January 20 1:30 pm Copper Cliff Ministerial Service at St. Johns Anglican in Copper Cliff. We shall be using the liturgy supplied by WOPFCU.

3. Sudbury Reception to Welcome the New Bishop |January 20 |Sudbury

SUDBURY RECEPTION TO WELCOME THE NEW BISHOP OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAULT STE.MARIE - Marcel Damphousse

on Wed. Jan. 20, 7 p.m. at Ste. Anne des Pins Church, downtown Sudbury.

All are welcome. Thanks.

**4. New Sudbury Ministerial Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
|January 21 |New Sudbury**

January 21 New Sudbury Ministerial Service at St. Stephens on the Hill 6:30 pm
Stewart Walker preaching

5.Prayer for Persecuted Believers |January 22 |Sudbury

All are welcome to come together during The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to pray for persecuted believers.

This service will feature hymns, Scripture, clergy

Time: 7:00

Place: St. Patrick's Church, Walford Road, Sudbury

A Collection will be taken that will be given to Sudbury Life Line.

**6. Garson Ministerial Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity |January
24 |Garson**

Called to Proclaim the Mighty Works of God

January 24 7:00 pm Garson Ministerial Service at First Baptist Church of Sudbury
2603 Falconbridge Hwy - GARSON

PARTICIPATING CHURCHES

- First Baptist Church of Sudbury -Garson
- Trinity United - Garson
- St John the Evangelist - Garson
- All Saints Anglican – Coniston





Quick Jokes

An old man was relaxing at his hundredth birthday party when a reporter went up to him.

"Sir, what is the secret of your long life?" The man considered this for a moment, then replied "Every day at 9 PM I have a glass of port. Good for the heart I've heard."

The reporter replied, "That's ALL?"

The man smiled, "That, and canceling my voyage on Titanic."

Men-tal Anxiety. . . Men-opause. . . Men-tal Breakdown

Ever noticed that all our problems start with MEN?

When a woman says, "What?" it's not because she didn't hear you.

She is giving you a chance to change what you said...

Sunday Lectionary for January—March

24 Jan. 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5- 1 Corinthians

Psalms 19 Luke 4:14-21

31 Jan. 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Exodus 34:29-35 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Psalms 71:1-6 Luke 4:21-30

7 Feb Transfiguration Sunday

Zephaniah 3:14-20 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Psalms 99 Luke 9:28-36,

14 Feb 1st Sunday in Lent

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 2 Corinthians

Psalms 51:1-17 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

21 Feb 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17 Philippians 3:17-4:1

Psalms 27 Luke 13:31-35

or
Luke 9:28-36, (37-

28 Feb 3rd Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Psalms 63:1-8 Luke 13:1-9

6 Mar 4th Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Psalms 32 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

13 Mar. 5th Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:4b-14

Psalms 126 John 12:1-8

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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