

Church of the Ascension

Sudbury Ontario

News and Announcements

January 24, 2016

In the parish this week...

After church today - You are invited to the Annual Vestry meeting in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to begin by 1pm.

Sunday 24th January: 8pm - BCP Evening Prayer

Wednesday 27th January: 9:30am Holy Eucharist and Bible Study.
6:30pm: Getting to know our indigenous neighbours.

Thursday 28th January: 1:30pm Eucharist at Finlandia

Sunday 31st January is the fifth Sunday of the month and both services will be Book of Common Prayer.

What a week!

Last week we welcomed 45 members of the deanery to an all day workshop at the Ascension as we prepare for Lent 2016. A number of parishioners offered their gifts of hospitality to our visitors, and again on Wednesday as we served lunch to the Barrydowne College students. Thirty students attended and the meal of tacos were enjoyed by all. We've been invited to Barrydowne College for lunch on Thursday 11th February at 11:30am. They will be serving North American Tacos. If you would like to attend this lunch and visit Barrydowne College, please let Rev. Anne know.

OOTC

The OOTC team would like to thank all those who volunteered on Friday evening for our second OOTC dinner. Special thanks to Terri Tremblay for preparing the meal, and to those who provided warm hats, mitts, socks and toques for the guests.

Indigenous Women

Traditional roles, healing and the power of the drum - Wednesday 27th January at 6:30pm

Join us for an evening of getting to know our indigenous neighbours. The Facilitator will be Ghislaine Goudreau

Refugee Fund

We are so grateful for your support of the Refugee family we will be bringing to Sudbury. Thank you for the donations of money and your promise of assistance when they arrive. Please note that the ARK (Refugee group) finances are kept in a separate bank account to the church funds. If you are making a donation to ARK please write a dedicated cheque to "Church of the Ascension refugee fund". We cannot separate funds on one cheque.

ARK Refugee Sponsorship Committee Message

We would like to share some good news with all of the supporters of the ARK Church of the Ascension/Community refu-

gee sponsorship group. On Thursday we were matched with a family of 5 Syrian refugees. Thank you all for your interest and involvement in helping this family. There is still lots of work to do and forms to fill out; we are still early in the process but we are one step closer.

Coldest Night of the Year Walk

February 20th - The Coldest Night of the Year Walk. Once again Paul Murdock will be participating in this walk in downtown Sudbury. If you wish to support the Samaritan Centre through your financial gift, please speak to Paul. The proceeds, after

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

expenses, from the Pancake Supper on February 9th will go to the Samaritan centre.

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 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

Thought for the Week

"At age 20, we worry about what others think of us. At 40, we don't care what they think of us. At 60, we discover they haven't been thinking about us at all."

- Jock Falkson

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 Bache-

lor 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.

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

Bereavement Foundation of Sudbury :Spousal Bereavement

Whether you are feeling alone, drowning under the emotions, or have worked your way through the darkest nights of the soul, this presentation will provide comfort and guidance so as to enable you to move forward and embrace the new life that awaits.

GUEST SPEAKER

John Snow, Educator & Bereaved Spouse

Fran McMillan, RN, Bereaved Spouse, Board Member

DATE

Tuesday February 9, 2016

TIME

7:00 P.M.

LOCATION

Marguerite & Gerry Lougheed
Community Centre
328 Albert Street

inspiration and a role model for other young First Nations Women.

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

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 –

A Note from the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

Office On Refugees

A big thank you to all for your commitment and efforts in your dioceses and parishes around the Syria crisis.

The government of Canada has announced that the deadline for matching funds for eligible donations to Canadian agencies working to provide relief to Syrians displaced within Syria and living as refugees in the surrounding countries will be extended to February 29, 2016. PWRDF continues to work with the ACT Alliance and CFGB in ongoing relief work.

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,

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=PLMOIQUckbWWvBIGJBIXVh3rv3bL3DQ_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.



AMISH VIRUS ALERT!!!

You have just received the Amish Virus. Since we do not have electricity nor computers, you are on the honor system. Please delete all of your files and post your name, mother's maiden name, and social security number at sites all across the Internet. Thank thee.

It's All Relative

Approaching eighty-five years of age, Mrs. Lipkowitz finally decided it was time to give up her apartment in New York and move to Miami. She was given the name of a Florida realtor, who enthusiastically drove her all over Miami, extolling the virtues of every apartment they looked at.

"And this one, what a steal," he rhapsodized, "the investment of a lifetime. Why, in ten years it's gonna be worth three times..."

"Sonny," interrupted Mrs. Lipkowitz, "at my age I don't even buy green bananas."

Sunday Lectionary for January—March

31 Jan. 4th Sunday after Epiphany

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

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

7 Feb Transfiguration Sunday

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

Psalm 99 Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

14 Feb 1st Sunday in Lent

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Psalm 51:1-17 Matthew 6

21 Feb 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1

Psalm 27 Luke 13:31-35
or
Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

28 Feb 3rd Sunday in Lent

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

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

6 Mar 4th Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corinthians

Psalm 32 Luke 15:1-3,

13 Mar. 5th Sunday in Lent

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

Psalm 126 John 12:1-8

20 Mar Liturgy of the Palms

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Luke 19:28-40

20 Mar Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11

Psalm 31:9-16 Luke 22:14-23:56
or
Luke 23:1-49

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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